

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Little Bealings held at the Bealings Village Hall on Monday the 9th March 1970 at 8.15p.m.

Present were: All seven Members of the Parish Council, The Clerk and three other Members of the Parish, One Member from Great Bealings and a representative of the Press

1. Brigadier Lindsay as Chairman of the Parish Council took the Chair.
2. The Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting held on the 24th March, 1969 were read and confirmed and signed by the Chairman.
3. The Chairman reported on the various work of the Parish Council over the past twelve months and amongst the various matters referred to the following:-
 - a) It had not been possible to make any further progress with regard to providing a bus shelter at the Station although attempts had been made to try and get the use of the Lamp house at the station but British Railways had stated that this was going to be demolished and in any event was too close to the railway line.
 - b) That a speed limit of 40m.p.h. had now been imposed on the Playford Martlesham road extending from the Red Lion at Martlesham to about 190 yards beyond the Bealings crossroads.
 - c) A continuous kerb had now been laid at the Bealings crossroads in place of the previous kerb which had consisted of individual kerbstones with gaps in between.
 - d) Various matters relating to footpaths had been dealt with.
 - e) Various Planning Applications which had been referred to the Parish Council by the County Planning Department had been dealt with, including the application to use the goods shed as a motor vehicle repair workshop and an application for the use of the field adjoining the village Hall as a playing field.
 - f) The Council had considered the provision of some additional bungalows and had suggested that these might be opposite the existing Council houses off Holly Lane, and that if these were built the road could then be made up to a reasonable standard.
 - g) Members of the Parish had attended various meetings in connection with the Interim Planning Statement relation to the Ipswich Fringe Area Development.
 - h) Strong representations had been made in respect of the proposal to use 9.2 acres of the gravel pit as a refuse tip for Ipswich and for the Deben R.D.C. and that the Chairman and another Member of the Parish Council had attended the Public Enquiry to give evidence, and that the Parish Council had been professionally represented at that Enquiry. Unfortunately the Minister had allowed the appeal subject to a number of conditions, and the Chairman read to the Meeting the conditions imposed in respect of the use of the gravel pit as a refuse tip, and advised residents in the area to keep a strict watch to see that these conditions were complied with.
 - i) That a Planning Application had that day been received by the Parish Council from the County Planning Department asking for the views of the Parish Council on the proposal by Hall Aggregates (Eastern Counties) Limited to extend their gravel workings to another 4.2 acres adjoining Bealings Hoo and that the Parish Council would be considering the application.
 - j) There had in fact been seven Meetings of the Parish Council during the past twelve months.
4. ARISING OUT OF THE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT It was suggested that the County Council be asked to supply the Parish Council with a draft of the "Working Scheme" of the refuse tip as

referred to in the Minister's findings so that the Parish Council could have an opportunity of considering the Scheme or in any event that they should be supplied with a copy of the Scheme so that they could see that it was being complied with. It was also suggest that the tree planting referred to in the Minister's findings should be undertaken as soon as possible.

5. VOTE OF THANKS The Chairman thanked the Members of the Parish who had taken the trouble to attend the Meeting and Mrs Sladen proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Parish Council for the work they had done over the past twelve months and asked to be placed on record that she considered that the Parish Council had taken all possible steps to try and prevent the gravel pit being used as a refuse tip. She also added that the small number of Parishioners who had turned up was an indication that they were well satisfied with the work of the Parish Council since the Parishioners usually only attended the Meeting when they were dissatisfied with the Parish Council.

P.L. Lindsay
24 March 1971