

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at the Angela Cobbold Hall on Monday the 22nd March 1965 at 8p.m.

Present were: Eighteen members of the Parish including six 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 amongst various matters mentioned the following:-
 - a) That a new Letter box had been provided on the Playford Road, and that a large 'Slow' sign had been erected at the Bealings Crossroads, in respect of the road leading from Kesgrave.
 - b) There had been thirteen meetings of the Parish Council over the past twelve months, and at such Meetings various planning matters had been dealt with, the improvement of the visibility of Holly Lane, the planting in the Playford Road where the recent road widening had taken place, and the keeping clear of various footpaths, and in particular the footpath leading to the school.
 - c) That very careful consideration had been given to the application by the Deben R.D.C. for the use of land near to Playford Mount as a controlled refuse tip, and that after discussions and hearing the views of of the Deben R.D.C. the Council had agreed that the most north western part of the proposed area could be used without causing any nuisance, if it were properly controlled, but that the rest of the area should not be used for a refuse tip.
 - d) That General Goodman had been the Council's Representative on the Parish Councils Association, and had attended the various Meetings of the Association.
2. The question of the monies held in a fund known as the Bealings Flower Show Fund, and amounting to £34.7.6d was discussed at length, and it was finally unanimously agreed that subject to the Annual Meeting of the Great Bealings Parish making a similar resolution that the monies should be disposed of and given to the Bealings Village Hall for the purpose of planting trees and shrubs for improving the entrance and front of the Bealings Village Hall, but that before the monies were finally handed over to the Village Hall Committee a scheme for the planting should first be approved by the Parish Councils of Great and Little Bealings. The Meeting considered that was no likelihood of a Bealings Flower Show being active again, there not having been a Flower Show since 1946, and that although the Women's Institute were holding a Flower Show it was not appropriate that the monies should be given for this purpose, since the proceeds of such Flower Show were in aid of the Winston Churchill Memorial Appeal, for which separate arrangement for collection in the Parishes had been made.
3. The question of monies belonging to the Football Club consisting of some £37 was considered, as the Football Club was no longer in existence. It was reported that £30 had, in fact, been loaned by the former Treasurer of the Football Club to the Cricket Club, and it was unanimously resolved that subject to the Annual Parish Meeting of Great Bealings making a similar resolution that the whole of the monies, including the existing loan, should be made over to the Bealings Cricket Club.
4. The Chairman reported on the discussions which had taken place with regard to the revision of the County Development Plan, and that it was at the moment proposed that Little Bealings should be placed in Category D which was defined as "suitable for small scale growth related to core of existing Village, estate type development normally inappropriate". It was agreed that the Category was appropriate for the Village, and Mrs Whiting stated that she understood that in due course a Village Plan would be got out by the Planning Authority, and would take the place of the Village Envelope.

5. The Clerk explained the provisions of the Bill which was before Parliament, in respect of the amendment to the Town & Country Planning Act and it was unanimously agreed that the provisions of the bill should be supported and that suitable letters expressing this view of the Parish Meeting should be sent to Mr. Keith Stanton M.P., and to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government.
6. The Chairman placed the correspondence regarding the Best Kept Village Competition before the Meeting and explained that if the Village were to enter for the competition the matter would have to be organised and various areas allocated to persons who would take the responsibility of seeing that these areas were kept tidy. There was considerable discussion on the matter, when it appeared that there was not anybody who was prepared to undergo the organisation and consequently it was decided that the Village would not enter for the competition. It was however pointed out that the Village was not kept as tidy as it might be and that there was a good deal of litter, and that everyone should make an effort to try and keep the Village more tidy.
7. The correspondence regarding the Suffolk Inter-Village Produce Show was placed before the Meeting, but it was not thought that any collective exhibits would be made by the village.
8. Mrs Whiting reported that she had now undertaken to deal with the collection in Little Bealings for the Winston Churchill Memorial Appeal, and that all monies subscribed would be taken by her direct to the Deben R.D.C.
9. The question of the asphalt plant was raised, the Planning Permission for which had expired in November, and it was reported that the asphalt plant was still being used. The Chairman stated that he would ask the Clerk to write to the Planning Authority, and to enquire as to the position.
10. The question of the proposed refuse tip in the vicinity of Playford Mount was discussed, and the Chairman explained the reasons for the Council's views on the above, and in particular that if the refuse tip were properly controlled and confined to the north western position of the land for which permission had been asked no nuisance would be caused to the Village.
11. The question of the Level Crossing was discussed and the Chairman reported that the Parish Council had this in hand, and that the Clerk would be writing to British Railways to ascertain the position and to point out that many more vehicles than trains used the crossing, and that it would be a great inconvenience if the gates were kept permanently closed, and only opened when vehicles wished to use the crossing.
12. Mrs Goodman proposed a vote of thanks to the members of the Parish Council for the work they had done over the past twelve months, and the Chairman thanked all the members for having attended the Meeting.

P.L. Lindsay