

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish of Little Bealings held on Wednesday 24th March 1976 at 8.30p.m. at the Bealings Village Hall.

Present were: Six Members of the Parish Council, The Hon. Mrs Bull as the Parish's Member on Suffolk County Council Mr. Macray as the Member of Suffolk Coastal District Council and fifteen other Members of the Parish.

1. Mr Hamilton as Chairman of the Parish Council took the Chair and apologies for absence were received from Major General Goodman.
2. The Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting held on 21st April 1975 were read and confirmed and signed by the Chairman.
3. The Chairman reported on the various activities of the Council, during the past 12 months, and amongst other items mentioned that there had been eight meetings of the Council during that period. Various matters relating to footpaths had been dealt with including persistent dog fouling of footpath No. 1A and that notices had been posted and that there had been some improvement. The Council had reviewed the bus timetable but unfortunately owing to lack of use, the weekly service to Woodbridge had had to be discontinued. The Council had taken up with the U.S. Authorities the excessive litter along the Playford-Martlesham Road, and that since then there had been a considerable improvement. They had also dealt with the flooding in Holly Lane, where the new Gas Main crossed the road. The Chairman drew attention to the recent House of Lords decision to the effect that those householders not connected to the main sewer could not be charged the sewerage rate. He also drew attention to the timetable for the forthcoming elections for Parish Councillors, and the disadvantages if at the initial election there were not sufficient nominations to fill the seven vacancies for the Council. He also reported that as soon as the nomination papers were issued, a supply of these would be held locally by Mr. Judd for distribution to anyone who was interested. The Chairman reported that as far as he was aware, all the present members of the Council were prepared to stand for election again, other than Major General Goodman, owing to ill-health. The Chairman paid a tribute to Major General Goodman's enthusiasm and work as a Parish Councillor for a great many years and that he would be very much missed.
4. It was reported that the village could this year enter the Best Kept Village Competition, and once again it was pointed out that a considerable effort would have to be made by the village to make it worthwhile entering and after discussion it appeared that there was no enthusiasm for entering for this competition.
5. The Chairman invite members to raise any points they wished, and the following points were mentioned.
 - a) A question was asked whether there could not be some improvement made to the appearance of the Admiral's Head Public House, and it was pointed out that the Council had taken this up with the Brewery some time ago, who said that they were considering making various improvements. However, one member said that the thought the present licensees would be giving up and that it might be that the pub would be closed for some while until repairs and improvements had been carried out before another licensee took over.
 - b) A member pointed out that the barrier at the top of the footpath crossing Station Meadow had now collapsed, and that the footpath was being used by horseriders and Mr. Hamilton promised that the Council would look into this.

- c) It was mentioned that some of the residents were complaining as to the apparent commercial use of No. 20, Beacon Lane and the Chairman reported that the Council had this matter in hand.

A Hamilton
Chairman
25 Apr. 1977