

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in the Bealings Village Hall at 8 p.m. on 18th March, 1961.

1. There were present twelve members of the Parish including six Members of the Parish Council, and Brigadier Lindsay took the Chair.
2. The minutes of the last Meeting were read and confirmed, and duly signed by the Chairman.
3. Arising out of the Minutes Mr Hales asked whether the reference in those Minutes to a playing field for the School was intended to be in lieu of a playing field for the Village. It was pointed out that the Minute did not refer to the School playing field being available for the Village in general, but that it had been felt that as the Village was likely to have a playing field for the children when at School, no other playing field was necessary.
4. The Chairman reported on the activities and work of the Parish Council during the past twelve months, and amongst other items drew attention to the following:-
 - a) That representations had been made by Mr Jolly as to the closing of footpath No 10 and that the Council had decided that they would not oppose the closing of the footpath provided the adjoining Parish of Martlesham did not object, and after some discussion the meeting agreed that the path did not seem to be of much use.
 - b) That the footpath across the stream on Mr Willis's land had been completely repaired and that the cost of this had been borne by the County Council who had assumed responsibility for it.
 - c) That drainage of the portion of the Martlesham Road close to Bealings Holt was being dealt with and that General Goodman had kindly given consent for pipes to be laid across his land for the purpose of draining this portion of the road which flooded at intervals. Arising out of this a member of the Council asked whether the County Council could also be asked to deal with the portions of the road along the Playford Road which also flooded at times.
 - d) That the sand heaps at various strategic points were available for motorists to use in icy conditions and that the County Council would welcome anyone using them because it was not possible for their roadmen to spread the sand in every place when conditions were bad.
 - e) That there was a proposal to by-pass the existing A12 road and that one of the schemes was a road starting from the Trolley Bus Terminus and travelling down the valley and joining the existing Woodbridge by-pass and that there was an alternative scheme which had also been put up to the Ministry of a road starting at the Tuddenham roundabout.
 - f) That arising out of the previous Minutes Mr Tombs had been in touch with the various frontagers to Sandy Lane and that all except for one had been against the making up of Sandy Lane and the taking over of it by the County Council.
 - g) That the Council had considered a proposed site for a sewage disposal works for the houses to be built adjoining Sandy Lane and with the Deben R.D.C. had inspected the site and approved it, but there had been considerable discussion and meetings as to the access to the twenty five bungalows to be built, from Sandy Lane and that it had finally been agreed that a footpath would be constructed from the School on the North side of Sandy Lane and its construction would be such that if the road was eventually taken over it could then be incorporated in the road without additional expense. The Chairman also reported that the Council had not been consulted over the question of Planning Consent for the twenty five bungalows because the area was within the Village envelope and it was not the practice of the

County Council to seek the Council's advice when development took place within the Village envelope.

5. Mr Clover asked whether the Council would see whether they could get anything done regarding the flooding of the Playford Road in two places between the crossroads and the Falcon Inn, and the Chairman agreed that the matter would be taken up with the County Council, but there were, of course, a great number of places that flooded in exceptional weather and it was not possible to deal with all of these. Mr Clover also asked where access to the twenty five bungalows would be, and the Chairman pointed out that his would be at Sandy Lane and not into Holly Road.
6. The Chairman thanked the members of the Parish for attending the Meeting and as there was no other business the Meeting was declared closed.

P Lindsay
12 March 1962