

MINUTES of Annual Parish Council Meeting held at 123,  
Ashford Road, Thanington, Kent, on Friday 30th May 1969

- CHAIRMAN Cllor Mr. A.R. Palmer in the Chair.
- PRESENT Cllors Messrs A.R. Palmer, S.V. Jacobs, W.J. Knott, A.J. Apps, W.E. Bradshaw, A.B. Richardson and Mrs V.C. Sanders.
- ELECTION. A letter dated 6th May 1969 from the Returning Officer was received giving the names of the Councillors as above elected for the period of 3 years to 20th May 1972.
- ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN. Cllor Mr. W.J. Knott proposed that Cllor Mr. A.R. Palmer be elected Chairman for the ensuing year. Seconded by Cllor Mr. S.V. Jacobs and agreed.
- ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN. The Chairman proposed that Cllor Mr. S.V. Jacobs be elected vice chairman for the ensuing year. Seconded by Cllor Mr. Apps and agreed.
- DECLARATION of acceptance of office by the Chairman was made.
- DECLARATIONS of acceptance of office by each Councillor were made.
- BANK. A specimen of the signature of Cllor Mr. A.B. Richardson was taken for the National Provincial Bank Ltd.
- K.A.P.C. Cllors Mrs Sanders and Mr. Bradshaw were appointed this Councils representatives for the purposes of K.A.P.C. and Area Committee meetings.
- MINUTES The Minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed and signed.
- HIGHWAYS A letter dated 3rd April from the County Surveyor confirmed that  
A.28 a certain amount of pushing had occurred over a section of 45 to  
outside 50 yards of A.28 resulting in an uneven surface but the road was  
Townsend's not breaking up, and funds would not permit of remedial measures  
Uneven being taken until a new surface has to be laid.  
road. Matter discussed and decided to write the County Surveyor that  
this did not help with complaints the Council receives of  
excessive vibration caused by vehicles passing along the road  
creating cracking of ceilings in nearby houses, and in  
conjunction with the uneven surface there was the complaint of  
Surface an undue amount of surface water which would not drain away and  
Water. was being thrown up over the pavements.
- GARDEN WEEDS. It was reported that the weeds in the front garden had been  
130, Ash- brushed back and apparently some attempt had been made to reduce  
Ford Rd the weeds and grass in the back garden. The hedge fronting A.28  
had been cut back.
- ACCOUNTS Cllor Mrs Sanders proposed that the following accounts be passed  
for payment:-  
K.A.P.C. Annual Subscription 1969/70 £5. 5. -  
Parish Council Reviews £2. 11. - £7. 16. -  
H.A. Sheppard & Co. Ltd. Midland Employers 3rd Pty  
liability Insce due 20 May £3. - -  
Commercial Union Assce Co. Councillors Personal  
Accident Insce due 1 June £3. - -  
Seconded by Cllor Mr. Jacobs and unanimously agreed.
- RATEABLE VALUE A letter dated 9th May from R.D.C. Treasurer stated the  
of Parish Rateable Value of the parish on 1st April 1969 was £26,833.  
1/4/69 This was an increase of £1799 over last year, and produced a  
penny rate product of £121.16/-
- K.A.P.C. Circular No. 64 dated 1st May 1969 was read and discussed
- TONFORD LANE. Letters were received from the Divisional Surveyor, R.D.C.  
Speed Clerk and County Surveyor the effect of which were that the  
Limit. County Surveyor and Police did not agree that a speed limit  
should be imposed and regarding a footpath this had been placed  
on the County priority list but because of the minor nature of  
the road it would not receive a very high rating.  
Decided to write to the RDC that the Council were far from

- TONFORD LANE Speed Limit. satisfied with the decisions of both the K.C.C. and the Chief Constable and sooner or later there would be an accident and if there was no means of preventing vehicles travelling too fast in Tonford Lane it would seem the only alternative would be for the provision of a footpath to be given a high rating on the priority list.
- NEW HOUSE LANE. kerb stones. The question of the possibility of kerbing stones on the corner of New House Close with its junction to New House Lane was discussed, and Cllors Messrs Apps and Knott would investigate and report back at the next meeting.
- RIGHTS OF WAY F.P.491 The Clerk reported that no reply had yet been received in regard to the stiles on this footpath.
- Elevated F.P. A letter dated 3rd April from the Div. Surveyor said the question of overgrown foliage would receive attention.
- STREET LIGHTING. The results of the decision at the Annual Assembly of the Parish Meeting which decided against calling a Special Meeting with a view to adopting the lighting powers was discussed at length. It was decided by the Council to hold a Special Meeting in September at a date to be fixed at the next Parish Council Meeting.
- CLERK'S SALARY. Cllor Mr. Knott proposed that the Clerk's salary be increased to £38 per annum in accordance with the formula based on the new Rateable value with effect from 1st April 1969. Seconded by Cllor Mr. Jacobs and agreed.
- PLANNING APPLICATIONS. Planning application for vehicle access at 138, Ashford Rd was received.
- HIGHWAYS A.28 Car on footpath. Cllor Mr. Jacobs called attention to the car belonging to the owner of 138, Ashford Rd, Mr. I. Mitchell, which was always parked after dark partly on the footpath and with only a parking light on it. Decided to try and have a word with Mr. Mitchell about same before taking other action.
- PRIVATE RIGHT OF WAY. Between Ashford Rd-Tonford Lane & Grays Way. Cllor Mr. Richardson called attention to the fact that the private right of way was becoming a dump for rubbish chiefly in the form of garden waste and weeds. It was very unsightly and it was possible the decomposing rubbish would attract rats. Decided to write to the Senior Public Health Officer on the matter.
- NEW HOUSE CLOSE Numbering. Cllor Mr. Knott said complaints had been received that letters intended for houses in New House Close were being delivered to houses with the same numbers in New House Lane and vice versa there being a similarity in the names of the roads. Decided this was a matter for the individual householders to take up with the Postmen at least in the first instance.
- CLOSE There being no further business the meeting was closed.

*Apps*  
 15th August 1969