

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

PRESENT: Councillors Mr. E. Kite, Mrs. W. Knott, Mr. A. R. Palmer, Mrs. M. Kite,
Miss S. Knott.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Mr. S. V. Jacobs, Mrs. V. Sanders.

CHAIRMAN: Councillor Mr. A. R. Palmer.

MATTERS ARISING ON MINUTES:

SPEED LIMIT IN HOLLOW LANE: In reply to our further letter expressing dis-satisfaction, the City Council had replied that the Highway Authority is the Kent County Council and that the Cantebbury City Council acts as the agent in highway matters and is responsible for making traffic regulation orders. No order can be made without consultation with the County Surveyor and the Police and if all parties are of the opinion that the circumstances do not justify or comply with Department of Transport guidelines, then no order can be made. Our request for a 20 mph speed limit in Hollow Lane was considered in the manner prescribed and it was decided the Department of Transport criteria for anything other than the 30 mph speed limit in that part of the road would not be met.

Councillor Mrs. J. Nixon (Canterbury City Council) had told the Clerk that the speed limit sign erected by the contractors in Hollow Lane would be reduced to 10 mph subject to confirmation.

CROSSING GATES AT TONFORD. Councillor Mr. S. V. Jacobs had telephoned the Clerk suggesting that a letter be written to Harbledown Parish Council pointing out that it was illegal for riders to use the level crossing, as there were horses at ^{Whitegate} ~~Whitegates~~. It was agreed this should be done.

Councillor Mr. S. V. Jacobs also reported that a new large signs had been erected by British Railways at the level crossing 'Beware of the trains'. The local press had given good publicity for this problem.

SEAT AT ST. FAITH'S HALL. Councillor Mr. W. Knott had re-varnished this and was thanked for undertaking it.

SEAT ON ELEVATED FOOTPATH: Following the placing of our order for a wooden 'Lister' seat at a cost of £80, a letter had been received from the Canterbury City Council that the price of a seat inclusive of installation and VAT was now £134. It was proposed by Councillor Mr. E. Kite, seconded by Councillor Miss S. Knott and carried, that the seat be purchased at the increased price, but comments to be made that the Parish Council was surprised that the cost had not been up-dated before the estimate was given.

HEDGE BY OAST IN HOLLOW LANE: This had been cut back.

GPO MANHOLE COVER on elevated footpath. Councillor Mr. W. Knott reported that this was again unsafe, the pathway having worn away to a considerable depth. A further letter to be written.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNT: There were none.

PLANNING APPLICATION: None applicable to Thanington Without.

PREVIOUS APPLICATIONS GRANTED:

41 New House Lane: 31 Bramley Avenue: 36 New House Close.

CORRESPONDENCE:

SEEBOARD: Notification received that agreement dated 1st April 1976 regarding street lighting in Thanington would be terminated on the 31st March, 1980. This action is benign taken as modifications to the above agreement as essential to permit realistic pricing for electricity supplied to Public Lighting Equipment. The principle amendments are:-

1. Monthly payment by Direct Debit.
 2. Variation of energy charges at any time following one month's notice by Seeboard's intention to revise charges.
 3. Simplified basis of charge permitted equal monthly account payments.
- All adjustments other than variation to energy charges, to be agreed once per year.

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BRIDLE ROAD 520. The Clerk to Chartham Parish Council had replied to our letter suggesting that the best way to approach this matter was by making representation to the Footpaths Officers at Canterbury City Cncl. In the meantime, they would make inspection of the bridleway in question and would support our efforts to effect an improvement should the conditions warrant such action.

K.A.P.C. AGM. Mr. E. Kite regretted he had been unable to attend.

CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU: AGM. 13th November, 4 pm to 5 pm. Red Cross Hall, Canterbury. Noted.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

COUNCILLOR MR. S. V. JACOBS had, by telephone, reported an overhanging flowering cherry tree at 160 Ashford Road. A letter to be written asking for this to be cut back.

Also: Hedge at 178 Ashford Road needed cutting back. A letter to be written asking for this to be done.

COUNCILLOR MR. E. KITE presented a written report on the Surgery held by Councillors Bennett and Nixon at St. Faith's Hall. Approximately 15 had attended and the meeting had been helpful.

SEMINAR AT KEYNES COLLEGE: The Clerk had attended and reported that it was orientated towards the country areas with Amenity Societies but no Parish Council. Many of these areas were anxious to have a Parish Council and a further meeting to be held at the Methodist Church Hall, Canterbury, on 17th October, 1979 at 7.30 pm.

STREET LIGHTING IN NEW HOUSE LANE: Councillor Mr. W. Knott reported that this had arisen at the recent surgery. Since then, in company with Councillor Mr. E. Kite, the poles in the area had been looked at. These were set back approximately 7 ft. in the gardens, and it would therefore be necessary to obtain wayleave consent from each resident.

It was proposed by Councillor Mr. E. Kite, seconded by Councillor Miss S. Knott and carried, that a secret referendum be taken to ascertain whether or not street lighting was required. Councillor Mr. W. Knott agreed to undertake this and the Clerk to prepare ballot papers worded 'Thanington Without Parish Council is investigated the possibility of street lighting in New House Lane and Iffen Lane. Are you in favour? YES / NO. Please delete as necessary.


Councillor Mr. W. Knott would have a sealed ballot box which would be brought down for opening and counting.

During discussion the probable cost was mentioned as this would necessitate an increase of possible 3p on the Parish Rates, and in view of the increase in general rates, it was queried whether it was a good time to undertake this work.

CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT FOR CLERK: Councillor Mr. E. Kite had read this carefully and reported that it was not applicable to use.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday, 12th November, 1979 at 8 pm.

There being no other business the meeting was closed.


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