

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Little Bealings held by Zoom, with participants in remote attendance on Monday, 1 March 2021 at 7.00pm

Present: Mr I Ransome, Mr M Garnham, Ms D Head, Dr C Hopkins, Mr D Hunter, Ms H Saagi and Mrs M Wilson (Parish Councillors), Mr Colin Hedgley (District Councillor), the Reverend Gary Jones (Priest in Charge at All Saints Church) and over twenty residents/members of the public

In attendance: Mrs C Ramsden, Clerk to the Parish Council

Mr Ransome, as Chairman of the Parish Council, took the chair and welcomed those present. He asked if anyone was recording the meeting; no one said that they were.

Apologies: Apologies had been received from one resident on behalf of the Residents Covid Support Network, but a report had been provided.

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 2 March 2020: The minutes were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman of the meeting.

Matters Arising from the Minutes: No matters were raised.

Parish Council Chairman's Report

The report is at Appendix 1. The Chairman read the report.

There were no questions.

Other Reports

Bealings Village Hall Trust Report

The report is at Appendix 2 and was presented by a member of the Village Hall Management Committee.

There were no questions.

Parochial Church Council Report

The report is at Appendix 3 and was presented by Reverend Jones.

There were no questions.

Residents Covid Support Network

The report is at Appendix 4 and was presented by the Chairman of the Council.

There were no questions.

Fynn Lark News

The report is at Appendix 5 and was presented by the Editor.

There were no questions.

Any Other Reports

Angela Cobbold Hall Trustees

The report is at Appendix 6 and was presented by a Trustee.

Friends of the Admiral's Head (FoTAH)

The Chairman of FoTAH confirmed that the Admiral's Head was no longer being marketed for sale and that bids, including FoTAH's, had been rejected. A planning application for change of use to a private dwelling had been refused and the Local Plan prevented change of use being granted for an Asset of Community Value. It remained FoTAH's intention to secure the re-opening of the pub and use of the car park for the village. As the owners would not engage in negotiations, the only way forward was to pursue Compulsory Purchase; East Suffolk Council had the power to do this and Fotah was awaiting legal advice on this option.

It was hoped to start 'pop-up' pubs again in June if restrictions allowed it. The Chairman stated that he wished to participate in the local zoom meeting being arranged with Dr Poulter, MP, on 18 March.

A resident commented on the ACH Trustees report and that he was delighted that Reverend Jones had joined the ACH Committee.

Report on the Church Tearoom

The report is at Appendix 7 and was presented by Reverend Jones.

Any Other Business:

There were no matters raised with the Council.

The author of a history of Bealings advised that there were orders for some 50 copies and he was delighted to be putting the villages' rich history into words.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.40pm.