

Minutes of Annual Meeting of Lt Bealings Parish held in Bealings Village Hall on Monday 18th April 1994 at 7.30 p.m.

Present were all 7 members of the Council, P.C. Hoskins plus 1 parishioner.

Mr J. Theodosius, as Chairman for the Council, took the Chair and welcomed those present.

Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting held on 19th April, 1993, were read, confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING: Leachate – SINK PIT. Chairman reported that although the plant was completed and operational, it could not be put into commission because the material was so toxic, the National Rivers Authority will not grant a licence. The effluent is being pumped back and sprayed over various parts of the original area, with some loss resulting from evaporation. Readings are taken at regular intervals which do not appear to vary. It is not anticipated that this will be resolved until the Cliff Quay sewer is installed, which is not expected until 1997/8.

BRITISH GAS: As a result of the findings of the Monopoly and Mergers Commission & the break up of British Gas, the possibility of gas being installed in the near future was negligible.

RABBITS: BRITISH Rail had promised to send their warreners. Chairman considered it was also up to individual landowners to keep these under control.

SPEED LIMITS: These were due for assessment in 1994/5. However, a statement by Sfk.C.C. indicated the proposal to restrict the speed limit to 30MPH in all villages. It was decided to contact Sfk.C.C. concerning possibility of Lt Bealings being one of the first to have this restriction.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Mr Theodosius stated a total of 9 meeting had been held during year & clearly revealed the increasing variety of matters concerning the Parish. Several being minor, but the increase in paperwork continues to grow, particularly regarding planning & environmental matters which are becoming more complex.

The apparent outcome of one such battle involving SINKS PIT planning applications does give rise to cautious optimism. These two applications were refused by Sfk C.C. on 16th September 1993 & significantly no Notice of Appeal has been served by the applicants on the County Council within the subsequent 6 months statutory time limit. Providing no such notice has been served directly on the Dept. of Environment, who called the applications in, our combined efforts will have been successful.

The Housing Needs SURVEY clearly indicated there was insufficient demand to justify any further action. A response of 82% was excellent and thanks were due to time & legwork of fellow Councillors.

A PARISH INFORMATION Leaflet was compiled by the Council and delivered to all parishioners last Autumn. It is hoped the comprehensive information would be most useful to new & existing parishioners.

KESGRAVE BYPASS: The Public Inquiry lasted for 7 weeks, which caused a considerable amount of work preparing and presenting the Council's case. The County Council were certainly not expecting so much reasoned & constructive opposition from so many sources. Mr Theodosius thanked all members of the Council for assistance in preparation of our case. The Inspector's report is not expected until Aug/Sept. 1994.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW: Originally, in view of information available, Parish Council recommended creation of 4 unitary authorities – ie E. Sfk. W. Sfk. Waveney & Ipswich. We were subsequently informed the retention of the County Council could be an option, this was discussed and Councillors agreed, mainly in view of cost, to make a revised submission to retain the status quo, but with considerably more authority delegated to the District Council on local matters.

Following a Public Inquiry into the Sfk. Coastal Dist. Council – Local Plan, the Inspector sees no reason to change the proposed policy over development outside the physical limits of the Village, but he is against the proposal for B1 development at Bracken Hall, if Kesgrave Bypass is built.

PRECEPT: No major outlays anticipated for coming year, so we have limited our precept to £500.

CHAIRMAN expressed his pleasure at seeing more parishioners attending Council meetings recently. Although some matters were mundane it is most encouraging to have this support.

CHAIRMAN continued – “that leads me to sound a cautionary note. The pressures on this Parish are building, literally, around us. Elements of the Ipswich Borough Council as seeking to extend the Borough Boundary to the A12 in the East which would include us. An Ipswich Northern Bypass is mooted. Superstores are building and planners are seeking park & ride car parks. So, if it is your

wish and hope to see this Parish much as it is now, rather than merely become a suburban outpost of Ipswich, then all sections of the Village must be ready to join together & present a united front against those who seek to plan alterations to our lives for, and in spite of, us.”

It was proposed by Mr. J. Ward and seconded by Mr. D. Banham and carried unanimously this report be adopted.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE CHAIRMAN’S REPORT: Mr Ward stated as part of County Council Revised Plan, it is not anticipated Northern Bypass will be considered until the year 2007.

In closing meeting, CHAIRMAN thanked all fellow Councillors and Clerk for their considerable efforts during the past year, and also thanked all those who had attended.

J. C. Theodosius
10 April 1995