

- CHAIRMAN Cllor Mr. A.R.Palmer in the Chair.
- PRESENT Cllors Messrs A.R.Palmer, S.V.Jacobs, W.J.Knott, R.E.Tolputt,
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 and signed.
- STREET LIGHTING. The Clerk reported that the order had been given to Seeboard for the installation of the lights. Wayleave Consent had been obtained from Mr. A.V.M.Bridger of 25, Tonford Lane, Mr.G.Owen of 23, Tonford Lane had been asked to cut back the tree which would be in the way of the street light and the Commercial Union had agreed to insure the lamp standards and fittings at an insurance rate of 55p per £100 insured.
- HIGHWAYS A.28 Reported that repairs had not been effected to the surround of the manhole outside 163 Ashford Rd and also that work carried out to the kerbing etc in the bus layby nearby had made the accumulation of surface water worse than it was before. The Chairman said he would take the matter up himself with the City Council.
- Grays Way Tree Branch The Clerk reported that the City Engineers Dept had telephoned him that they had seen Mr. Schartz who had promised to cut back the tree branch. Cllor Mr. Richardson said that in fact the whole tree had been cut down.
- New House Lane - Iffin Lane. The Clerk reported that no reply had been received from the City Engineer. The Chairman said he would take the matter up himself with the Engineer.
- ACCOUNTS Cllor Mrs Sanders proposed that the following account be passed for payment:-
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| E.Kite.Clerk. | One third telephone rental at 64150 | |
| | Decr quarter | £2.32 |
| | 92 Foolscap Envelopes | 0.38 |
| | | <u>£2.70</u> |
- Seconded by Cllor Mr. Jacobs and agreed.
- MEETINGS WITH AMENITY SOCIETIES A letter from City Council dated 6th Jan 1975 stated etc that a regular series of meetings with local amenity societies and parish councils had been arranged at 10.a.m. on Frid 28 Feb, Frid. 27 June and Frid 31 Octr during 1975 for the discussion of broad Town Planning issues. Meetings to be held in the old Council Chamber at 41, Old Dover Road and this Council was invited to send a representative. Cllor Mrs Sanders said she would go to the meeting on 28 February.
- PLANNING APPLICATIONS, were received and discussed in particular the application again by Mr. Schwartz for 3 houses with garages on land fronting Grays Way to which the Council could see no objection.
- PRECEPT A letter dated 8 Jan from City Treasurer asked whether the Council wished to reconsider entering into an agreement with the Council regarding financial requirements. The Members decided they wished to make precepts in the normal manner. Estimates were discussed and Cllor Mr.Knott proposed that a sum of £757 be precepted for the year ending 31 Mar 1976. Seconded by Cllor Mr. Tolputt and agreed.
- RIGHTS OF WAY. Cllor Mr. Knott reported that a horse or horses had been seen going along the pathway leading from the junction of Merton Lane with Iffin Lane north eastwards past Stuppington Hill Cottages to the old railway cutting near Hollowmede and enquired whether this was bridle road or footpath. Decided it was a footpath and the Clerk should write to the City Council thereon.
- NEXT MEETING. The next Meeting of the Council to be held on Friday, 23th