

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Little Bealings held at the Bealings Village Hall on Monday the 20th March 1967 at 8p.m.

Present were: Six members of the Parish Council together with Two other Members of the Parish

1. Apologies for absence were received from General Goodman.
2. Brigadier P.L. Lindsay as Chairman of the Parish Council took the Chair and the Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting held on the 28th of March 1966 were read and confirmed and signed by the Chairman.
3. 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 six meetings of the Parish Council during the past twelve months
 - b) The signpost had been moved back at the Bealings Crossroads to provide better visibility.
 - c) Various planning matters had been dealt with and in particular as to a Vehicle Work Shop in the Gravel Pit which the Council had examined in detail and had not objected to so long as the Gravel Pit was used as such. Also certain premises in the Parish have been reported as being used for some form of manufacture and this had been taken up with the Planning Authority and such manufacture had now been removed and was being carried on elsewhere.
 - d) Various matters relating to Footpaths had been dealt with and in particular the Council had reported to the County Council on a re-survey and that there were no Footpaths omitted from the map. Various matters had been taken up with the Roads and Bridges Department of the County Hall and in particular in relation to the flooding of the footpath leading from Playford to the School the like department having dealt with the matter promptly.
 - e) Enquiries had been made regarding the felling of certain trees which were in the area covered by the Tree Preservation Order and it was ascertained that the necessary permission for the felling of the trees had been given by the County Council.
 - f) The Chairman reported that he and Mr Tombs had attended a Meeting in respect of the proposed expansion of Ipswich which did not directly affect Little Bealings except that there was to be a By-Pass of the existing A.12 road and although this was shown on the plan for the expansion the precise route of the road had not yet been settled.
 - g) The Council had taken certain action with regard to Manhole Covers in the road with wood insets which had worn down and the Post Office Authority had attended to these.
 - h) There had recently been started a Mobile Library Service which visited the Parish at fortnightly intervals on Thursdays.
 - i) The existing Level Crossing Gates were going to be replaced by Automatic Gates and the Chairman and Mr Stott had had a meeting with the Railway Board and various other officials and it seemed likely that the new gates would be installed by September. The approach visibility was going to be improved and it was considered that the Automatic Gates would speed up considerably the time during which the gates would be closed.
4. The Chairman asked the Members whether they had any matters they would like to discuss and the following points were raised.

- a) It was suggested that there should be another waste paper basket outside the shop as there was a lot of litter left in that area.
- b) It was suggested that some action ought to be taken to try and restrict the speed of vehicles along Playford Road, very many more vehicles using this road now since the 40m.p.h. speed limit had been imposed on the main A.12 road. It was suggested that the County Council should be approached to see whether they would place a 40m.p.h. limit on the whole of the Playford Road.
The Chairman said that the matters would be brought before the Council at their next Meeting.

5. The Chairman thanked the Members for attending and the Meeting was closed.

P.L. Lindsay
11 March 1968