

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Little Bealings held at Bealings Village Hall on Monday 28th March 1983 at 7.45 p.m.

Present were: Six Members of the Council.
 Mr. Macray as the Parish's Member of Suffolk Coastal District Council.
 Three other Members of the Parish.

1. Mr Hamilton, as Chairman of the Parish Council, took the Chair and welcomed those present.
2. Apologies were received from Mr Flick.
3. The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 17th May 1982 were read, confirmed and signed.
4. Matters Arising. Bottle Banks. The District Council had been approached on the matter and Suffolk Association of Local Councils had investigated and found that a Harlow firm was willing to provide the bins, empty them as necessary and pay the local authority a small rebate. It appeared that the District Council were lo[a]th[e] to provide a site on the new shopping precinct. Mr Macray offered to contact the Environmental Health Officer and report back to this Council.
5. In his report, Mr Hamilton stated that the Council has held 8 normal meetings and e special meetings to discuss planning matters. 12 planning applications have been considered and it was hoped that once all building in the central area was complete, this should result in a vast improvement to the heart of the Village.
During the year, Mrs Johnson had resigned and Mr G. Ball was co-opted in her place. Mrs Cook had been appointed Tree Officer and Mrs Forest had agreed to represent the Parish for the Grundisburgh & District News.
The Council agreed to contribute to the cost of snow clearance at week-ends but luckily the local farmers were not needed.
The new refuse collection with plastic bags appears to be satisfactory.
Mr Hamilton said that he and several Parishioners had attended a Meeting – together with representatives from other Parishes – to discuss the proposed Martlesham By-Pass. After obtaining the views of immediate residents who might be affected, this Council agreed that the proposed route was the least damaging and should be accepted.
Mr Hamilton reminded all those present that District and Parish Elections would be held on 5th May 1983. Nomination papers were available and those seeking re-election or interested should complete the papers as soon as possible.
As Mr Macray was not offering himself for re-election, Mr Hamilton thanked him for all he had done for the Parish. As he himself had reached the age of 70, he had decided not to offer himself for re-election. He thanked all the Councillors and the Clerk for their help over the years. It was proposed, seconded and carried unanimously that the report be adopted.
Mrs Macray raised the problem of sign post vandalism, which was on the increase. After discussion, it was agreed that Mr Macray would ask the Area Surveyor to expedite the replacement of the signpost at the cross roads above the level crossing.
The District Council had stated that Melton Parish Council had raised the matter of re-opening the Railway Halt at Melton and this Council's views on Bealings Halt was required. British Rail felt that the initiative must rest with either the District or County Council who would be responsible for the necessary funding. After discussion, those present agreed that the situation had not changed since 1979 when the matter was first raised. The cost of platform replacement then £30,000 was not justified by the small number of possible users. It was proposed, seconded and carried unanimously that the District Council should be

informed that until British Rail's plans for electrification were clarified, this Council's opinion in 1979 had not altered.

J. C. Theodosius.
9th April 1984.