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MINUTES of Parish Council Meeting held at 123, Ashford Road, Thanington, Kent, on Friday, 4th October 1968.

- CHAIRMAN Councillor Mr. A.R. Palmer in the Chair,
- PRESENT Councillors Messrs A.R. Palmer, A.J. Apps, S.V. Jacobs, W.J. Knott and Mrs V.C. Sanders.
- ABSENCES Apologies for absence were received from Cllors Messrs Filby and Bradshaw.
- MINUTES The Minutes of the previous Meeting were confirmed and signed.
- HIGHWAYS
A.28 Outside Townsends Factory
A letter from the Divisional Surveyor stated that on 31st May a meeting was held with the Police and representatives of the Traffic Engineering Section concerning complaints in regard to this section of road and it was decided that the County Surveyor be requested to carry out skid tests and other road examinations to determine the sideway force coefficient. It was stated that due to the removal of the 30 m.p.h. limit vehicles were now travelling through Ashford Rd at speeds in excess of 40 mp.h. and a lot of the problem was caused by indiscriminate parking of motor cars. The Police had agreed to investigate that matter. The Clerk was instructed to write the Divisional Surveyor as to the result of the skid tests etc and to point out that within the last fortnight another vehicle had knocked down part of the roadside wall of Townsends Factory caused by a vehicle swerving due to the unsatisfactory state of the road.
- Street Name Plate The Members from New House Lane reported that the name plate at the Downs Road end of Iffin Lane had been replaced.
- New House Lane Surface Water Cllor Mr. Knott reported that he had met the Divisional Surveyor on the site in New House Lane and it was understood The Div. Surveyor was going to ask Mr. Howland of Wincheap Farm if he would allow the water to be diverted on to his farm land. The Clerk was instructed to write the Div. Surveyor thanking him for Meeting Mr. Knott and to let us know the result of his request to Mr. Howland.
- RIGHTS OF WAY
F.P.464 Letters from the R.D.C. dated 20th June and 1st August admitted that the R.D.C. were at fault in allowing a fence to be erected on the eastern boundary of the new access road where it crossed the footpath and asked if the Parish Council agreed to the R.D.C. providing a stile in such fence, if so the RDC would apply to the County Council for permission. Decided that the Parish Council agreed with such proposal.
- STREET LIGHTING. The Clerk reported that estimates had not yet been received but he had written Seeboard again.
- THANINGTON CHURCHYARD. The Clerk read the correspondence ~~and~~ he had entered into with the Clerk to the R.D.C. as he considered the Parish Council had existing powers under Sec. 10 of the P.C. Act 1957 to make a grant to the Parochial Church Council for tree surgery to the ancient Yew Tree rather than exercising the powers of the "Free Fifth" (i.e. Sec. 6 of Local Authorities (Financial Provisions) Act 1963. The R.D.C. upon taking advice agreed. Under these circumstances Cllor Mr. Knott proposed that the Council under the provisions of Sec.10 of the P.C. Act 1957 make a contribution of Twenty five pounds to the Parochial Church Council of Thanington for necessary tree surgery. Seconded by Cllor Mr. Jacobs and unanimously agreed.
- ADDITIONAL PRECEPT. The Clerk reported that consequent upon the proposed contribution to the P.C.C. the Council would have to make an additional precept. Cllor Mr. Jacobs proposed the council precept on the R.D.C. for £25. Seconded by Cllor Mr. Knott and agreed.
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RIGHTS OF WAY A letter from the Divisional Surveyor dated 6th June stated
Elevated F.P. that grass cutting etc is carried out in accordance with
Nettles etc. his programme and the work to this footpath would be done
in rotation.

ACCOUNTS. Cllor Mr. Apps proposed that the following account be passed
for payment:-
E.E.G.Kite. Clerk. Half years salary
to 30 Sep 1968 £16. - -
One 3rd telephone rental
charge at 64150 for June
& Sepr quarters £2. 6. 8.
KAPC for 3 Financial
Statement forms for
year ended 31.3.68. £1. 3. 11.
Seconded by Cllor Mrs V.C.Sanders and unanimously agreed.

HIGHWAYS Maintenance. A letter dated 20th August from the RDC asked for instances
of neglect in the maintenance of highways such as potholes
vegetation in gutters and untidy grass verges.
Matter discussed and decided to call attention to the northern
end of Tonford Lane at the approach to the footbridge which
is untidy with overgrown vegetation and the surface near the
approach to the old ford was pretty rough.
Also decided to report the matter of the unsatisfactory state
of the A.28 as reported to the K.C.C.

COMMONS ACT NOTICES. The Clerk reported he had received Notices which had
been posted up regard objections to be lodged against any
registrations which had been made.

K.A.P.C. Notice from the K.A.P.C. of the 21st Annual General Meeting
to be held at Maidstone on Sat. 19th Octr. was received
and the Agenda discussed, particularly in regard to the
proposed siting of the Third London Airport at Sheppey.
Cllor Mrs Sanders who had attended the Area Meeting reported
on the discussion which took place at that meeting.
The Chairman said he would endeavour to go to the Annual
General Meeting.

TONFORD BRIDGE. The Clerk reported that he had been informed on 9th Sepr
that one section of the handrail of the bridge had disappeared
making it dangerous for people using the bridge. He had
notified the Divisional Surveyors office and temporary repairs
had been effected immediately.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS. Four Applications were received and discussed.

TELEPHONE KIOSK. Cllor Mr. Knott reported that the kiosk at the corner
of New House Lane - Hollow Lane - Iffin Lane had been
frequently damaged and put out of action recently. The
question of having the kiosk moved further up New House Lane
was discussed but abandoned as it would not be fair to people
from Iffin Lane. Decided to write to the G.P.O. generally
on the matter.

CLOSE There being no further business the Meeting was closed.

W.C. Sanders
20 January 1968