

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish held in the Bealings Village Hall at 8 p.m. on Monday the 16th March 1964.

Present were: Thirteen Members including seven Members of the Parish Council.

1. Brigadier P.L. Lindsay took the Chair, and reported on the work of the Parish Council over the previous twelve months and in particular commented upon on the following:-
 - a) During the past year there had been six Meetings of the Council at which a number of matters had been considered which he would mention.
 - b) It had been a great disappointment that the County Council as Planning Authority had given permission for the extension of the Gravel Pit in spite of the fact that the Parish Council had made it quite clear that they were against such extension as had also the Deben R.D.C. The Parish Council had in fact written a strong letter to the County Council and had asked for this to be placed before the Chairman of the County Council personally. In connection with this the Council were keeping under strict review the Asphalt Plant operating in the Gravel Pit, permission for which expired in November 1964.
 - c) The Council had at the request of a particular Member of the Parish, who wished for the Village Envelope to be extended to include some of his land, considered the question of the Village Envelope. The Council decided that they could not deal with individual suggestions or applications but that in any event the Planning Authority were due to review the development plan which would include the Village Envelopes, and they had promised to let the Parish Council know in plenty of time as to their proposals for extending or otherwise the Village Envelope as applicable to Little Bealings, so that a Meeting of the whole Parish could be called and everyone given an opportunity of stating their views. It was also pointed out that it might be a little time before the Planning Authority completed their review of the development plan since they could not do so until it was known to what extent the Ipswich Corporation boundaries might be extended to provide additional land for development. In this respect the Chairman reported that some 37 houses, had in fact, been built in the Parish since the last review of the development plan, and there were outstanding a further 5 planning consents on which development had not yet started.
 - d) The question of various footpaths had been dealt with, and in particular the erection of a barrier at the junction of the Station Meadow Footpath with the Martlesham Road where the Council had considered it extremely dangerous to have an open exit onto the road, and that the council had paid for a barrier to be placed across the exit of the Footpath in order to make it more safe.
 - e) The Council had been approached with regard to the naming of the Driftway leading to the houses off the Martlesham Road and that this had been left with the residents to decide whether they wished a name to be given to the Driftway and if so the Council would give their assistance.
 - f) The Council had also taken up the question of the hard water and had recently heard from the Deben R.D.C. that a scheme was in hand for providing a softening plant for the main water supply.
 - g) Miss Catchpole and Mrs Dunnett had attended, as Representatives of the Parish Council, a number of Meetings of the Parish Councils Association.
2. The Chairman brought to the attention of Members the Inter-Village Produce Show which would be held at Stowmarket on the 3rd October, which Members of the Parish could enter if they wished.

3. The following points were raised by Members of the Parish, and which the Chairman agreed would be placed before the Parish Council at their next Meeting for consideration.
 - a) That the electricity pole at the Bealings crossroads might be moved because in certain positions this hindered the view at the Halt sign from the road leading from the Station.
 - b) That an additional Postbox should be available on the Playford Road towards Lux Farm for the convenience of the various houses which had been built on the south side of the Playford Road.
4. Mrs Sladen proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Council for their work over the past 12 months, and in particular thanked them for having arranged that he resume of the points dealt with at the Parish Council Meetings were published in the Bealings leaflet.
5. The Chairman thanked the Members for having attended the Meeting, and the Meeting was accordingly closed.

P.L. Lindsay
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