

Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting of Little Bealings Parish Council held at Bealings Village Hall on Monday 9th April, 2001 at 7.30 p.m.

Six members of Council were present – plus a parishioner – Mr G Ball.

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

MINUTES of Annual meeting on 10th April 2000, were read, confirmed & signed.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Planning Applications Mr Ward stated 14 planning applications had been considered – 9 being approved & 1 refused (this was replaced with an amended proposal which was approved) One Appeal against a previous refusal was lost. The majority of these decisions were in accordance with Council's recommendations.

PRECEPT was for £2,000 as in recent years. £500 of this being put aside into a fund reserved for Village Hall capital projects as has been done for several years.

FOOTPATHS Once again Council undertook maintenance of our own footpaths & footpath signs under the P3 scheme run by SK.CC. Over the years this has been very successful, & noticeable how much better these paths are, compared with neighbouring parishes not in the scheme. Mr Ward thanked Mrs. Cook and Mr. G. Ball for all their hard work in this respect.

REPRESENTATIONS During the year, Councillors had attended regular Police Forums. Less meetings of SALC had been attended, as on several occasions, these clashed with Parish Council meetings.

ROAD SURFACES Several problems had arisen due to extreme wet weather, several large pot holes have had to be dealt with, plus the road surface at the level crossing, which needs repairing again.

GROVE FARM PIGGERIES Last September, Council was approached by a firm of estate agents enquiring into the Council's probable attitude to this area being used for either social needs housing or light industry. Council decided either option could present difficulties, but that any application would be considered on its merits as & when received.

FOOTWAY A query was raised regarding land on East side of the Street, which was donated to C.C. some years ago for construction of a footpath. Sfk.C.C. have stated that these matters are considered in order of priority & this one is not very high on list.

ELECTORAL REVIEW SCDC have proposed alterations to groups of parishes in Wards for electoral purposes. Reason being, to equalise as nearly as possible, the number of electors in each Ward. This has proved unpopular, not only with this Council, but with many other Parish Councils in District.

GOVERNMENT WHITE PAPER Council, together with other Parish Councils, considered & commented on proposals put forward therein.

TRAFFIC VOLUMES SCC Officers attended January Council meeting to outline certain minor proposals for increasing traffic safety at C.328 crossroads, It is anticipated that this work will commence in April.

In conclusion, Chairman thanked fellow Councillors for all their efforts during past year with special thanks to Clerk for all her hard work implementing Council's decisions. A.O.B. – NONE raised.

Meeting closed, with Chairman thanking all those who had attended -
J.R. Ward