

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Little Bealings held at Bealings Village Hall on Monday 20th March 1989 at 7.30 p.m.

Present were seven members of the Council, Mr Bestow as the Parish's Member on Suffolk County Council, three other members of the Parish and P.C. Haskins.

Mr Theodosius, as Chairman of the Parish Council, took the Chair and welcomed those present. Apologies were received from Group Captain Sledmere.

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 11th April 1988 were read, confirmed and signed. Matters Arising. Little Bealings School. The Chairman said that everyone had been delighted at the decision not to close the School and he wished it to be placed on record the Parish Council's congratulations to all those concerned.

Landfill Site – Sinks Pit. As the application for extending the landfill waste had been 'called in' by the Department of the Environment, a Public Enquiry would be held on 9th May.

Bus Service. Public support had not warranted a daily service to Ipswich apart from the early morning and late evening but a mini-bus service to Woodbridge on Thursdays and Saturdays was proving very popular and well supported.

Level Crossing. It had been established that half barriers similar to those to be erected at Little Bealings had been placed at Beccles for an experimental six month period ending in May. As Bealings was not a priority crossing it was unlikely that the alterations would be made before April 1990 to June 1991.

In his report, the Chairman, Mr Theodosius welcomed Mr Simon Bestow, County Councillor and P.C. Haskins, Beat Constable. He said that the 9 Council meetings which had been held had been attended by 2/3 of a Parishioner to observe the Council considering planning applications, donations, footpaths, buses, tips, bypasses and a variety of subjects affecting the Parish. One might conclude from this level of interest that there were no problems but this is not so. The Kesgrave By-Pass and Sinks Pit Landfill Site confront us – and the latter has aroused considerable opposition to the application – spear headed by the District Council & supported by this Parish Council and a capable group of affected members.

The Kesgrave By-Pass, thought to be over and done with, is with us once again. There are many implications to be considered by the Parish and while it may be interesting to speculate now, the main positive action can only be taken once the precise details are known. This matter is also likely to be determined following a Public Enquiry.

Yet another enquiry, on 25th April, is to hear an appeal by Mr Pond against the District Council's planning refusal for houses on the site between Beacon House and Hall Road, at which the previously stated opinion of this Council, supporting the District Council, will be reiterated.

We had been led to believe that tree planting along the Martlesham By-Pass would take place this winter. The latest information is that the work is in hand and the first part of the programme will be completed by the end of March. Apart from official planting, Mr Theodosius urged everyone to plant more trees wherever possible. He said that counties have Structure Plans – should not Little Bealings have a Parish Structure Plan? What do we want, where, how many, if any, possibly a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme – comments would be welcome.

In conclusion, Mr Theodosius thanked the Clerk, Mrs Seager and his fellow Councillors for all their help – with a special mention to Mr Cyril Stott who will shortly complete 25 years as a Little Bealings Parish Councillor.

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

County Council elections would be held on 4th May 1989 and the European Parliamentary Elections would take place on 15th June 1989.

Any Other Business.

It was reported that extensive flooding was occurring on Hall Road and had been for some weeks. Mr Theodosius had reported the matter to the Area Surveyor who had said that no action would be taken for at least a month. In view of the danger to motorists and particularly to children walking and cycling to school, Mr Bestow agreed to raise the matter with the County Council as urgent. A

Parishioner said that the Footpath from Laundry Cottages to Sinks Pit was in a bad state of repair and the footpath from The Grove to Martlesham needs defining and posting.

It was suggested that a tree opposite Galleon House on C.328 was now intruding into the road verge, which had been worn away by passing traffic. It was suggested that some form of reflectors might be placed on the approach to the tree, west side, to warn motorists. These matters would be discussed at the next Council meeting.

It was not known whether Hall Road would be closed in connection with the Kesgrave By-Pass and it was hoped that children would be taken by bus to Kesgrave High School during the construction of the By-Pass as they had been during the Martlesham By-Pass operation.

It was agreed that the traffic lights at Martlesham Red Lion had been re-timed following a change in the traffic flow.

Mr Theodosius closed the Meeting with thanks to all those who had attended.

J. C. Theodosius
9th April 1990.