

The Annual Meeting of the Parish was held in the Hut on Monday the 19th March at 8.0 p.m. 1956.

1. There were present the seven Parish Council Members and five other persons from the Parish.
2. The Chairman reported on the activities of the Parish Council during the previous year and commented in particular upon footpaths generally and in particular footpath number 16, in connection with which there was to be an enquiry.
3. The question of the proposed closing of Bealings Railway station was discussed at length and it was decided to put in an objection against this and to make the following points:-
 - a) The Doctors which served Little Bealings were mostly in Woodbridge and that patients visiting their Surgery went by train.
 - b) Quite often persons attending Hospital as out-patients had to go to the hospital on Mondays and Wednesdays, and as there were no buses on that day, it would not be possible for them to go if there were no trains.
 - c) In bad weather the railway was used by a considerable number of people going to work in Ipswich and Woodbridge who sometimes cycle.
 - d) The trains are used for going to Ipswich on a Saturday for football and during the summer by persons going to the seaside as the buses are usually full.
 - e) It was understood that a number of children used the trains for going to Ipswich to school.
4. The question of entering for the Best Kept Village Competition was discussed, and after a lengthy discussion it was agreed that the Village would not enter the competition.
5. The question of footpath number 16 was discussed, and the Chairman reported that a sub-committee had been appointed by the Parish Council to collect the necessary evidence.
6. The question of the new Village Hall was raised, and it was reported that the Planning Committee would be reporting to the two Parishes at a Meeting to be had probably on the 18th April. Mrs. Hervey proposed that the Chairman of the Planning Committee be asked to provide figures relating to costs, in advance. It was pointed out that the Committee felt that it would be better if the Architect gave the necessary figures with explanations at the meeting, and after some discussion it was put to the vote and it was resolved that the Chairman of the Planning Committee be asked to provide figures in advance. The resolution was passed, there being a number of absentations [sic] and the Clerk was instructed to write to Major Drayton the Chairman.

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