

A Combine Great and Little Bealings Parish Meeting was held in the Hut on 19 November 1946

There were approx. 60 parishioners of both villages present with J.R. Moyle in the Chair. The Chair was offered to Maj. Crane who requested to be excused.

The minutes of the last Parish Meeting were read and signed.

The Chairman announced the first business i.e. to consider Mr Tallent's offer to provide a joint Village Hall for Great and Little Bealings, he also read to the meeting a letter from Great Bealings Parish Council to Little Bealings Parish Council which gave details of Mr Tallents offer. He explained that if the offer was accepted it would take 4 or 5 years for the building to be erected and that a great deal of incidental and preparatory work could be undertaken in the meantime.

Mr Hoyde, an official of the Carnegie Trust introduced and welcomed to the meeting. He expressed his pleasure at being asked to attend and gave particulars regarding the financial side of the matter. He considered that the proposed hall, or even a larger one, could be run at a profit and that the Carnegie Fund would give £1,000, which was a maximum figure. Plans could be submitted to the Carnegie Trust and their architects would advise at a nominal fee of 2 to 3 guineas. Grants and loans would also be available from Government sources. The Chairman asked if £5000 would be a minimum sum but he replied that it all depended on the type of building etc.

A question was put "If funds were raised locally should these be used for capital", the reply being that it should be used for furniture etc. Mr Hoyde also mentioned that the Ministry of Education would also assist with funds for outside facilities eg tennis courts, childrens playground. The Chairman said that Mr Tallents was prepared to acquire the sandpit at once but that if extra ground was needed it would be purchased with money raised locally. A discussion on finance followed and it was generally agreed not to borrow from a bank but to raise the money locally and thus avoid starting in debt. Major Crane mentioned that no money from the sale of the Jubilee Room could be used towards the new hall. Mr Hoyde gave a small handbook dealing with financial help towards the cost of Village Halls as offered by the National Council of Social Service. It was understood that grounds adjacent to the sandpit could be purchased.

Proposed Mr Jenkinson seconded Mr Thrower and carried unanimously that Mr Tallents offer, with conditions, be accepted with grateful thanks of both villages. It was further proposed and carried that an Interim Committee be formed consisting of two ladies and two gentlemen from each village and in this respect the following were appointed

Great Bealings	Little Bealings
Mrs Kersey	Mrs Jenkinson
Mrs Grundey	Mrs Daniells
Mr Lightfoot	Mr Jenkinson
Mr Drake	Capt Pusey

The next item on the Agenda was then taken i.e. "To elect a Committee to administer the Joint Playing Field". The following were unanimously elected

Great Bealings	Little Bealings
Miss Sybil Drake	Mrs Williams
Mr Wells	Mr Dickinson
Mr Derek Pearce	Mr John Ward

Proposed Cmdr. White sec Maj. Crane that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to Mr Hyde for attending the meeting and giving so much valuable advice.

As there was no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed.

J.R. Moyle
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