

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Little Bealings held at Bealings Village Hall on Monday 9th April 1984 at 8 p.m.

Present were: Seven Members of the Council.
 Mr Bestow as the Parish's Member on Suffolk County Council
 Mr. Sledmore as the Parish's Member on Suffolk Coastal District Council
 Eight other Members of the Parish.

1. Mr Theodosius, as Chairman of the Parish Council, took the Chair and welcomed those present.
2. Apologies were received from P.C. Quinton.
3. The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 28th March 1983 were read, confirmed and signed.
4. Matters Arising. Bottle Banks. The Chairman reported that no further progress had been made. The Harlow firm had withdrawn from the market and although another firm was interested, the price of re-cycled glass had dropped considerably. also Babergh District Council had withdrawn their support for the scheme and unless Ipswich and/or Felixstowe operated a Bottle Bank scheme with Suffolk Coastal District Council, it was not considered a viable proposition.
5. In his report, Mr Theodosius stated that the Council has held 10 meetings during which 10 planning applications had been considered and recommendations forwarded to the District Council.

Of great interest and concern, has been the alteration of the level crossing from gates to automatic flashing lights. On 6th October 1983, representatives of the Parish Council met British Rail, the County Council, the District Council and Ministry of Transport to discuss British Rail proposals in detail. In general the Council felt these were reasonable but we expressed great concern at the lack of visibility on the south side approach. That this had been adequately dealt with is very much due to the pressure sustained and exerted by this Council.

More tree planting had been done and to ensure their survival, a number have been adopted by children from the School.

A number of footpaths have been cleared and additional footpath signs erected. We have endeavoured to keep pace with recurring pot-holes in the Parish.

A detailed plan of the proposed Martlesham By-Pass has just been received – it appeared to follow the line of the original proposal.

Donations have been made to the Parish Leaflet and Suffolk Accident Rescue Services.

Attempts are made to keep expenditure down and to that end we have precepted for a 1p rate - £590. Mr Theodosius concluded his report with thanks to his fellow Councillors and the Clerk for their help during his first year as Chairman.

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

A Parishioner living in Sandy Lane reported that two local boys and their friends had recently ridden motor bikes up and down Sandy Lane and on the Public Footpaths towards Playford continually – the local riders were under age and no crash helmets were worn. After discussion, it was agreed to ascertain the names of the boys concerned and ask P.C. Quinton to investigate the matter & possibly interview the parents. It was also agreed to write to Grove Farm Residents' Association.

The danger of the Methane Gas escaping in Hall's Pit was raised. Mr Bestow stated that a County Council enquiry had been held and although the report had not yet been issued, it was a very worrying situation – especially for the 3 houses affected – in Lt Bealings Parish.

The Chairman thanked all those who had attended the Meeting.

J. C. Theodosius.
15th April 1985.