

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Little Bealings Parish held at Bealings Village Hall on Monday, 3 April 2006 at 7.30pm

Present: Mrs J Cook, Mr M Dunnett, Mrs F Rogers, Mrs J Shaw, Miss D Williams, (all Parish Councillors), Mr P Bellfield (Suffolk County Council) and PC V Gilmour (Community Police Officer)

Mrs Cook, as Vice Chairman of the Parish Council, took the chair and welcomed those present.

Apologies were received from Mr J Ward, Mr K Beaumont and Mrs K Dunnett

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 4 April 2005 were read, confirmed and signed by the chairman of the meeting.

Parish Council Chairman's Report:

Meetings: The Parish Council had held 8 meetings during the year as usual.

Planning Applications: 12 applications had been considered, of which a number were still undetermined - including one for four dwellings and the conversion of an agricultural building to an affordable dwelling at Grove Farm.

Finance: The Precept would be increased to £3,000 for 2006/07 principally to comply with new requirements for the employment of parish clerks.

Footpaths: The parish continued to belong to the P3 scheme, with maintenance work carried out by Mr G Ball and funded by the County Council. There was currently a problem with personal accident insurance for Mr Ball as the Parish Council's policy only covered those up to 75 years of age.

Playing Field: There had been much consideration of the proposed refurbishment of the Playing Field and a Friends of Bealings Playing Field group had been established. Three parish councillors represent the Council on it and three members of the Friends have been co-opted on to the Village Hall Management Committee.

Welcome Leaflet: A leaflet had been produced for distribution to new residents in the parish.

Community Police Officer: PC R Nice had retired during the year and been replaced by PC V Gilmour.

Highways: The County Council had been asked to install 'pinch points' at 4 locations along Playford Road and Martlesham Road to slow down traffic. There was ongoing discussion about a permissive footpath being provided by a landowner to help walkers avoid traffic between Great and Little Bealings.

Affordable Housing: A survey had been carried out to ascertain any need for this in the parish and the results were awaited from Suffolk ACRE.

Walks Leaflet: A parish walks leaflet was being considered, following a suggestion from a parishioner.

Retirement: Both the Parish Council Chairman and Vice Chairman would be retiring at the Annual Parish Council meeting in May. The Chairman thanked fellow councillors and others who had helped him during his term of office, with especial thanks to the Clerk, Mrs C Ramsden for her extremely efficient and friendly assistance.

The meeting unanimously agreed to the adoption of the report.

Any Other Business: No matters were raised.

The chairman thanked those present for attending and closed the meeting.