

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held at the Ashford Road Social Club House, Ashford Road, Thanington, on Monday, 2nd May, 1977 at 7 pm.

CHAIRMAN. Councillor Mr. A. R. Palmer in the Chair

PRESENT: Councillors Mr. W. E. Bradshaw, Mr. W. J. Knott, Mr. S. V. Jacobs, Mrs. M. Kite, Mrs. V. Sanders.

APOLOGIES: There were none.

CO-OPTION: The Chairman extended the welcome of the Council to Mr. K. McMillan who was co-opted to fill the vacancy in the South Ward.

DECLARATION of Acceptance of Office was made and it was proposed by Councillor Mr. S. V. Jacobs, seconded by Councillor Mr. W. J. Knott and carried, that this Declaration be confirmed.

MINUTES: The Minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed and signed. payments; The following accounts confirmed for payment:-

SEEBOARD Energy charge	£13.56
Commercial Union Compat Insurance	18.60
Miss E. A. Eyles, Clerk, two thirds telephone rental	5.18

VILLAGE LIBRARY: Letter received from the Divisional Librarian to the effect that Mrs. Hacker of 6 Grays Way, Thanington, would take a message and notify readers when the library van was prevented from attendance.

REFUSE COLLECTION: Acknowledgement of letter received.

Councillors reported that there was no improvement in the safety of new sacks. The Chairman had taken the question up with the City Engineer, but there were still problems over refuse collection.

HOLLOW LAND: Acknowledgement of letter informing the Council that there was no immediate danger from the trees, but that several would be felled within a few days. Councillor Mr. W. J. Knott reported that this had been done.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

19 Grays Way. No application required.

Cockering Farmhouse. No application required.

2 bungalows and garages at 7 New House Lane. Planning permission granted.

DEMOLITION OF MARLOWE THEATRE: The Chairman said that much publicity had been given in the local Press, causing people to fear that the Marlowe Theatre would be demolished before a new theatre was built. The City Architect had given an undertaking that this would not happen. If insufficient funds were available to build a new theatre, the site would be developed round the Marlowe Theatre and improvements made to the theatre.

SAND AND GRAVEL EXTRACTION: Milton Manor Farm. Plans studied. The Chairman had met a representative of Bretts, who had agreed to keep the respective Parish Councils informed of developments. No lorry would cross the main road to get into the stream of traffic.

F.P. 487. Milton Manor Farm. In reply to our letter of objection to the diversion of this Footpath, the Chairman had received a letter from Mr. Siberry of Bretts, saying he believed in keeping footpaths open and in the event of this diversion, the footpath would be re-instated on completion of the work. The Chairman reported that he had objected to this proposal as it was contrary to the original plan.

STREET LIGHTING. Seeboard notification of increase in charges for Public Lighting and maintenance by approximately 10%.

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HM THE QUEENS SILVER JUBILEE: Letter received from the Lord Lieutenant of Kent, Lord Astor, with reference to the Appeal. Noted and laid on the table.

It was reported that plans for celebrations in both the South Ward and the North Ward were progressing. £103 had been collected in the South Ward, and £97 in the North Ward.

Councillor Mr. S. V. Jacobs queried boys of approximately 13 years of age making the 'House to House' collection before the authorities to Collect had been signed. Councillor Mr. W. E. Bradshaw was unaware of this.

Councillor Mr. A. R. Palmer said the onus was on the Council to see that regulations were observed in matters of this sort.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS. Councillor Mr. S. V. Jacobs reported that the Layby at Hanging Banks was in a bad condition. The litter bin was overflowing and litter scattered over the layby. The Clerk asked to write to the City Engineer.

THE HARRIS CHARITY ACCOUNT: Statement of Account studied and accepted.

PARISH COUNCIL ACCONNTS: Studied and accepted.

AUDIT: The Account had not yet been audited and the books were to be taken in on the 3rd May.

PRESENTATION: The recently retired Clerk Mr. E. Kite, was presented with a gift from members of the Council, in token of his many years service.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday, 16th May, 1977 at 8 pm.

CLOSE: There being no other business the meeting closed.

A. R. Palmer
16th May 1977