

Minutes of Annual Meeting of Lt. Bealings Parish Council held in Village Hall on Monday 7th April 1997 at 7.30 p.m.

Six members of Council present, plus 3 parishioners.

Mr J. Ward, as Chairman of Council, took Chair and welcomed those present.

MINUTES of Annual Parish meeting held on 15th April, 1996, were read, confirmed and signed.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Mr Ward drew attention to unexpected changes in the Parish Council, by the untimely death last May of Mr DAVID Banham, an excellent Councillor, whose good sense & helpful suggestions were invaluable & 2 months later the loss of John Maxted, another valuable Cllr. who moved from the Village. Two new Cllrs ere co-opted – Mrs Ferial Rogers & Mr Tony Cook – the latter returning after a year's absence.

It was decided to join the PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP – a scheme devised by Sfk.CC. which would provide money for maintenance of footpaths & signs within the Parish, also giving more control to Parish Council over work carried out.

THREE SAND & GRIT BINS were purchased in an effort to tidy the loose heaps of sand deposited by the roadside be CC. Unfortunately these have suffered a small amount of damage by vandals. It is anticipated more of these bins can be purchased during the coming year.

The VILLAGE HALL needed major repairs, including a new roof & re-wiring. To assist with this major expense, the Council donated £250 and has agreed to set aside £500 in the forthcoming year to gradually build up a reserve capital against future repairs. Council has also agreed to act as paymaster for grant allowed by Sfk. Coastal D.C. to Village Hall Committee, to enable VAT to be reclaimed.

BUS SERVICES have again been reduced which give an even poorer service with no assurance from operating Companies of improvement. In an effort to assist non-car owners, Council advertised for local people who regularly travel to Woodbridge for assistance. A very low response has been received, but some would assist in an emergency or on ad hoc basis.

New & more demanding regulations governing AUDITS & ACCOUNTS were introduced. Standard forms have to be complied with, with balance sheets to be displayed on Notice Boards. Our Clerk, Mrs Chenery, had with other Clerks attended a Seminar arranged by Sfk C.D.C.

As in previous years, SINKS PIT appeared on the Agenda on numerous occasions. At present an Inquiry into second of the two Enforcement Notices issued by S.C.C. two years ago, which was referred to Sec. of State by Inspector of 1st Inquiry, has taken place & a decision is awaited.

A Planning Application has been submitted to extend facilities into Firecrest Nursery site, the North face of Pine Hills area & a wooded area next to approach road in Kesgrave. Council has recommended refusal.

The same company, ATLAS Aggregates, has proposed an extension to the S.C.C. Minerals Plan to permit extending workings into these new areas. An Inquiry scheduled to commence in May will consider this application.

All Planning conditions for mineral extraction sites have to be reviewed to conform with 1995 Environment Act. Old Planning permissions have to be reviewed, but the operating Company has proposed conditions NOT acceptable. Modification to these have been requested by P. Council.

TWO MINUTE SILENCE on Armistice DAY was marked by ringing of Church bells & it is hoped an agreement with Parochial Church Council can ensure this will be repeated in future.

CAR PARKING in Sandy Lane by parents of children attending the School has caused problems. It is hoped a satisfactory resolution will be achieved with the assistance of Ferial Rogers, who represents the Council on the Board of School Governors.

MR WARD had represented the Council at quarterly & annual meeting of S.A.L.C. – Parish Liaison meetings & a Parish Council Forum concerning the A1214 corridor study, also had attended the Inquiry into second Enforcement Order for SINKS Pit.

In conclusion, the Chairman thanked the Clerk, Mrs Chenery & fellow Councillors for all their support during the past year.

Mrs J. Cook proposed adoption of Report, seconded by Miss D. Williams.

There being no further business to discuss, Mr Ward closed the meeting and thanked all those who had attended.

J R Ward