

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Little Bealings held at Bealings Village Hall on Monday 17th May 1982 at 8.15 p.m.

Present were: Seven Members of the Council.
 Mr Bestow as the Parish's Member on Suffolk County Council.
 Mr. Macray as the Parish's Member of Suffolk Coastal District Council.
 Five other Members of the Parish.

1. Mr Hamilton, as Chairman of the Parish Council, took the Chair and welcomed those present, especially Mr Bestow who had succeeded Mrs Bull on her retirement.
2. Apologies were received from Mrs Macray and P.C. Durrant.
3. The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 30th March 1981 were read, confirmed and signed.
4. Matters Arising. Nothing further had been heard regarding the village sign, and the cost of re-opening Bealings Station was so prohibitive that it was very unlikely that anything would be done.
5. In his report, Mr Hamilton stated that the Council had held 8 routine Meetings and 1 special meeting to discuss planning matters. New footpath signs had been erected and 2 vehicle barriers had been placed in position. Further tree planting had been done in Holly Lane and there was the possibility of new warning signs at the level crossing. Under the new Police organisation, Little Bealings is now covered by the Woodbridge sub-division and locally by the Police Constable from Kesgrave.
The County Council decided that minor roads would no longer qualify for payment for snow clearance, but the local farmers agreed to continue the work – This Council agreed to help financially for week end work and accordingly precepted for the product of a 1p rate ie £610. Fortunately there has been no payment needed.
Ipswich Borough – under the Ipswich Eastern Fringe Plan – were – according to press reports, looking towards the Eastern Green Belt including Little Bealings and Playford for expansion. This Council have informed Suffolk Coastal District Council of our objections to sites for housing estate developments but we welcome infilling and the establishment of small light industry.
The Council has contributed financially to the Parish Magazine, the Grundisburgh & District News and Suffolk Accident Rescue Service.
It was proposed, seconded and carried unanimously that the report should be accepted.
6. Bealings Village Hall Management Committee. The financial statement for the year ending 30th April 1982 were read by the chairman who congratulated the Committee for their solvency in these difficult times.
Mr Townsend raised the matter of the proposal by Suffolk Coastal District Council that plastic bags of rubbish would have to be taken by each householder to a collecting point on the road. He was concerned as to how the elderly people in the Village would manage. Mr Macray thought it likely that any such old person would have their rubbish collected as now and he stated that under the new system, a great saving would be made on the rates.
Mrs Sledmere thought that it would be a worth while project if a bottle bank was established in Woodbridge. Mr Macray said he would raise both these matters with the Environmental Services Committee.
Mr Bestow reported that some progress was being made on the Review of the Definitive Map of Public Rights of Way.
The Chairman thanked all those who had attended the meeting.

A Hamilton.
Chairman.
28 March 1983.