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MINUTES of Parish Council Meeting held at 123, Ashford Road, Thanington, Kent, on Friday 25th January 1974.

- CHAIRMAN Cllor Mr. A.R. Palmer in the Chair.
- PRESENT Cllors Messrs A.R. Palmer, A.J. Apps, S.V. Jacobs, W.J. Knott, W.E. Bradshaw, A.B. Richardson and Mrs V.C. Sanders.
- MINUTES The Minutes of the previous Meeting were confirmed and signed.
- HIGHWAYS Overgrown hedges. 84, Ashford Rd. Reported that nothing had been done. Clerk to write to Mrs Eastwood direct and not through the Div. Surveyor, asking her to brush back offending hedge.
- Schwarz. Grays Way. Letter from Div. Surveyor of 6th Novr said they had written to Schwarz. Reported nothing yet done. Clerk to write again to Div. Surveyor requesting hedge be brushed back.
- TONFORD CROSSING. Stop cock hole. Reported that the hole in question had not been covered although the Div. Surveyor said he was contacting the Undertakers responsible. Clerk to write Div. Surv. again that something must be done.
- CARS WITHOUT LIGHTS. Clerk reported that Police had been in touch with him on this matter and had said they were keeping a watch and would take necessary action. Members commented that cars were still left in Grays Way and on A.28 without lights. Chairman particularly called attention to the cars left in both lay-bys on A.28 at night without lights. This was causing a nuisance in the lay-by which was also the official bus stop. Clerk to write again to the Police.
- RIGHTS OF WAY. F.P.490 Cockerling/ New Hse Ln. Letter from Div. Surveyor of 6th November said they could not promise any hope of improving this footpath as they were fully committed.
- ACCOUNTS Cllor Mr. Jacobs proposed that the account for the Clerk of £2.09 being one third telephone rental at 64150 for Decr quarter 1973 be passed for payment. Seconded by Cllor Mrs Sanders and agreed.
- DISTRICT COUNCIL MINUTES. Letter from Secretary of District Council asked if this Council wished to be supplied with copies of District Council Minutes. Members agreed this was very necessary and clerk to inform the Secretary of the requirement.
- FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS. Letters from Canterbury District Council and from K.A.P.C. commented on financial requirements for 1974/75 and the offer of an alternative method of obtaining the necessary funds, namely instead of the normal precept a lump sum should be paid by the District Council to be charged on the whole district instead of just on the Parish. Matter discussed fully and Cllor Mr. Knott proposed the Council should precept in the normal manner. Cllor Mr. Jacobs seconded and it was unanimously agreed.
- PRECEPT. Precept estimates were considered and Cllor Mr. Jacobs proposed that a precept for £400 be made on the District Council for the year ending 31 Mar 1975. Seconded by Cllor Mr. Richardson and agreed.
- CHAIRMAN'S ALLOWANCE. The question of making an allowance to the Chairman under Sec 15 (5) of Local Govt Act 1972 was discussed and Members considered this should be done, but the decision was deferred until the March 1974 meeting.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS. Five applications were discussed together with one refusal and two grants of permission.

LIGHTING. A.23 Cllor Mr. Jacobs called attention to the lights which had been allowed to remain on at the Hanging Banks during the fuel emergency and that the lamp on column 16 was often on all day. Clerk instructed to get in touch ~~xxx~~ with the K.C.C. Roads Department (Mr. J.D.Majendie) who dealt with this matter.

CLOSE There being no further business the Meeting was closed.

*A. D. Hall*  
*, 8 March 1974.*