

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held at the Ashford Road Social Club House, Ashford Road, Thanington Without, on Monday, 12th November, 1979 at 8 pm

PRESENT: Councillors Mr. S. V. Jacobs, Mr. E. Kite, Mr. W. Knott, Mr. A. R. Palmer, Mrs. M. Kite, Miss S. Knott, Mrs. V. Sanders.  
Councillor Mr. S. V. Jacobs welcomed back after his illness with the wish that he is well on the way to full recovery.

APOLOGIES: There were none.

CHAIRMAN: Councillor Mr. A. R. Palmer.

MATTERS ARISING ON MINUTES:

CROSSING GATES AT TONFORD. A further letter received from British Railways, together with copies of a letter from Mr. W. A. Hill of 30 Tonford Lane expressing great concern that young horse riders are using the Tonford Level crossing without dismounting, and also are propping the gates open with large stones. He had witnessed an incident when some of the young riders had crossed, but one horse had pranced about on the crossing when a train was approaching from Canterbury.

Mr. Hill had sent suggested plans for barriers that could be erected to prevent the horses from using the level crossing and British Railways asked for the Parish Council to give consideration as the matter was now urgent.

All members of the Parish Council expressed their concern that the steps previously taken had not had the desired effect, and it was agreed to ask British Railways to erect barriers as Plan 'A' submitted by Mr. Hill, and for the work to be put in hand as quickly as possible.

A letter to be written to Mr. Hill thanking him for writing to Canterbury City Council and sending suggestions for barriers.

The Clerk asked to contact the local Press with a view to getting further publicity.

SEAT ON ELEVATED FOOTPATH: Canterbury City Council asked for payment in advance and also for a suitable inscription for a plaque. It was agreed the plaque be worded: Placed by Thanington Without Parish Council.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS: It was proposed by Councillor Mr. S. V. Jacobs, seconded by Councillor Mr. W. Knott and carried, that the account for £134 be paid for the seat on the elevated footpath, and that the payment of £2.98 to Councillor Mr. W. Knott for repairs to the seat at St. Faiths Hall, and Seeboard account of £47 be confirmed.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS: 37 Grays Way, conversion of garage to study and erection of additional garage. No objections.

33 New House Close. extensions. No objections.

PREVIOUS PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

129 Ashford Rd. Conversion of garage into study and extension to form bedroom over it. Not granted.

Mr. J. Caplan of 131 Ashford Rd. to be informed.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Councillor Mr. W. Kite reported that the question of the lights in Grays Way had been brought up at the Surgery of the Wincheap Ward Councillors held recently. He had walked Grays Way and found that there were patches of black spots. The Chairman said that as these lights had been sited on the advice of Seeboard and no complaints had been received by the Parish Council, this should be left in abeyance due to high costs and lack of finances at the present time

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS Cont:

Councillor Mr. W. Knott reported that the land at the junction of Hollow Lane and New House Lane by the telephone kiosk was again in an extremely bad state. A further letter to be written to the City Council asking that this plot of land be kept tidy.

Councillor Mr. S. V. Jacobs reported to the Clerk that there was a very overgrown rose bush at 29 Grays Way. The Clerk confirmed that a letter had been written asking for this bush to be cut back.

Councillor Mr. S. V. Jacobs also reported, that after rain, a very large pool of water formed in the road at Tonford Lane, opposite the cold store belonging to Messrs. A. & G. Pope. There was also an overgrown hawthorn bush at this point and passers by either had to walk through the large pool of water or try to walk on the verge and get entangled in the bush. A letter to be written to the City Engineer asking for something to be done at this point.

THE CHAIRMAN, reported that together with the Clerk, he had attended a meeting at Bretts with reference to the excavation of gravel on Hambrook marshes and the stock piling of chalk on the water meadows in close proximity to Grays Way. Due to the fine weather during the summer months, Wimpeys had progressed very quickly the the chalk excavation which was to have been stockpiled on the opposite side of the meadows. Seeboard had not been able to re-site the cable poles and the chalk had to be put closer to Grays Way as a temporary measure.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday, 10th December, 1979, at Ashford Road Social Club house, at 8 pm.

There being no other business, the meeting was closed.

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10<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1979.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:  
Councillor Mr. S. V. Jacobs reported that the question of the lights in Grays Way had been brought up at the meeting of the Highway Ward Councillors held recently. He had asked Grays Way and found that there were patches of black spots. The chairman said that as these lights had been sited on the advice of Seeboard and no complaints had been received by the Highway Ward, this should be left in appearance due to high costs and lack of response of the present time.