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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held at the Ashford Road social Club House, on Monday, 9th October, 1978 at 8 pm.

PRESENT: Councillors Mr. S. V. Jacobs, Mr. W. Knott, Mr. K. McMillan, Mrs. M. Kite, Mrs. V. Sanders and one other Local Government Elector.

CHAIRMAN: In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor Mr. A. R. Palmer, the Chair was taken by Councillor Mr. S. V. Jacobs, Vice-Chairman.

APOLOGIES: received from Councillors Mr. W. Bradshaw and Mr. A. R. Palmer.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING were confirmed and signed.

LIGHT BY TELE PHONE KIOSK at junction of Hollow Lane/New House Lane.

Councillor Mr. K. McMillan reported that this was still awaited.

ROAD SURFACE, Ashford Rd: This had been attended to satisfactorily.

PARISH COUNCIL NOTICE BOARD: Estimate received from Mr. E. L. Janman as follows:- To supply, make and erect sign board 3' x 2'6" on 3" x 3" wooden posts, and lettered THANINGTON PARISH COUNCIL. Materials and labour: £40.50.

It was noted that the word 'WITHOUT' had been omitted from the name, and the addition of this would possibly increase the estimate slightly.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. V. Sanders, seconded by Councillor Mr. W. Knott and carried, that this estimate be accepted in principle.

The Clerk to see the Chairman with reference to the site.

OVERGROWN HEDGE. 84 Ashford Rd. Mrs. Eastwood had given consent for the hedge and willow tree to be cut back, and for the Volunteer Bureau to be approached for help. A letter had been received from the Volunteer Bureau to say that Miss Ruth Grigg had volunteered to attend to the hedge, but if the willow tree was very large, it was doubtful whether anything could be done due to the possible charge involved. It was noted that the hedge on the Ashford Road had been cut back, also a few low branches from the willow tree, but the tree still overhung the entrance to Tonford Lane. The Clerk was asked to contact the Bureau to ascertain whether anything could be done about the tree, and also to point out that the hedge of the back garden had not been dealt with.

Councillor Mr. S. V. Jacobs volunteered to cut the willow tree branches if necessary.

GRASS AT CORNER OF GRAYS WAY: It was noted that the Women's Institute had tidied this up after the Council grass cutter had cut the over grown grass and thistles. The Clerk had contacted the City Engineer with reference to removal of grass cuttings. The City Engineer most appreciative of this help and would remove any grass cut by the WI members if notified.

PARKING OF VAN at 170 Ashford Rd: A letter had been received from Canterbury Police asking for name and address of complainant so that they could be interviewed. Councillor Mr. S. V. Jacobs had been to see the person in question who was hesitant to be interviewed. However, the matter had been cleared up and the van was now parked in the layby and the mopeds parked in line against the fence without obstructing the pavement. The Canterbury Police informed of this.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS: There were none.

ACCOUNTS: There were none.

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CORRESPONDENCE:

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT: Letter re London/Canterbury/Dover Trunk Road. Noted.

NEWS RELEASE: and leaflet 'A Home of your Own' issued by Canterbury City Council. Noted.

PRESS RELEASE: Kent County Council: Village Schools in Kent. It was noted that the Kent County Council has been asked by the Schools Sub Committee, Kent Education Committee, to have a comprehensive look at the future of villages in Kent. Members felt they did not wish to reach a decision on the future of three village primary schools under consideration for closure until such a study was complete and the County Council had decided upon its overall approach to the future of villages in general. Noted.

CITY OF CANTERBURY: Street Lighting Improvements: The City Council ask if the Parish Council would be interested in the City Council supplying equipment required for street lighting improvements which may be carried out from time to time. The charge for the equipment would be on the basis of cost, plus a 15% administrative charge. This would compare with the South Eastern Electricity Board's charge for materials something in the region of 45% to 50%.

The City Council now use the South Eastern Electricity Board for the collection of the Council's own equipment from the Council's Depot, erecting and servicing, and this procedure will show a financial advantage to Parish Councils. It was agreed that this would be helpful when consideration is given to lighting in New House Lane.

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL: documentary film 'Caring for the County'. It was agreed that this would be interesting and a copy of the letter to be circulated to the Women's Institute, Ashford Road Social Club, and the Hilltop Club, to investigate the possibility of a joint meeting, such as a coffee evening, being arranged when the film could be shown. The film is shot in colour and runs for approx. 33 minutes, and the Council will do all in their power to accommodate those who are unable to equip themselves with a screen and 16 mm projector.

KENT ASSOCIATION OF PARISH COUNCILS: Report of meeting noted.

LOCAL LINK: Noted.

WOODLAND TRUST: Raising funds for purchase of, and safeguard of Park Wood, near Chilham. Noted.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: There was none.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday, 13th November, 1978 at 8 pm at Ashford Road Social Club House.

There being no other business the meeting was closed.

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