

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish held in the Hut on 18<sup>th</sup> March 1957 at 8p.m.

Present were:- About 24 Members of the Parish and the 7 Members of the Parish Council

1. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.
2. The chairman of the meeting, Brigadier Lindsay, reported on the Parish Council's activities during the past 12 months and in particular on the following points:-
  - a) That strong representation had been made against the closing of the Railway Station and that a Member of the Council had attended in London at a meeting to protest against the closing but that in spite of this the Station had been closed. He also stated that the Council had been able to arrange with the Eastern Counties Omnibus Company, additional buses to compensate for the loss of trains.
  - b) That 1/= was now being made for delivery of goods sent by Railway as they came from Woodbridge and that strong protests against this were being made.
  - c) That the diversion of the road at Boot Street at Great Bealings had been considered and a member of the Council had met with a Representative of Great Bealings and a Representative of the County Council, but owing to finances, although the scheme had been agreed, the County Council were unable to go ahead with it at the moment.
  - d) That representation had been made to the Deben Rural District Council as to the repair of Holly Lane and that some repairs had been done.
  - e) That the question of the visibility of the Bealings Cross Roads had been taken up and it was hoped that the County Council were going to improve the visibility at the Cross Roads.
  - f) That the question of flooding in various places on the Top Road had been taken up with the County Council and that some considerable improvement had been made.
  - g) That there has been a question of Footpath number 16 being deleted as a footpath and that the Council had protested against this and that there had been a public enquiry and, in consequence of this, the footpath had now been reinstated as a footpath.
  - h) That the position of Sandy Lane had been looked into and the County Council had stated that it was only a footpath and not a Bridleway and that the Parish Council had therefore decided that they could not spend any public money on its repair.
3. Mrs Hervey proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Council for the work that they had done during the past 12 months.
4. The disposal of the Village Hut was considered and considerable discussion took place, the main points being as follows:-
  - a) Mr Judd stated that he had been asked by the building and finance committee of the new Village Hall for the matter to be placed on the Agenda for discussion as they wanted to know what was the position.
  - b) Captain Hervey, one of the Trustees of the Village Hut, stated that the Trustees had taken legal advice including Counsel's opinion and that they had looked carefully into the question of whether there was any question of the land reverting to the late Mr Howe's Executors, but that after enquiries they were satisfied that the land could be sold and did not revert. He also stated that Mrs Hervey, had been appointed Secretary to the Trustees as there was a good deal of work involved in dealing with the disposal of the Hut.
  - c) Mrs Hervey stated that the Trustees had been advised that the consent of the Charity Commissioners to the sale would have to be obtained, and that there would

have to be a valuation of the Hut and land, and that it would probably have to be sold by auction with a proper reserve although provision would be made if possible for sale by private treaty if a good offer was obtained, and Mr Neale of Woodbridge had been instructed in the matter. She also stated that the Trustees were applying for Planning Permission so that if possible the land could be sold at a better price. She also stated that in accordance with the advice which the Trustees had been given, the Charity Commissioners would now be approached to give their consent and that if the meeting liked to pass a resolution as to how the monies were to be dealt with, no doubt the Charity Commissioners would bear it in mind, but that they, the Charity Commissioners, had a say as to whether the money should go to one particular organisation or should be given to several organisations within the Village, and in fact the matter really rested with the Charity Commissioners to whom application was now going to be made.

5. A resolution was proposed and seconded "that subject to the consent of the Charity Commissioners the proceeds of sale of the Hut and the land should be devoted to the new Village Hall". A resolution was put to the meeting and on a show of hands 19 Members voted in favour of the resolution with several abstentions and no votes against the resolution, and the Chairman declared the resolution carried.
6. The question of the disposal of the Little Bealings Recreation Ground Fund (1936) was discussed and the following resolutions were made:-
  - a) It was proposed and seconded that the monies should be given to the new Village Hall.
  - b) An amendment to the above resolution was also proposed and seconded namely that the money should be given to the Management Committee of the new Hall but to be ear-marked to be used for a Children's Playing Field. The amendment to the original resolution was put to the meeting and was carried on a show of hands by 23 votes to 3 against.
7. It was proposed and seconded that a Notice Board should be placed on the Top Road and it as agreed that subject to the County Surveyor's approval, it should be on the grass patch at the Cross Roads. The resolution was carried unanimously and Mrs Hervey offered to pay for the cost of the Notice Board and the offer was accepted with thanks. The Chairman stated that he would report the matter to the Parish Council who would no doubt implement the wishes of the Parish.

P Lindsay