

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Little Bealings held at Bealings Village Hall on Monday 11th April 1988 at 7.30 p.m.

Present were six members of the Council.

Mr Bestow as the Parish's Member on Suffolk County Council

Group Captain Sledmere as the Parish's Member on Suffolk Coastal District Council

Eight other Members of the Parish and P.C. Haskins.

Mr Theodosius, as Chairman of the Parish Council, took the Chair and welcomed those present.

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 30th March 1987 were read, confirmed and signed.

Matters Arising. Telephone kiosk. The kiosk was now installed outside the Angela Cobbold Hall and appeared to be working satisfactorily. The Parish Council would be paying for the electricity which supplied the kiosk light.

Level Crossing. No problems had been reported to the Council.

Bealings Primary School. The proposed closure of the School in July 1987 had been postponed and a final decision was expected by the end of April.

In his report, Mr Theodosius said that during the 12 meetings held during the year, 13 planning applications had been dealt with and the District Council's decisions on all these applications coincided with the Parish Council's recommendations.

The Council had precepted for a 1p rate and made donations to Suffolk Accident Rescue Service, Suffolk Small Schools Association, Bealings Children's Playing Field Committee, the Parish Leaflet and Grundisburgh News.

The hurricane last October had devastated large parts of the Parish but a great surge of heart warming neighbourliness had emerged. He paid tribute to Mrs Cook who had made a comprehensive survey of the tree damage and he urged everyone to re-plant trees as much as possible.

The Martlesham By-Pass was completed in October 1987 and traffic through the village had been considerably reduced. The extent and level of noise had come as an unwelcome surprise to many but some of this may be due to trees lost in the storm.

The application by Suffolk County Council to extend the landfill waste site at Hall's Pit to the south of Playford Road caused considerable concern and as a result of a public meeting, total opposition was expressed. The outcome of letters and lobbying of Planning Committee Members had resulted in the decision by Mr Ridley, Department of the Environment, to 'call in' the application should it be approved by the County Council – he will then decide the outcome.

Mr Theodosius concluded his report with thanks to his fellow Councillors and the Clerk, Mrs Seager and said that faced with school closures, hurricanes and waste tips, it is remarkable what a parish of 480 souls can achieve the will is there.

It was proposed, seconded and carried unanimously, that the report be adopted.

Any Other Business.

Residents of The Grove expressed concern at the curtailment of buses to Ipswich. They would like a daily service apart from the early morning & late evening Mini Bus service provided by Imps Bus Company and the 'shoppers' service run by the County Council on Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. It was agreed that it was the lack of support that had caused the curtailment of services but notices would be placed in the Parish Leaflet and Grundisburgh News asking for the degree of support for an increase in public transport.

Mr Flick proposed that as the Stott Report on Open Level Crossings had recommended that some crossings should have half gates, that British Rail should be asked what progress had been made as Little Bealings was one such crossing. This was unanimously agreed.

The meeting closed with Mr Theodosius thanking all those who had attended and said that Parishioners would be welcomed at any Council Meeting.

J. C. Theodosius
20th March 1989.