

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held at the Ashford Road Social Club House
Ashford Road, Thanington Without, on Monday, 10th September, 1979 at 8 pm.

PRESENT: Councillors Mr. E. Kite, Mr. A. R. Palmer, Mrs. M. Kite, Mrs. V. Sanders
Councillors Mr. R. Spencer, Mr. L. Bennett and Mrs. Nixon, of Canter-
bury City Council as visitors.

CHAIRMAN: Councillor Mr. A. R. Palmer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Mr. S. V. Jacobs, Mr. W. Knott, Miss S. Knott.

It was reported that Councillor Mr. S. V. Jacobs was in hospital recovering from an operation, and it was agreed that a letter with good wishes for a speedy recovery be sent to him.

MATTERS ARISING ON MINUTES:

SPEED LIMIT IN HOLLOW LANE: A reply received from the City Engineer that after consultation with the County Surveyor and the Police it appeared that conditions did not justify the introduction of a temporary Speed limit order, which in any event, would have to be made by the Secretary of State. On the practical side, speed limits under 30 mph were virtually unenforceable and are always strongly opposed by the Police.

The Parish Councillors expressed dis-satisfaction with this answer and Councillor Mrs. Nixon (Canterbury City Council) reported that she had also brought this up in the City Council Meeting with the same result. It was agreed that a further letter be written expressing our dis-satisfaction and asking for further consideration to be given to the matter.

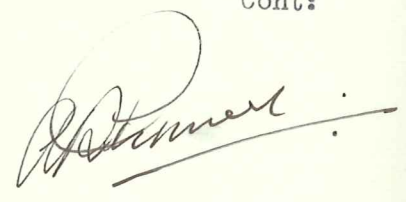
CROSSING GATES AT TONFORD: A letter received from British Railways to the effect that at the time of writing the gates are in working order, and instructions have been given to their staff to inspect them as and when they are in the area. Attention was drawn to the fact that Tonford level crossing is only a footpath and it is therefore illegal for equestrians to use it. They suggest that riding stables in the vicinity are informed and ask that possibly the Parish Council could consider some obstruction, e.g. posts, erected on the path to allow pedestrians but not horses through. An alternative would be to replace the wicket gates with stiles, but stiles would present problems for people with prams and the elderly. It was agreed that letters be written to Mr. Fox at Whitegates, Mr. Baker and Mr. Mills in Tonford Lane, pointing out that it is illegal for young people with horses to use the crossing. The local Press also to be asked for publicity in this matter.

ELEVATED FOOTPATH, HOLLOW LANE: Councillor Mr. W. Knott and Councillor Mr. E. Kite reported that this had been dealt with but that the fence was still far from satisfactory. Councillor Mrs. Nixon, (Canterbury City Council) said she had also brought this before the City Council and had received the reply that it was 'low priority'.

RUBBISH AT TELEPHONE KIOSK, junction of Hollow Lane/New House Lane. Reply received that the offending vegetation would be dealt with.

SEAT ON ELEVATED FOOTPATH: The Clerk had ascertained from the City Engineers department that a wooden 'Lister' seat would be fixed with brackets set in concrete with a bolt through the cross members of the seat. It was proposed by Councillor Mr. E. Kite, seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Kite and carried, that an order be placed with the City Council for the provision of a seat at a cost of £80.

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MATTERS ARISING ON MINUTES Cont:

MR. J. F. MONTGOMERY. Mrs. Montgomery had written expressing the appreciation of both Mr. Montgomery and herself for our letter with good wishes. Mr. Montgomery was making satisfactory progress.
CAR PARKING - ASHFORD RD. This had been dealt with.

HEDGE AT BOTTOM OF ELEVATED FOOTPATH. No reply received.

GPO MANHOLE COVER ON ELEVATED FOOTPATH: It was found that this was a matter for the City Council, and not the GPO. Following a letter to the City Council it had been dealt with.

OVERGROWN HEDGES, ASHFORD RD. These had been cut back satisfactorily.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS:

Seeboard energy charge	£8197. £81.97
K.A.P.C. stationery	1.30.

It was proposed by Councillor Mr. E. Kite, seconded by Councillor Mrs. V. Sanders and carried, that these be paid.

K.A.P.C. Notice of AGM on 6th October, 1979, at County Hall, Maidstone. Resolutions: The Parish Council in favour of No. 1. Councillor Mr. E. Kite given authority to vote as he considered best on the other two. A resolution was being brought to increase the subscription to the KAPC. This would increase Thanington Without Parish Council from 2.75% of PRP to 3% of PRP.

BYE LAW: Fouling of pavements by dogs. Penalty now increased to £50.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

Extention to storage area at Milton Quarry. It was proposed by CCLR. Mr. E. Kite, seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Kite and carried, that no objection be made.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

COUNCILLOR MRS. V. SANDERS had received an enquiry regarding the installation of an indoor lavatory. This would come under 'Building Regulations' and the person concerned to be advised to see the City Planning Officer of the City Engineer.

COUNCILLOR MR. E. KITE reported on the condition of the bootpath between the Water Works and St. Nicholas Special School. A considerable amount of broken glass was on the ground by St. Nicholas Special School, and in the Ada Road area, the nettles were very overgrown, making it difficult for the children to pass on their way to Wincheap School.

Councillor Mrs. Nixon (Canterbury City Council) said she had brought this to the notice of the Canterbury City Council and been told it was 'low priority'. She had suggested that such matters as these could be dealt with by the Community Service for Young Offenders.

CLERK'S EMOLUMENTS. New circular received giving details of increases to full and part time clerks. It was proposed by Councillor Mr. A. R. Palmer, seconded by Councillor Mr. E. Kite and carried, that the Clerk's emolument be increased to £273 pa. The Clerk expressed her thanks.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday, 8th October, 1979 at 8 pm.

T here being no other business, the Meeting was closed.

A. R. Palmer
8th Oct. 1979