

MINUTES of Parish Council Meeting held at 123, Ashford Road,
Thanington, Kent, on Thursday, 28th January 1971.

- CHAIRMAN Cllor Mr. A.R. Palmer in the Chair.
- PRESENT Cllors Messrs A.R. Palmer, S.V. Jacobs, W.E. Bradshaw, A.B. Richardson, A.J. Apps, W.J. Knott and Mrs V.C. Sanders.
- MINUTES The Minutes of the Meeting of 21st Octr 1970 and the Extraordinary Meeting of 11th Decr. 1970, were confirmed and signed.
- HIGHWAYS A letter dated 6th Novr 1970 from the Divisional Surveyor stated
New House Lane that before the new lines were laid down the Traffic Engineering Section inspected the site and the lines had been laid in accordance with their instructions and he was not in a position to vary their decision.
- New House Lane Water. A letter dated 6th Nov from the Div. Surveyor stated investigations would be made and remedial works carried out in order to carry the surface water to the gully and then to the soakaway. Cllors Messrs Knott and Apps reported that nothing had yet been done. Decided to leave matter over until next meeting.
- G.P.O. Manholes. Cllor Mr. Knott reported that the road surface around New House Lane the manhole outside 4 New House Lane was in a shocking state with a 6 inch deep cavity. A letter dated 6th Novr from the Div. Surveyor stated the Post Office would be informed and asked to effect repairs. Clerk instructed to write to the Div. Surveyor suggesting he carried out proper repairs to the surface and then charged the G.P.O. with the cost.
- Ashford Rd. It was reported that nothing had been done about the three manhole covers belonging to the G.P.O. which required attention as they were sticking up well above the surface. Cllor Mr. Jacobs said the whole pavement required resurfacing. As it was understood the pavement kerbing and probably the pavement on the north side would shortly be attended to it was decided to leave the matter for the time being.
- HIGHWAYS Grays Way It was reported that the overhanging foliage had now been brushed back.
- RURAL BUS SERVICES. The Chairman and Cllor Mr. Knott who attended the Grants meeting at the RDC office on 17th Decr 1970 gave a report the effect of which was that the majority of the parishes were in favour of subsidies being made to the Bus Company but before any decision was made the Bus Co. must be requested to go into the question of revising schedules.
- ACCOUNTS Cllor Mrs Sanders proposed that the following account be passed for payment:-
E. Kite. Clerk. 1/3rd Telephone rental at
64150 Decr Qr £1.14.4., Audit stamp year
ending 31 Mar 1970 £2. £3. 14.4.
Seconded by Cllor Mr. Bradshaw and unanimously agreed.
- TUFTY CLUBS. A letter dated 2nd Nov 1970 from the RDC called attention to the possibility of forming a Tufty Club for young children in the parish for the purpose of teaching road safety. No action taken as it was considered the parish was too near to possible similar organisations in the City.
- K.A.P.C. Circular 68 dated 8th January was read and discussed.
- MOBILE ROAD SAFETY DISPLAY. A letter dated 4th Jan from the RDC called attention to the County Mobile Road Safety Display unit which was available for Fetes etc. Cllor Mr. Bradshaw said he would see whether the Ashford Road Social Club were interested in connection with their Annual Show.

RIGHTS OF WAY A letter dated 19th January from the RDC stated complaints had been received that there was a padlocked gate on Footpath 420 and that Bridleway 358 was blocked with young trees. Matter discussed and clerk instructed to write to the RDC and ask for the names and addresses of the complainants so that this Council could ask them to meet Members of the Council to show them exactly where the obstructions were.

F.P. 420
B.R. 358

PLANNING.

Three Planning Applications were received and discussed together with copies of permissions and refusals. In regard to Application ES/6/72/13 - Conversion of 22, Bramley Avenue into two Flats, the Clerk was instructed to write the RDC that the property would appear to have been converted into two flats for some considerable time and the flats were already numbered 22a and 22b. Also that there appeared to be a car port and was planning permission given for that. The Clerk was also to inform the RDC that No. 18, Bramley Avenue appeared to have been converted into flats.

PRECEPT.

Estimates for the precept for the year ending 31 March 1972 were produced and discussed. Cllor Mr. Apps proposed that the Council precept for £70. Seconded by Cllor Mr. Bradshaw and agreed.

AUDIT

The Clerk reported that the Audit for the year ended 31 Mar 1970 had been completed.

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF PARISH MEETING. It was decided to hold this Meeting on Monday 29th March at 7.45 p.m. at Ashford Road Social Club preceded by a Parish Council Meeting on Thursday 25th March.

HIGHWAYS

Cllor Mr. Richardson commented that the K.C.C. had done Snow clearing. nothing to clear the snow from Tonford Lane and Grays Way. The Chairman said the difficulty appeared to be the availability of labour and machines as the main roads were attended to first.

CLOSE

There being no further business the Meeting was closed.

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