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MINUTES of Parish Council Meeting held at 123, Ashford Road, Thanington, Kent, on Friday 26th October 1973

- CHAIRMAN** Cllor Mr. A.R. Palmer in the Chair.
- PRESENT** Cllors Messrs A.R. Palmer, S.V. Jacobs, A.B. Richardson, W.J. Knott, W.E. Bradshaw.
- MINUTES** The Minutes of the previous Meeting were confirmed and signed.
- ABSENCES** Apology for absence received from Cllor Mr. Apps
- HIGHWAYS** A letter of 7th June from the Div. Surveyor stated that
New House Ln the unmade road was private and they could not do anything in regard to the stones carried out on to the main road until the road was taken over by the K.C.C. and in regard to the entrance to the private road between 69 & 73 New House Lane their powers were restricted as it was a private road.
- ACCOUNTS** Cllor Mr. Bradshaw proposed that the following account be passed for payment:-
E. Kite. Clerk. $\frac{1}{2}$ years salary to 30 Sept £30.00
One third telephone rental 64150
June & Sept Quarters 4.13
£34.13
Seconded by Cllor Mr. Richardson and agreed.
- HIGHWAYS** The Clerk reported the correspondence with the K.E.C.,
Safety Barrier K.C.C. and City Engineer regarding provision of a barrier at the northern end of the elevated footpath in Hollow Lane requested by Wincheap School. Cllor Mr. Knott said the barrier had been erected.
- RIGHTS OF WAY** The Clerk reported the correspondence with the RDC
F.P. 509 & 485 regarding the diversion of these footpaths and part
Diversions closure to which there seemed no objection.
- HIGHWAYS** Reported that the hedge at junction of A.28 and Tonford
Overgrown hedges Lane at No. 84 Ashford Road which obstructed the
84, Ashford Rd Street name plate had been cut back by the K.C.C.
The Clerk reported that the hedge had grown out again and was covering the "T" no through road sign. Cllor Mr. Jacobs said the hedge forming part of this property below the wooden fencing was growing out over the road. Clerk instructed to write the Div. Surveyor thereon.
- Schwarz** Clerk reported he had written to Schwarz of Thanington Court
Grays Way asking him to brush back the hedge growing over on the
pavement. in Grays Way but nothing had been done,
Clerk instructed to place the matter in the hands of the
Divisional Surveyor for action.
- HIGHWAYS** Correspondence with the Police regarding cars parked without
Cars without lights after dark in Grays Way was read from which it
lights. appeared the Police could find no offenders.
Members reported that cars were still being so parked in Grays Way and in the A.28 Ashford Road and Clerk to write again to the Police.
- TONFORD LEVEL** Correspondence with Div. Surveyor was read regarding
Crossing the concrete block with 6 inch diameter uncovered hole
Stop cock in the road on the south side of the crossing. Letter of 4 Oct
hole. from Div. Surveyor said matter would receive attention.
Cllor Mr. Jacobs said nothing had been done and Clerk instructed to write again to the Div. Surveyor for immediate action.

BUS SERVICES Correspondence was read from the RDC and Bus Company regarding variations in services and fares and particularly as to the objection of Maidstone District to the two tier fare structure and asking for comments. Clerk instructed to inform the RDC that this Council had received no complaints about the two tier system and if any alteration was contemplated the Council would oppose such alteration if the opportunity arose.

RATEABLE VALUE. Letter from the RDC stated the Rateable Value of the parish on 1st April 1973 was £78458. The Clerk said a penny rate product was £748.

K.A.P.C. Notice of Ann Gen Meeting on 20 Octr received together with Village Hall questionnaire and reminder to inform the RDC and new District Council that this Council should be notified of all planning applications in the parish. Clerk instructed to deal with these matters.

EDUCATIONAL facilities. Letter from Canterbury District Council regarding projects for joint use of educational facilities and asking for a note of the views of this council. Clerk instructed to reply that there were no schools in this parish.

OFF LICENCE Notice was received from Messrs C. Hebden Phillips & Son of 34, New House Lane. the intention of Mr & Mrs Richards to apply for an off licence at 34 New House Lane.

CLERK OF RDC A letter from Mr. Soilleux Clerk of the RDC was read concerning his retirement on 31 March 1974 and thanking the parish council for the cordial atmosphere created over the 13 years he had been Clerk of the RDC.

,PLANNING APPLICATIONS. Twenty two Planning Applications or Grants of permission were discussed. Regarding Application for Dormer window and loft conversion at 17 Grays Way Clerk instructed to inform the RDC that if the Dormer window is to be on the front elevation then the application should be refused on the grounds that such construction would spoil the character of the Grays Way development. Objection to be lodged for application for bungalow and garage on land adjoining and to west of 6 Hassall Reach on grounds that the land is probably subject to flooding.

HARRIS CHARITY TRUSTEE. Cllor Mr. Jacobs proposed that Cllor Mr. A.R. Palmer be re-appointed Trustee representing this Council for 4 years from 4th Novr 1973. Seconded by Cllor Mr. Bradshaw and agreed.

RIGHTS OF WAY
F.P.490 Cllor Mr. Jacobs asked that the Div. Surveyor be reminded that this footpath from Cockerling to New House Lane still required levelling to make it reasonably easy to walk over.

F.P.482
Howfield Farm. Cllor Mr. Jacobs reported that Mrs Vanner whilst walking over this footpath near Howfield had been turned back. Clerk to write Scott & Griggs that whilst it was appreciated that an objection had been lodged for the inclusion of this F.P. as a right of way no closure had been made and the public had every right to walk over the path.

CLOSE There being no further business the meeting was closed.

A. R. Palmer
25/10/74