

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish of Little Bealings held on Monday the 21st April 1975 at 8.00p.m. at the Bealings Village Hall.

Present were: Six Members of the Parish Council Mr. Macray as the Member of the Suffolk Coastal District Council and Nineteen other Members of the Parish.

1. Apologies for Absence. Apologies for absence were received from the Hon Mrs Bull (the Suffolk County Council Representative) and from General Goodman.
2. Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting held on the 22nd April 1974 were read and confirmed.
3. The Chairman reported on the work attended to the Parish Council over the past 12 months and amongst a number of items in his report commented on the following:-
 - a) The Parish Council had met on 10 separate occasions, four of which had been meetings called to consider and report the Parish's views on Planning Applications to the Planning Authority and there had been a joint meeting of Little Bealings with Great Bealings and Playford to appoint a School Manager in the place of the late Mr Welland and that at this meeting Mrs Brown had been appointed the Manager of the Little Bealings Country Primary school.
 - b) The Parish Council had considered matters relating to the proposed Ipswich Southern By-Pass on which the Council had recommended that Route J should be adopted and had given their views on the Ipswich Sub-Region Structure Plan. They had also dealt with the private bus service which now replaced the Eastern Counties bus service and also dealt with the question of charges for emptying cess-pools which had now been dropped in so far as the first two emptyings were concerned in a period of 12 months.
 - c) The Council had dealt with the Suffolk Constabulary regarding the damage and difficulty which had been caused when the A12 have been blocked by a burst main and traffic diverted along the Martlesham Road and other roads of the Parish.
 - d) Under the review of Parish boundaries the Council had suggested the last two dwellings along the South side of the Playford Road which were at present in Playford might be included in the Parish of Little Bealings but that Pogsons Farm buildings which were now in the Parish of Little Bealings might be included with Playford Parish as these buildings were part of Lux Farm in Playford.
 - e) In considering the document produced by the County Council 'Suffolk The Choice Ahead' the Council had expressed the view that the area north of the A12 should remain undeveloped and that any village developed be confined to the limits laid down for Category D villages in which Little Bealings was already placed.
 - f) Some of the Members of the Council at the invitation of Suffolk Coastal District Council had been given a tour of their offices in Melton. The meeting endorsed the report and thanked the Chairman for what he had said.
4. Best Kept Village Competition. The question of entering for this competition was discussed and it was pointed out that at least 12 months hard work was needed prior to entering a competition and the Clerk reported that as the rules as to small and large villages had recently been altered the Parish was now just within the definition of small village and could in fact enter the competition this year. It was agreed however, that unless someone could come along to organise it there was no point in entering the competition.

5. Railway Invigoration Society. Mr Stott gave a comprehensive report of the meeting of the Society and explained that he really did not think it was justified at the present time pressing for the re-opening of Little Bealings Station for passengers and that at least £1,000 would have to be raised in order to put the platform and station in order and this would have to come out of local funds since British Railways would not be prepared to pay. In fact under the present stringent conditions it seems that there was even a possibility that the whole line could at some future date be closed.
6. Bus Service. The question of the frequency of the Bus Service was discussed thus, as previously reported by the Chairman, being now operated by Sayer Coaches. It was felt that it would be a help if there could be a more frequent service to Woodbridge as there was only one service to Woodbridge per week and the chairman promised that the Council would bear this in mind.
7. Other Matters. A Member of the Parish raised the question of the volume of traffic which was using the roads in the village and in particular the Martlesham Road and that this might well increase if when the new junction was constructed onto the A12 from the road from the development on Martlesham Heath if traffic lights were installed at that junction. Another Member said that there had been a number of complaints from the occupiers in Richard Drive and Michaels Mount in respect of young people driving mopeds and the like around the estate roads. It was pointed that these were not public highways but private roads and that probably it could best be dealt with by the Residents Association which existed in respect of those properties. One Member complained of dogs fouling on the footpath No.1.A and others and the Chairman promised to bring the matter up at the next Parish Council Meeting.

The meeting thanked the Chairman and the Members of the Council for the work they had done during the past 12 months and the Meeting was close.

A Hamilton
Chairman
24 March 1976