

Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting of Little Bealings Parish Council held at Bealings Village Hall on MONDAY 6th April 1998 at 7.30 p.m.

All seven members of Council present, plus Sfk. C.C. Cllr. Mr S Bestow & 3 parishioners. Mr J. Ward, as Chairman of Council, took Chair and welcomed those present.

MINUTES of Annual Parish meeting held on 7th April, 1997, were read, confirmed and signed.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Mr Ward stated the Council had met on 8 occasions & had dealt with 15 planning applications, majority of which the District Council had determined in accordance with our recommendations, although 3 were approved despite recommended refusal.

SINKS PIT had as usual figured prominently on the Agenda. The most recent application similar to that which was refused in previous year, but omitting Firecrest Nursery site. This application, although refusal recommended by Parish Council, was considered at a recent meeting on 2nd April, when permission was granted by Sfk.C.C.

After joining PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP, thus allowing P. Council more control over maintenance on footpaths & signs, a grant of £68 was awarded by Sfk.CC. A programme of upgrading signposts & waymarkers, & clearance of footpaths was organised by Mrs. J. Cook, with working being carried out by Mr G. Ball.

As anticipated a sum of £500 was put aside towards a capital fund for VILLAGE HALL, the object being to gradually build up a capital sum for any future major repairs & expenses. A similar sum has been budgeted for coming year. V.A.T. recovery, as a result of Council acting as paymaster in respect of grants to Village Hall by District Council, resulted in a saving of £1,169.15.

Councillors had attended various meetings, including S.A.L.C, Parish Liaison meetings, Police Forums, & recently 2 cllrs. had attended a Planning Seminar held by Dist. Council. After a period of absence, Council is again represented on Village Hall Committee.

Other Matters considered, included the introduction of a larger mobile library vehicle, which meant stop at Beacon Lane was no longer possible.

Guide Lines had been drawn up governing award of grants to charitable bodies, in future, grants should be for "local activities which would have a direct benefit to a significant proportion of the Parishioners".

Council has recently considered a proposal from parents of children attending school, that a white line, 2 ft. from one side of The Street, should be provided by C.C. to afford a safe walking area from Village Hall car park. A survey amongst residents living in The Street who would be most affected, resulted in Council voting to oppose this proposal.

Mrs. Cook had attended a number of meetings concerning a proposal put forward by Kesgrave P.C. for a circular walk, taking in adjacent parishes, including Little Bealings.

In conclusion the Chairman thanked Clerk & fellow Cllrs. for their efforts & support during past year.

Mrs. J. Cook proposed adoption of Report, seconded by Mr. A Cook.

MEETING closed with Chairman thanking all those who had attended.

J R Ward