

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish held in the Bealings Village Hall on 24th March 1958 at 8 p.m.

Present were:- 5 Members of the Parish including 5 members of the Parish Council and Brigadier Lindsay took the Chair.

1. The minutes of the previous Annual Meeting of the Parish were read and confirmed.
2. The chairman reported that arising out of the Minutes the Parish Council had written to one of the Trustees of the Old Village Hut asking for information as to the progress made in selling it and that the Council had been informed that the Contract for the sale of the Hut and the land had been signed on the 20<sup>th</sup> August 1957, the price being £200 but that owing to difficulties the Purchaser had apparently refused to proceed with the purchase on the ground that a good Title had not been deduced and further that the Trustees had not decided to whom the purchase money should go when the matter was completed.
3. Mrs Hervey as Secretary to the Trustees reported that she had more up to date information and that she herself had been in touch with the Purchaser's Solicitors and that owing to new legislation having been passed, it was hoped that the purchase would be completed without further delay. Mrs Hervey also reported that the Charity Commissioners had said that it was up to the Trustees to decide where the monies should go but that they, the Charity Commissioners, would have to be consulted over the matter. She also reported that the Charity Commissioners had fixed a reserve price of £200 and that the Hut and land had been put up for auction but had not been sold but that the Trustees had subsequently sold it by Private Treaty for £200. Mrs Hervey also reported that in order to get an increase in price the Trustees had applied for and obtained Development Permission in respect of the land. She also stated that the Consent of the Ministry of Education to the sale had now been given under the new legislation and for this reason she thought that the Purchaser would have to complete.
4. Mr Moyle stated that he was not at all satisfied with the matter, because it seemed to him that the Charity Commissioners, to which many references had been made at the previous Annual Meeting, did not really come into the picture at all and further that he thought the price was a poor one as some 18 months ago he had been approached by a Buyer who would have given considerably more. He also stated that he felt that it was most unsatisfactory that there had been such a long delay in disposing of the land and Hut and that the matter ought to have finished and completed long ago.
5. Mrs Sladen said that the many grumbles which she had heard had been due to the fact that no-one had heard anything regarding the sale since the last Annual Meeting of the Parish more than a year ago and that the Hut was apparently deteriorating. Until this Meeting no-one appeared to have known whether anything was being done to sell it and that this was the first time any price had been mentioned. She also suggested that it would be helpful if the Parish Council published a short Report of its meetings in the Bealings Leaflet and the Chairman agreed to put the matter before the Council at their next Meeting.
6. General Goodman said that he felt it was a pity and a mistake that there should be any "heat" in the Meeting of a small Parish of this sort and he proposed a resolution that "the Meeting endorsed the Action of the trustees to date, and approved their Action in spite of the disappointment in the price obtained for the Hut and land". This resolution was put to the Meeting and was carried by 5 votes for to 1 against; there being 9 abstentions. Mrs Hervey was asked to give the names of the Trustees and the Committee was informed that Captain Hervey, Mrs Goodwin, Mr Dickinson, Mr Maddison and Mr Adams were the

Trustees. Mr Moyle pointed out that the surest way of obtaining a good attendance at a Parish Meeting was to have a little "heat".

7. The Chairman reported on the work done by the Parish Council over the past 12 months and in particular as to the following:-
  - a) That there had been an 85% attendance of the Members of the Parish Council at their Meetings.
  - b) The delivery charge which had been put on by British Railways when the Station was closed had now been removed.
  - c) That visibility and safety at the Bealings Cross Roads had been improved by the removal of a tree-stump and that the County Council had in hand the acquisition of a piece of Mr Adamson's land on the opposite corner of the Cross Roads so as to make this corner safer.
  - d) That the Council had arranged the cutting of the hedge which had overgrown the road leading from the Bealings Cross Roads to Kesgrave.
  - e) That the question of the filling up of pot-holes in Holly Lane had been dealt with so far as was possible but that this road was really no-one's responsibility since it had not been taken over by the County Council. The Parish Council felt that the Deben Rural District Council were morally responsible for it because it served for the major part the Council houses.
  - f) That the Notice Board at the Bealings Cross Roads had been erected and the Chairman asked that anyone putting Notices on the board should see that they were removed when their purpose had been served.
  - g) That the X-Ray Unit had visited the village and the Chairman had expressed gratitude to the Women's Institute for the help they had given in organising the attendance of the Parishioners at the X-Ray.
  - h) That the Parish Council had opposed the proposed development for building and a Quarry at the Martlesham Plantations and that the application for such development had been turned down by the Ministry.
8. A Resolution was proposed and carried unanimously "that with regard to the Bealings Cross Roads the Action referred to in the County Council's letter of the 13<sup>th</sup> February 1958 should be proceeded with as a matter of urgency". The Chairman said that this Resolution would be put before the next Parish Council Meeting for them to pass on to the Ministry of Transport and Civil Aviation who were the responsible Authority for the Scheme.
9. Mrs Hervey asked whether anything could be done about the litter by the Angela Cobbold Hall. It was pointed out that persons could be prosecuted under the Bye-Laws for leaving litter and she suggested that a second Waste Paper Receptacle might be provided and it was agreed to put the matter before the Parish council at their next Meeting for consideration.
10. The Chairman thanked the Members of the Parish for having attended the Meeting.

P Lindsay