

MINUTES of Parish Council Meeting held at 123, Ashford Road, Thanington, Kent, on Friday 5th November 1971.

- 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 and Mrs V.C.Sanders.
- ABSENCE Apology for absence received from Cllor Mr. W.E.Bradshaw.
- MINUTES The Minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed & signed.
- HIGHWAYS Generally. A report on the Meeting of the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Clerk with the Divisional Surveyor on 28th September when an inspection of A.28 was made, was given to the Members. The Div. Surveyor stated that resurfacing of the north side pavement with new kerbing, additional storm water drains, repairs and resurfacing of the south side pavement and general repairs to some parts of the road were all in the estimates for next year. The Hanging Banks lay-by would be cleared of rubbish (this had since been done). The Thanington Without village signs would be repainted. The surface water drain and soakaway in New House Lane would be attended to so the water drained away properly.
- HIGHWAYS A.28 Name Plate. The Chairman reported that the name plate "Ashford Road" had now been re-erected on the road side of the fence at Reed Cottage, and the fence had been re-erected behind the electric street light standard.
- LITTER BIN The Clerk reported that the Litter Bin had been installed on the grass verge at corner of Grays Way, and the Public Health Officer, R.D.C. had been requested to empty the bin when the normal household refuse was collected in the district.
- HIGHWAYS Speed of vehicles A.28 Correspondence from the Kent County Police stated recent attention to the road by motor cycle patrols and radar crews confirmed that by far the majority of motorists using the road conformed to the speed limit. The Chairman said that during one of the radar patrols, vehicles parked along the roadside very obviously slowed down the traffic but certain people had been caught and prosecuted.
- HIGHWAYS. Grit. New House Lane. Cllors Messrs Knott and Apps called attention to the enormous amount of grit laying about in New House Lane. Clerk instructed to ask the Divisional Surveyor to have this cleared up.
- Tonford Bridge. Repairs. Cllor Mr. Jacobs reported that he had found that one of the middle rails on the north side of the bridge was missing and the Clerk had notified the Div. Surveyor. The Bridge had now been repaired.
- ACCOUNTS Cllor Mrs Sanders proposed that the following accounts be passed for payment:-  
R.A.Lister & Co.Ltd. Monmouth Litter Bin £6.08  
E.Kite.Clerk. Half years salary to  
30 Sept 1971 £30.00  
 $\frac{1}{3}$  Telephone rental  
64150 Sept Qr. 1.72 £31.72  
Seconded by Cllor Mr. Jacobs and unanimously agreed.
- NATURAL GAS The Chairman reported that arrangements had been made for the South Eastern Gas Board to give a Presentation on Natural Gas at the Ashford Road Social Club for the benefit of parishioners at 7.45 p.m. on Monday 24th April 1972
- STREET LIGHTING. A.28 The Clerk reported that Seeboard had promised that work would start by 10th Novr on the laying of cables and the lights should be in operation by 30th November on this principal road lighting scheme.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT reorganisation. A letter dated 4th October with draft proposals from the K.A.P.C. for submission to the Boundary Commission were discussed.

RIVER STOUR Flood relief A letter dated 22nd Sept from the Kent River Authority gave particulars of the investigation to take place shortly into flood relief and water resources of the river and adjacent lands, and the possibility of the surveyors entering lands adjacent to the river.

NOTICE BOARDS A letter from the R.D.C. enquired the position regarding suitable notice boards in the parish and asking if the council would consider enlarging the board if in existence and the R.D.C. would contribute to the cost. Decided the Council's Notice Board at the Church was sufficient in size.

Painting of Notice Board. Members considered the Notice Board could do with re-painting. Cllor Mr. Senders proposed that Mr. W.E. Bradshaw be asked if he would undertake the re-painting of the Board and suggested the name and address of the Clerk should be added to the Board. Seconded by Cllor Mr. Jacobs and agreed.

HIGHWAYS. Pavement N.side A.28 Cars Cllor Mr. Jacobs said that once again a number of cars were parking with a part of the vehicle on the footway on the north side of A.28 to the inconvenience of pedestrians, particularly with perambulators. Mr. Taylor of 102, Ashford Rd was again one of the offenders. Clerk instructed to write to the Police thereon.

CARAVAN Tonford Ln Cllor Mr. Jacobs reported that the caravan parked in the front garden of Mr. Webbs house Long Reach, Tonford Lane, appeared to be in use for residential purposes. The Clerk said he had seen the R.D.C. Surveyors Department thereon and they were investigating.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS. Two applications were received and discussed.

CLOSE There being no further business the Meeting was closed.

*[Handwritten Signature]* 10/2/72