

- CHAIRMAN Cllor Mr. A.R. Palmer in the Chair.
- PRESENT Cllors Messrs A.R. Palmer, A.J. Apps, S.V. Jacobs, W.E. Bradshaw, W.J. Knott, A.B. Richardson and Mrs V.C. Sanders.
- MINUTES The Minutes of the previous Meeting were confirmed and signed.
- HIGHWAYS overgrown hedges 84 Ashford A letter from Mrs Eastwood apologised for the trouble caused by her hedge in Tonford Lane but said she thought the Council would trim back the hedges. Reported the hedge has not yet been brushed back.
- Schwarz Grays Way Reported this hedge not yet brushed back. Decided to leave it for another month.
- TONFORD LEVEL CROSSING Stop cock hole The Clerk reported that he had spoken several times to the Div. Surveyor's office and they had to-day informed him that they had taken action by filling up the hole with cold tarmacadam as a temporary measure to prevent accidents.
- CARS WITHOUT LIGHTS. Reported that action had been taken and cars were no longer parking without lights in the lay-bys on A.28 at night. Letter from Policy of 5th February stated they would give matter attention.
Cllor Mr. Jacobs reported that cars were still being parked in Grays Way and Tonford Lane at night without lights. Clerk suggested the only way of dealing with this would be to take the cars numbers and immediately report to the Police by telephone asking them to come along and deal with the matter at once. It was agreed that this should be done whenever a Councillor saw an offence being committed.
- RIGHTS OF WAY. F.P. 490 Cllors Messrs Apps and Knott stated that Mr. Cockering Rd to E. Chapman with other residents had carried out some levelling and clearing of this footpath. New Hse Lane. Clerk instructed to write to Mr. Chapman to thank him for their work.
- STREET LIGHTING. A letter of 1st Febr from K.C.C. said they had sent copy of our letter to S.E. Board for attention relating to the light which was burning continuously at the Hanging Banks.
- ACCOUNTS Cllor Mr. Knott proposed that the following Account be passed for payment:-
E. Kite. Clerk. Half years salary to 31 Mar 1974 £30
Years postages & Phone calls 2.74
Travelling expenses 0.37
Electors Registers 1973/74 0.25
£33.36
Seconded by Cllor Mr. Bradshaw and unanimously agreed.
- TONFORD LEVEL X GATES Clerk reported that he had notified British Railways that the pedestrian gate on north side needed adjustment as it was swinging open. Cllor Mr. Jacobs said the work had been carried out and gate was now satisfactory.
- K.A.P.C. Circular 75 dated 6th February was read and discussed.
- HARRIS CHARITY ACCOUNTS. The Accounts as prepared and checked by the Clerk were produced, examined and accepted by the Council.
- PLANNING APPLICATIONS. One Planning application relating to 30ft Radio mast at 6 Tonford Lane was received and discussed and one permission relating to development of one dwelling at rear of Greenlands and St. Margerite was received.

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF PARISH MEETING. Decided to hold this Meeting on Mon 25th March 1974 at 8 p.m. at St. Faith's Hall, New House Lane.

CHAIRMAN'S ALLOWANCE. Matter discussed and Cllor Mr. Knott proposed that under Sec 15 (5) of the Local Govt Act 1972 this Council should pay the Chairmen an allowance of £10 for the year ending 31 March 1975 to meet the expenses of his office. Seconded by Cllor Mr. Jacobs and unanimously agreed. During the discussion and decision the Chairman withdrew from the Meeting which was Chaired by the Vice Chairman, Cllor Mr. Apps.

HIGHWAYS A.28 Pavement South side Cllor Mr. Jacobs called attention to the poor state of the surface of this footpath particularly the section between entrance to Ashford Road Social Club and No. 157 Ashford Road, where rain water collects in the irregular surface. Clerk to write to Div. Surveyor to take some steps to remedy the matter.

RIGHTS OF WAY Elevated F.P. 491 Cllor Mr. Knott reported that the surface of this footpath was very bad as grass and weeds were growing up through the tarmac surface causing humps and also brambles were growing out on to the path. Clerk to write the Div. Surveyor asking for remedial works to be carried out.

CLOSE There being no further business the meeting was closed.

Handwritten signature: C. Samuel
Handwritten date: 29th Mar 1974

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