

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Little Bealings held at the Bealings Village Hall on Monday the 11th March 1968 at 8.15p.m.

Present were: Five members of the Parish Council and Thirteen other Members of the Parish

1. Brigadier P.L. Lindsay as Chairman of the Parish Council took the Chair.
2. Apologies for absence were received from Mr Hamilton and Mr Tombs.
3. The Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> of March, 1967 were read and confirmed and signed by the Chairman.
4. The Chairman reported on the work of the Parish Council over the previous twelve months and amongst various items referred to the following:-
  - a) There had been ten meetings of the Parish Council over the past twelve months and the Council had dealt with a variety of subjects.
  - b) The Level Crossing referred to in the previous year's Minutes had not been replaced by the Automatic Gates and it seemed likely that there might be some delay due to financial and other reasons.
  - c) The Council had dealt with various Planning matters including the proposed Expansion of Ipswich, the Proposed Order designating the area having just been published. This would not affect the Martlesham area as the expansion was going to follow more or less the original proposals of Shankland Cox & Partners. The Council had also considered the question of an Application which had been referred to them by the County Planning Department in respect of the possible change of user of High House to a Country Club or Private Hotel and the views of the residents in the area had been taken and the Council had decided that these uses would not be acceptable. The Council also considered the question of the continuation of the Asphalt Plant which they had agreed to subject to a number of conditions .
  - d) Arrangements had now been made for the naming of what had formerly been known as "The Drift" Martlesham Road as "Beacon Lane".
  - e) The Council had been in touch with the County Council in an effort to try and get some further sign posting of footpaths.
  - f) The Council had taken a number of steps to see whether some form of Speed Limit could be placed on the Martlesham and Playford Road by reason of the large number of vehicles which now used the road. Various counts of the number of cars using the road had been taken by the County Council and the Police had radar checked over 500 cars and as result of this the County Council in conjunction with the Police Authority had informed the Parish Council that a Speed Limit could not at the moment be justified.
5. The question of a Playing Field being available in the Village was raised and was discussed at length and the following points emerged:
  - a) There had never been a playing field for children in the village as was suggested by one or two Members although there had from time to time been one or two pieces of land privately owned which the Children had from time to time played on.
  - b) The Parish Council did not own any land in the Parish but there was some additional land belonging to the Village Hall and it was pointed out that some of the Members of the Parish had taken this up with the Village Hall Committee but so far had not had any reply from the Committee as to whether they would consider a Playing Field for Children. It was also mentioned that at one time the Village Hall Committee had endeavoured without success to exchange the piece of land for an adjoining piece more suitable.

- c) It was pointed out that there were a good many difficulties in providing a Playing Field since it ought to be supervised and this could be an expensive matter and some Members also doubted whether there was really any need in the village for a Playing Field such as there might be in a Town.
- d) It was also suggested that possibly the School Playing Ground might be made available but one Member pointed out that he did not think that the Education Authority would allow indiscriminate use of the Playground.
- e) It was agreed that the Members who were interested in providing a Playing Field should take the matter up again with the Village Hall Committee and in the meantime the Chairman said that he would have a word with the Education Authority as to the School Playground.
- f) It was also pointed out that at a Meeting of the Parish on the 18<sup>th</sup> March 1957 authority had been given for the monies held for the "Little Bealings Recreation Ground Fund (1936)" to be paid to the Management Committee of the Bealings Village Hall to be earmarked to be used for a Childrens Playing Field.

6. The Chairman thanked all the Members for having attended and the Meeting was closed.

P.L. Lindsay  
24 March 1969