

Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting of Little Bealings Parish Council held at Bealings Village Hall on Monday, 7th April, 2003 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Mr. J. Ward, Mrs. F. Rogers, Mrs. J Cook, Mrs. J. Shaw, Mr. E, McCoy,
plus Mr. S. Hudson, Sfk.C.Cllr Two parishioners – Mr. G. Ball & Mr. C.
Stephens. Apologies – Dr C Rowe, Miss D. Williams

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

MINUTES of Annual meeting on 15th April 2002, were read, confirmed & signed.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Planning Applications: 12 Applications had been considered, almost all being determined in accordance with Council's views. Four remaining outstanding.

Precept: as in previous years, was £2,000, which includes £500 annual contribution to fund held for Village Hall Capital expenditure.

FOOTPATHS: Maintenance of footpaths continued to be managed under the County Council's Parish Parts Partnership Scheme (P3).

SALC: This year most of quarterly meetings had been attended, Mrs Rogers produced reports on these.

CODE OF CONDUCT: The most controversial matter discussed during the year. A special meeting was held on 29th April, 2002, to adopt this compulsory code which required parish Councils to produce a register of Councillors' interests. This led to resignation of many parish councillors throughout the country. Mr A Cook resigned over this issue & his place eventually filled by co-option of Mrs. J. Shaw, who attended her first meeting in September.

AUDIT Changes to Audit Regulations now stipulate the internal Auditor should not in any way be connected with the Council. Mrs. J. Gosling of Playford, agreed to undertake this role.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT. 2000 Council obliged to adopt Model Publication Scheme for Local Councils, which requires certain categories of information to be published at regular intervals.

Internet Access Council considered a proposal from Woodbridge School acting jointly with S.C.D.C. to provide free internet access. A survey via Benefice Newsletter produced only one response, so project abandoned.

Traffic Calming Sfk. C.C. propose to put 'Rippleprint' surface on parish boundary at Playford Rd, Martlesham Rd, bridge and the crossroads, as a traffic calming measure.

POLICE A new Community Police Officer – MR. Bob. Nice, was appointed, his area covering eleven parishes including Lt. Bealings. He has been able to attend all Council meetings, where he is very welcome.

PARK & RIDE Council objected to proposed scheme at Martlesham on the grounds that delays consequent on installation of traffic lights at A.1204 roundabout, would cause drivers to find alternative routes, resulting in an increase in traffic through village. Objections had been overruled & approval given in January.

A.O.B. Chairman drew attention to fund available for Village Hall – especially in view of proposed modernisation work about to commence on kitchen. MR. G. Ball (Chairman of V.H.M.Com. to liaise) Mr Hudson (SKCC) pointed out he can obtain local funding - which is available for village projects.

Finally Chairman thanked fellow members for their help in past year, especially MRS. Chenery – the Clerk, without whom Council would not function.

MEETING closed, with Chairman thanking all those who had attended.

J.R. Ward