

- CHAIRMAN Cllor Mr. A.R.Palmer in the Chair.
- PRESENT Cllors Messrs A.R.Palmer, S.V.Jacobs, W.E.Bradshaw, A.J.Apps, W.J.Knott and Mrs V.C.Sanders.
- ABSENCE Apology for absence was received from Cllor Mr. S.Filby.
- ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN. Cllor Mr. Apps proposed that Cllor Mr. A.R.Palmer be elected Chairman for the ensuing year. Seconded by Cllor Mr. Knott and unanimously agreed.
- ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN. Cllor Mr. Apps proposed that Cllor Mr. Jacobs be elected Vice Chairman for the coming year. Seconded by Cllor Mrs Sanders and unanimously agreed.
- DECLARATION of acceptance of office was made by the Chairman Cllor Mr.A. R.Palmer.
- K.A.P.C. & Area Committee Reps. Cllor Mr. Apps proposed that Cllor Mr. Filby and Cllor Mrs Sanders be elected as this council's representatives for the Kent Association of Parish Councils and Area Committee. Seconded by Cllor Mr Jacobs and agreed.
- MINUTES The Minutes of the previous Meeting were confirmed and signed.
- HIGHWAYS. Complaints were still received about the noise and vibration caused by vehicles passing over the section near 120 and 122, A.28 Outside Ashford Road. Prior to the Meeting the Members of the Council Townsends. had inspected the road and the Chairman suggested that the Divisional Surveyor be asked to meet him on the site to investigate the trouble. The Clerk was instructed to write to the Divisional Surveyor to fix an appointment.
- RIGHTS OF WAY. Cllor Mr. Jacobs reported that he had made an inspection and the old stile certainly seemed to be either missing completely or only a part was left, and moreover the R.D.C. F.P.464 Contractors had laid a concrete access road to the proposed Sewage Disposal Works from Cockerling Road and this went right across the footpath at the point in question and each side of the road had been fenced off from the fields and no gap left for the footpath. The Clerk was instructed to write to the R.D.C. thereon and a draft of a letter was inspected.
- HIGHWAYS A letter from the Engineer R.D.C. stated they were already Street Name aware that the name plate at the Downs Rd end of Iffin Plate. Lane had been partly destroyed and a new plate was on order.
- STREET LIGHTING. The Clerk reported that estimates had not yet been received from Seeboard, but a letter dated 17th May from K.C.C. stated they were unable to forecast when the A.28 might be considered for "road" lighting but on the information available at present it would appear that it would not be possible to carry out the proposal for some years to come, but the County Council would give consideration to the Parish Council installing a system of road lighting to a good Group B standard. Matter deferred until estimates received from Seeboard.
- THANINGTON CHURCHYARD. A letter dated 14th May from the R.D.C. referred to Yew Tree. a request from Revd. Skepper for financial assistance in respect of tree surgery, and asked whether the Parish Council would contribute out of the "Free Fifth". If financial assistance was made available it was most likely the R.D.C. would make a Tree Preservation Order. The matter was discussed together with a report from the Chairman as to why a T.P.O. was not made when this Council recommended it in 1958. Cllor Mr. Jacobs proposed that the Council in accordance with its powers under Sec. 6 of the L.G.(Financial Provisions) Act 1963 should incur the following expenditure which, in the opinion of the Parish Council, is in the interests of the area or its inhabitants, namely to make a contribution to the Parish Church of St. Nicholas, Thanington, for necessary tree surgery to the 900 year old Yew Tree in the Thanington Churchyard. Seconded by Cllor Mr. Knott and unanimously agreed. The Clerk was instructed to report the Resolution to the RDC.

ACCOUNTS

Cllor Mr. Knott proposed that a cheque for £7. 15/- payable to K.A.P.C. for Annual Subscription £5.5/-; P.C.Reviews £2.5/- and 48 Parish Meeting Posters 5/- be signed. Seconded by Cllor Mr. Apps and unanimously agreed.

HIGHWAYS
Grays Way

A letter dated 17th May from the R.D.C.Engineer stated the new estate road under construction on north side of Tonford Lane would be named Grays Way (and not Grays Crescent as suggested by this Council) and numbered as shown on the plan produced.

K.A.P.C.

Circular No. 61 dated 7th May was read and discussed.

RIGHTS OF WAY
Elevated F.P.
Hollow Lane

The Clerk said a parishioner from Iffin Lane had suggested that the surface of this footpath at the northern end was very rough and needed attention. The Clerk reported that he had made an inspection and the footpath was in reasonable condition but was very much in need of brushing back as the grass, nettles and thistles were growing out over the path. The Clerk was instructed to write to the Divisional Surveyor and ask for it to be brushed back and if possible sprayed with weed killer.

CLOSE

There being no further business the Meeting was closed.

A. H. Smith
17th October 1968