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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held at the Ashford Road Social Club House, on Monday, 11th July, 1977, at 8 pm.

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

PRESENT: Councillors Mr. W. Bradshaw, Mr. S. V. Jacobs, Mr. W. Knott, Mr. K. McMillan, Mr. A. R. Palmer, Mrs. M. Kite.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Mrs V. Sanders.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING were confirmed and signed.

HOLLOW LANE: Following breakdown of contractors lorry, the timber had now been removed.

MULTIPLE EARTHING - SEEBOARD. Councillor Mr. W. Bradshaw had ascertained that this is standard. There would be no charge on the Council.

NEW HOUSE LANE: Repairs to the road had been made.

PAYMENTS: The following accounts presented for payment:

Clerk's salary etc. £111.99

Ashford Road Social Club Rent 7.50

It was proposed by Councillor Mr. W. Knott, seconded by Councillor Mr. S. V. Jacobs and carried, that these accounts be paid.

CHAIRMAN'S ALLOWANCE: The Chairman vacated the Chair, the Vice-Chairman, Councillor Mr. S. V. Jacobs then taking the Chair.

It was proposed by Councillor Mr. W. Knott, seconded by Councillor Mr. W. Bradshaw and carried, that the Chairman's allowance for the coming year be £25.

STREET LIGHTING AT NEW HOUSE CLOSE: Estimates for street lighting were considered and it was proposed by Councillor Mr. W. Knott, seconded by Councillor Mr. K. McMillan and carried, that the following estimates be accepted: DS/5673/DY. To lay the necessary services to two proposed street lighting columns

To install the necessary service to one proposed pole bracket £121.00

DS/5672/DY - To supply and erect two columns and one pole bracket in positions as indicated £331.00

ADDITIONAL PRECEPT: It was proposed by Councillor Mr. W. Knott, seconded by Councillor Mr. S. V. Jacobs and carried, that an additional Precept for £500 should be made to cover the cost of the above street lighting programme.

GRAYS WAY; It had been noted that the grass surrounding the seat at the Grays Way/Ashford Road corner needed cutting, and the Clerk had written asking for this work to be done. The work had been carried out, but the site left in an extremely untidy condition and the Clerk had again written with reference to the clearance of grass cuttings.

RESERVOIR AT BROAD OAK: Notice of meeting to be held at Cornwallis Theatre, University of Kent at Canterbury, 9th August at 10 am. Noted.

JUBILEE APPEAL: Letter from Lord Astor of Hever noted.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

Bungalow at Hassell Reach - No objection

Iffin Lane - change of use of rooms to bed and breakfast accommodation. No objection

Bretts - Bridges over River Stour - No objection

Bretts - Footpath diversion. The Chairman had met a representative of

Bretts and would report any further communication on it. No objection

The original plan had not outlined the footpath in the correct position.

LARKEY VALLEY WOODS: It had been noted in the local Press that a Chartham resident had objected to Larkey Valley Woods being used by motor cyclists. The Chairman reported that communications re this had been sent to Chartham Parish Council and not Thanington Without Parish Council. Motor cyclists had been granted permission to ride in the woods. Councillors were asked to walk in the woods when possible to ascertain the degree of nuisance caused by these cyclists.

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*W. Bradshaw*

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Councillor Mr. W. Knott reported that the seat which the Parish Council had placed on the elevated footpath in Hollow Lane had been removed, (he understood by the City Council on a complaint made by a local Government elector). A letter to be written to the City Council asking that this seat be re-instated immediately as it is the property of Thanington Without Parish Council.

Councillor Mr. W. Knott reported that the grass on the elevated footpath at Hollow Lane needed cutting. A letter to be written to the City Council asking that this be done and the grass removed.

TONFORD LANE: Councillor Mr. S. V. Jacobs reported that Mr. Smith of 2 Tonford Lane, had seen him with reference to the storm water which ran from the postoffice forecourt into his front garden, washing away the soil. The curbing stones at this point are badly worn. The Chairman undertook to see the Assistant Surveyor to ascertain whether this can be remedied.

It was reported that the 'One Way' signs are not being observed.

ASH FORD ROAD. Councillor Mr. A. R. Palmer reported that the hedge to the bungalow in Tonford Lane had now badly overgrown on to the pavement. The Secretary undertook to find out who were the solicitors to this estate with reference to the work being done.

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS: The Chairman said that the Jubilee Committees in both Wards were to be congratulated on the excellent events organised. These events should do a lot of good in the communities. Letters of appreciation to be written to the respective secretaries.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday, 15th August, 1977 at 8 pm.

CLOSE: There being no other business the meeting closed.

*A. R. Palmer*  
15<sup>th</sup> Aug 1977