

MINUTES of Parish Council Meeting held at 123, Ashford Road, Thanington, Kent, on Tuesday, 12th December 1967.

CHAIRMAN

Cllor Mr. A.R. Palmer in the Chair.

PRESENT

Cllors Messrs A.R. Palmer, S.V. Jacobs, S. Filby, A.J. Apps, W.J. Knott, W.E. Bradshaw and Mrs V.C. Sanders.

Mr. R.M. SWAIN

The Chairman asked the Members to stand in memory of Mr. Richard Mark Swain a former member of this Council for very many years who had died on the 18th November last.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were confirmed and signed.

HIGHWAYS

A letter dated 27th November from the Divisional Surveyor K.C.C. dealt with the following matters:-

A.28
Surface
Water.
etc.

Surface Water A.28 between 159, Ashford Rd and bus lay-by. This would receive attention.

Footpath crossovers, Thanington P.O. and Ashford Rd Club. These crossovers have been resurfaced.

New House Lane - surface water. The K.C.C. have been requested not to cut grips in farmland to let off water from the public highway.

New House Lane - widening. Financial restrictions do not permit widening at the moment but it would be added to the list of schemes to be carried out at a later date.

Hollow Lane/New House Lane. The bank at this junction will be brushed back and blocked soakway will receive attention. Cllor Mr. Knott said the brushing back had been carried out.

Hollow Lane - tree roots. The Div. Surveyor was in communication with the City Engineer on this matter.

A.28

Opening of road of road outside Townsends Factory. Cllor Mr. Jacobs called attention to the road and path opening by one of the Water or Gas Services across the road and path from Mrs Swains bungalow 120, Ashford Rd to Townsends factory and that the re-instatement was not a particularly good job. Also Townsends vehicles running over the re-instated road were creating an abnormal amount of noise and vibration.

RIGHTS OF WAY
F.P.491 etc.

The Clerk said he had reminded Cllor Mr. Knott that it would not be advisable to make an inspection of these F.P.'s in view of the request by the K.C.C. to keep away from farmland during the Foot & Mouth Disease outbreak, so this matter would have to be deferred.

F.P. 489
or 464
Stile

A letter dated 28th November from the Clerk to the R.D.C. confirmed that the path referred to must be F.P.464 and the defective stile is on such path. Here again inspection of the path would have to be deferred owing to the Foot & Mouth Disease restrictions.

HIGHWAYS
dogs

The Clerk reported that the notices had been put up on the Council's Notice Board at the Church and also at the Hanging Banks lay-by. The first notice at the lay-by had been torn down within an hour and a half of posting it there, but another had been posted.

COUNCILLORS
University
Lectures

A letter dated 21st Novr from the R.D.C. asked the Council to reconsider its observations regarding parish councillors attending lectures. Decided to leave the matter on the table for further consideration if desirable.

ACCOUNTS

Cllor Mr. Jacobs proposed that the account for one third telephone rental charge for Decr at 64150 for the Clerk £1. 3. 4. be passed for payment. Seconded by Cllor Mr. Filby and agreed.

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STREET LIGHTING. A letter dated 28th November from Banks & Son, Folkestone asked for this Council's street lighting requirements and enclosed a plan showing their proposals for 6 lamp standards. The Clerk was instructed to reply that as this Council had not adopted the lighting section of the Parish Councils Act and had no other street lighting, they did not require street lights on the new development.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS. An application for the erection of one dwelling and garage on land at the S.W. end of Hassall Reach was discussed. The Clerk was instructed to write the Engineer R.D.C. that the Council considered this land unsuitable for such dwelling as the land becomes waterlogged.

COUNCILLORS. In regard to a question raised by a Member as to an increase in the number of Councillors for this parish the Clerk reported that the number was ascertained from a scale fixed by the K.C.C. on the number of local government electors in the parish. Between 251 and 700 the councillors allowed were 7, which is the number on this present Council. The electors in the parish numbered 617 so no increase was yet possible.

CLOSE There being no further business the Meeting was closed.

W. D. Russell
2nd Feb. 1968