

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held at the Ashford Road Social Club House, Ashford Road, Thanington Without, on Monday, 15th August, 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. Kite, and two other Local Government Electors.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Mrs. V. Sanders.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING were confirmed and signed.

PAYMENTS: No accounts presented for payment at this meeting.

STREET LIGHTING AT NEW HOUSE CLOSE: The Secretary had received a telephone call from Mr. H. Lee, 24 New House Close, objecting to the street lighting now being installed. After consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, a letter had been written explaining that Parish Councils are now empowered to extend street lighting in the Parish as they consider necessary. It is no longer required to call a Parish Meeting to take the views of the parishioners and to take a vote on the question. The contract for provision of three lights in New House Close had been signed, a cheque for equipment sent, and the work commenced and nothing further can be done. Following this, a Petition had been received from Householders in that part of New House Close in which street lighting is being provided.

Councillor Mr. K. McMillan stated that two concrete standards had been erected, but the pole unit had not yet been dealt with. He queried whether it would be possible to curtail the work and consider it 'abortive'.

Councillor Mr. W. Bradshaw queried whether the installation could be held up temporarily for further consideration.

Councillor Mr. W. Knott said that the policy of the Parish Council was to extend street lighting to cover the entire Parish eventually. It was being done in stages. The North Ward had been supplied and now the South Ward was being dealt with.

Councillor Mr. A. R. Palmer and Councillor Mrs. M. Kite said that the question of street lighting in the South Ward had been brought up at Parish Meetings in that Ward.

Councillor Mr. A. R. Palmer stated that if it was decided to stop this installation, at no time in the future would it be possible to undertake it.

It was proposed by Councillor Mr. S. V. Jacobs, seconded by Councillor Mr. W. Knott, that the previous decision to supply street lighting in New House Close should be confirmed. This proposition was carried.

GRAYS WAY: The cut grass had been cleared to a certain extent.

1 TONFORD LANE: The hedge had now been cut back, but the undergrowth not cleared. A further request to be made for this to be done.

LARKEY VALLEY WOODS: The City Secretary had written explaining that permission for the use of the cycle track by motor cyclists had been allowed by permission given by the City Engineer of the former Canterbury City Council. This permission was not subject to any conditions. The use of just the cycle track avoided any damage being caused by the activity in other parts of the woods. The Council have deferred consideration of the continuance of the track by motor cyclists and asks for the observations of the Thanington Without Parish Council which will be put before the meeting of the Councils' Amenities and Recreation Committee on 5th September. It was agreed that as no complaints had been received by the Councillors of Thanington Without Parish Council that they could see no reason why steps should be taken to prevent the continuance of the use of the cycle track by motor cyclists.

FP 487: Kent County Council had received information from R. Brett & Sons Ltd. that further consideration had taken place regarding the proposed diversion, and that agreement had been reached. They would now be pleased to receive the comments of the Parish Council and withdrawal of the objection. It was agreed to withdraw the objection but to state that it was considered that these points should have been considered at the time of the first application to develop this quarry.

K.A.P.C.: Canterbury Area Committee Meeting. it was noted that posters were available regarding disposal of large waste items. As many people had no knowledge of these facilities it was agreed to obtain two posters.

REVIEW OF PARISH BOUNDARIES: It was noted that this would commence in 1978. The Chairman stated that the Parish Council of Thanington Without would possibly be integrated with the Canterbury City Council and not Chartham.

ELEVATED FOOTPATH. Hollow Lane: Councillor Mr. W. Knott reported that the grass had been cut, but nothing done about the seat. The Chairman had also been in communication with the City Council with reference to the seat.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS: Land between 45 Tonford Lane and Plot 3 Hassall Reach. Permission to develop land granted.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Councillor Mr. S. V. Jacobs reported that he had been approached by Mrs. Bodil, asking whether it would be possible to get Mr. Crouch to cut down the undergrowth on his land at the rear of her property. The Chairman regretted that the Council could do nothing, it was a civil matter between Mrs. Bodil and Mr. Crouch, although he had sympathy with Mrs. Bodil. Councillor Mr. S. V. Jacobs also reported that the boundary hedges on the corner of Tonford Lane were very overgrown and pedestrians having difficulty when overtaken by traffic going down Tonford Lane, and that the sign plates were also becoming obscured. A letter was written to Mrs. Eastwood asking her to get the hedges cut back.

Councillor Mr. A. R. Palmer reported that he had been approached by Mr. J. Caplan, 131 Ashford Road, regarding the numbering of Thanington Road and Ashford Road, as visitors were having difficulty in finding his house. Also the sign 'Thanington Without' was not sited so that it was visible to all.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday, 12th September, 1977 at 8 pm.

CLOSE: There being no other business the meeting closed.

*S. V. Jacobs*

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