

MINUTES of Parish Council Meeting held at 123, Ashford Road, Thanington, Kent, on Thursday 26th March 1970.

- CHAIRMAN Cllor Mr. A.R. Palmer in the Chair.
- PRESENT Cllors Messrs A.R. Palmer, S.V. Jacobs, W.J. Knott, A.J. Apps, A.B. Richardson, W.E. Bradshaw and Mrs V.C. Sanders.
- MINUTES The Minutes of the previous Meeting were confirmed and signed.
- HIGHWAYS A.28 near Townsends The Clerk reported that nothing further had been heard from the County Surveyor regarding his promised investigation. Decided to write again to ask whether he had again looked into the matter of vibration etc and if so to let us know the results.
- Tonford Lane. It was reported that nothing had been done. Decided to write again to the Divisional Surveyor that it was considered the clearing of nettles and repairs should be done before the Spring.
- Nettles - repairs
- WAYSIDE SEATS. The Clerk reported that Mr. Baker, the Builder owner of the piece of verge land at junction of Grays Way with A.28 had given his consent for a seat to be placed on the land.
- A letter dated 13th Feb from the County Surveyor gave consent for the seat to be placed on land adjoining the elevated footpath subject to certain conditions one of which was that the K.C.C. must be indemnified against all claims in connection with the seat including claims under Sections 67(6) and 78(2) of the Highways Act 1959.
- The Clerk said it would appear the Council's Public Liability Insurance Policy would cover this indemnity but it was decided to write to the Midland Employers Mutual Assurance Ltd to confirm this. Purchase of the seats to be deferred pending a reply.
- HIGHWAYS Double White Lines Milton Bridge. A letter dated 9th Febr from the Divisional Surveyor said the Traffic Engineering Section K.C.C. stated it was not possible to lay double white lines over Milton Bridge as the criteria for such lines would not include that section of the highway.
- In reply to a letter from the Clerk the County Surveyor said the criteria was too complex to explain in detail but broadly speaking the criteria are based on the speed not exceeded by 85 per cent of the traffic using the section of road concerned, combined with the visibility distances, but a further speed measurement would be taken as soon as it could be arranged.
- HIGHWAYS A.28. Dead Trees. and rubbish in layby. A letter from the Div. Surveyor stated the trees were in the ownership of Messrs Brett. The dead tree adjacent to the highway would be removed and Bretts would be requested to deal with the others. Nothing had yet been done, nor had the rubbish in the lay-by been cleared up.
- HIGHWAYS. New House Lane. Halt markings. Nothing of a substantial nature had yet been done and it was decided to leave this matter until the next meeting.
- PUBLIC HEALTH. Cllor Mr. Richardson reported that the unpleasant smell Sewage smell Grays Way. was still noticeable but it was not known from where it came.
- STREET LIGHTING. A.28 A letter dated 2nd March from the County Surveyor said an application had been submitted to the Min of Transport for its approval to a Group A.2 lighting scheme for the A.28 from City boundary to Hanging Banks, and the scheme would consist of sodium semi cut-off lanterns on 10 metre steel columns and we would be informed of the Ministers decision as soon as it was known.

HIGHWAYS Cars on Pavement. A.28 The Clerk reported that the Council's letter to the Police had been acknowledged. Cllor Mr. Jacobs said that Mr. W. Taylor of 102, Ashford Road continued to park his car on the pavement in the mornings between about 8 to 9 a.m. and at weekends at various intermittent times. Cllor Mr. Jacobs proposed that the Police should be written to and given the name and address of Taylor with a request that he should be warned. Seconded by Cllor Mr. Knott and agreed.

HIGHWAYS A.28 pavement junction of Grays Way. A letter from the City Engineer stated the appropriate Utility Undertaking had been consulted and promised to give immediate attention to re-instatement. The Clerk said he had spoken to the Engineers Dept. who said works had been carried out. Members stated that proper re-instatement had not been made and the path was dangerous. The Clerk was instructed to write to the City Engineer pointing out the danger and asking that the paving stones be properly re-set and levelled.

ACCOUNTS Cllor Mr. Richardson proposed that the following account be passed for payment:-

E. Kite. Clerk. Half years salary to 31 Mar 1970	£19. - -
One third telephone rental at 64150 March quarter	1. 6. 8.
Nalgo Fidelity Insce of Clerk	- 3. -
Two copies Electors Lists 1970	- 10. -
Years postages & telephone calls	£1. 12. 6.
	<u>£22. 12. 2.</u>

Seconded by Cllor Mr. Knott and unanimously agreed.

HARRIS CHARITY ACCOUNTS. The Harris Pension Charity Accounts for the year ended 4th February 1970 as examined and checked by the Clerk of the Council were produced for inspection. Proposed by Cllor Mr. Bradshaw that the Accounts be accepted for presentation to the Annual Parish Meeting in accordance with the provisions of the Parish Councils Act Sect. 11 (1). Seconded by Cllor Mrs Sanders and agreed.

HIGHWAYS. Tonford Lane. Notice of the one way Order for part of Tonford Lane was received from the County Council.

HIGHWAYS Tonford Lane. The Clerk reported that holes had been discovered in three Post Office Man-holes. Office manhole covers in Tonford Lane to the north of the railway and reported to the P.O. A letter dated 23rd March from P.O. Telephones stated they had been repaired. Cllor Mr. Jacobs said he would check this during the weekend.

ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING. Decided to hold this meeting on Thursday, 21st May 1970 at 8 p.m. at 123, Ashford Road.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS. One Application for erection of dwelling on land at rear of 90 Ashford Rd was received and discussed.

HIGHWAYS. Surface Water. New House Cllor Mr. Knott said the patience of the people in New House Lane had come to an end regarding the question of the vast amount of surface water streaming down New House Lane. The Clerk was instructed to write immediately to the Div. Surveyor and K.C.C. Surveyor asking for the soakaway to be constructed in Howlands land as promised in a letter from the Div. Surveyor in Jan 1969.

HIGHWAYS. Trees. Cllor Mrs Sanders put forward a request for planting of trees in Bramley Avenue. Decided no action be taken.

REFUSE BAGS. Cllors Mrs Sanders said complaints had been received that the refuse bags split very easily. Decided no action be taken as with a little care in placing them in the holder they would not tear.

CLOSE There being no further business the Meeting was closed.

W. Sanders
21st May 1970