

Minutes of Annual Meeting of Lt Bealings Parish held in Bealings Village Hall on Monday 15th April 1996 at 7.30 p.m.

Six member of Council present, plus 3 parishioners.

Mr J. Ward, as Chairman of Council, took Chair and welcomed those present.

MINUTES of Annual Parish meeting held on 10th April, 1995, were read, confirmed and signed.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Mr Ward drew attention to number of changes in Parish Council. Mr JOHN Theodosius had resigned after serving almost 20yrs, 12 of those as Chairman. Mr George Ball, had been a councillor since 1982 and Vice Chairman since 1991, also resigned, together with Mr. Tony Cook who had served since 1991. 3 new Cllrs. Had been elected, Mr John MAXTED, Miss Deirdre Williams and Mr Eric McCoy.

SINKS PIT continues to appear on Agenda. Enforcement Orders issued by CC to prevent material importation were quashed by Inspector at Appeal. One of these at present awaiting decision of Sec. of State following a legal challenge. A Liaison meeting was held in November bringing together representative of operators & residents, who were far from satisfied by statements made by Company.

KESGRAVE BYPASS Proposed route still shown on Sfk Coastal maps, but Council have been assured no policy to promote bypass, which was rejected at Inquiry 2 yrs ago, merely to protect route.

GRID REFERENCES A scheme to provide O.S. grid references for certain remote or difficult to find properties in parish, was introduced this year, to assist emergency services.

SPEED LIMITS A 30MPH speed limit was introduced by CC within parish, as part of a larger scheme for all villages in County. Parish Council wished this limit to include HOLLY Lane junction with HOLLY Close, but CC decided against this. It is hoped this junction will be included when CC review all areas, once whole scheme is complete.

FINANCE Support given to various activities, including a contribution of £250 towards disabled persons' toilet in Village Hall & £50 towards 700TH Anniversary celebrations of "ALL SAINT'S" church. £67 paid to Dist. Council for administrative expenses in respect of Parish Council elections, although no contest in parish.

PRECEPT Salary scales for Parish Clerks had been revised, resulting in an increased wages bill. Council decided to increase request for Precept to £1,200.

TRAINING COURSE New Cllr. Mr. J, Maxted attended a course for Parish Cllrs, run by S.A.L.C. considered to be very worthwhile & recommended to other Cllrs.

ARCHIVES It was decided to deposit older P. Council records with Sfk Record Office, Gatacre Rd, Ipswich for safe keeping & to make them available for research.

GRIT & SAND BINS Council currently considering providing bins for sand & grit, which is supplied by Sfk CC for spreading on roads in icy weather.

REMEMBRANCE DAY Churchwarden has been approached regarding suggestion to ring Church bells to announce a 2 minute silence.

"RURAL ENGLAND" Mr Ward attended a meeting on Government's white paper which promises, amongst other things, to give more power to Parish Councils.

In conclusion, Chairman thanked Clerk & fellow members for their help & support during past year. Mrs J Cook proposed adoption of report, seconded by Mr E McCoy.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS A Parishioner commented upon speed limit still being broken by a few people, & could police monitor this. Subject to be raised with P.C. Sheeran.

MEETING closed with Mr Ward thanking all those who had attended.

J.R. Ward
Chairman