

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Little Bealings Parish held at Bealings Village Hall on Monday, 4 April 2005 at 7.30pm

Present: Mr J Ward, Mrs J Cook, Mr M Dunnett, Mrs F Rogers, Mrs J Shaw, Miss D Williams and three parishioners

Mr Ward, as Chairman of the Parish Council took the chair and welcomed those present.

Apologies were received from Mr K Beaumont, Mr S Hudson (SCC Cllr) and PC R Nice (Community Policeman)

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 5 April 2004 were read, confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Chairman's Report:

The Parish Council had held 8 meetings during the year. Dr Rowe had resigned and Mr Dunnett had been co-opted to replace him.

Planning Applications: 14 applications had been considered and most determined broadly in accordance with the Council's recommendations.

Finance: The Precept had remained at £2,000 and there was a small surplus to carry forward. A capital donation of £500 had been made to the refurbishment of the Angela Cobbold Hall.

Footpaths: The Parish continued to belong to the P3 scheme, with maintenance work organised by Mrs Cook and carried out by Mr G Ball.

Playing Field: There had been much consideration of a proposed refurbishment of the Playing Field with Great Bealings proposing a scheme which included play areas, football and tennis facilities at a cost of about £85,000. The Parish Council would be considering the outcome of public consultation on the proposal at its next meeting – which followed the Annual Parish Meeting.

Code of Conduct for Members: The introduction of the Code, which required Councillors to declare interests in items under discussion, had impacted on meetings. Some concern had been expressed about the provisions of the Code and the Standards Board for England was currently consulting on possible revisions.

Clerk: Mrs S Chenery, a great help and support to the Chairman as Clerk, had resigned and her replacement, Mrs C Ramsden, was proving competent and efficient.

The meeting unanimously agreed to the adoption of the report.

Any Other Business: No matters were raised.

The Chairman thanked those present for attending and closed the meeting.