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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held at the Ashford Road Social Club House, Ashford Road, on Monday, 11th February, 1980 at 8 pm.

PRESENT: Councillors Mr. E. Kite, Mr. W. Knott, Mr. A. R. Palmer, Mesdames M. Kite, V. Sanders, Miss S. Knott, and Councillor Mr. R. Spenser (City Councillors).

APOLOGIES: Councillor Mr. S. V. Jacobs.

CHAIRMAN: Councillor Mr. A. R. Palmer in the Chair.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING ON MINUTES:

CROSSING ~~AT~~ GATES AT TONFORD: Notification received that this matter has now been passed to Kent County Council. Relevant letters from British Rail sent to the Divisional Surveyor.

SEAT ON ELEVATED FOOTPATH: Councillor Mr. A. R. Palmer and W. Knott had seen the seat. This had been very insecurely fixed and had been moved. The only fixtures were two very short angle irons into the earth. Councillor Mr. A. R. Palmer, when sitting on the seat, had been almost thrown over on to his back. He had telephoned the City Engineers Dept. asking that the seat be attended to immediately. At this meeting, Councillor Mr. W. Knott agreed to visit the site on the following day, and if the site had not been attended to, the Clerk was asked to write a strong letter asking for immediate attention.

LIGHTING AT NEW HOUSE LANE: Estimates not yet to hand.

WARD MAP: obtained by the Clerk.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING: Date of 21st April, 1980, at St. Faith's Hall, New House Lane, at 7.30 pm confirmed.

MUD AND WATER ON ROAD AT STUPPINGTON LANE: No reply received.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS: Proposed by Councillor Mr. E. Kite, Seconded by Councillor Mr. W. Knott, and carried, that the payment of Seaboard A/C £47 be confirmed.

Parish REVIEW: A letter had been received from the City Secretary with the following suggestions:

1. That the properties known as Southmead, Hillbrow, Hillview, Havana, Spindles and Highbury Vale, Cockering Road, would be transferred to the City.
2. That the properties known as 5 - 34 (inclusive) Ashenden Close, would be transferred to the City.
3. That the properties known as 8-34 (inclusive) Bramley Ave. would be transferred to the City.
4. That the properties known as 123-149 Ashford Rd. (odd numbers) would be transferred to the City.

The Clerk had shown this letter to the Chairman and on his instruction had written to the City Secretary to say that we did not wish to make any proposals for changes, but if it was absolutely necessary, the only suggestions we would consider were as follows:-

1. That Ashenden Close in its entirety be transferred to Thanington Without.
2. That Bramley Avenue in its entirety be transferred to Thanington Without.
3. That all properties from and including 111 Ashford Road to 121 Ashford Road be transferred to Thanington Without.

Thus levelling the boundaries at Strangers Lane. Regarding those properties in Cockering Road, no objection would be made to these being transferred to the City.

It was proposed by Councillor Mr. E. Kite, seconded by Councillor Mrs. V. Sanders and carried, that this action by the Chairman be confirmed.

It was agreed that Harbledown, Blean and Hackington Parish Councils should be asked if they had received similar suggestions.

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LIGHTING COLUMN IN ASHENDEN CLOSE. A letter had been received from Seeboard with the information that the column at the top of Ashenden Close had been damaged by impact of vehicle on 26th January, 1980. The column, lantern, lamp and control gear have been completely destroyed. The driver of the vehicle being: Sandra Hooper, 14 Hartington Road, Bexley Heath.

The Clerk had written to the Commercial Union Assurance asking for a claim form; to Sandra Hooper asking for name and address of her insurance company; and to Seeboard asking for an estimate for re-instatement.

CANTERBURY CITY COUNCIL: Local Lotteries. The City Council have decided to allocate lottery income for the purpose of tree planting with the Parish Council areas. Suggestions to be submitted regarding sites, etc. by the end of April, 1980. Councillors asked to give consideration to possible sites and the matter to be discussed at the next meeting.

CANTERBURY CITY COUNCIL. Press hand out re streamlining of refuse collection scheme. Bundles of sacks consisting of 20 for 13 weeks period to be delivered in February, together with a letter of explanation. The scheme commences on 14th April 1980.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS: Councillor Mr. A. R. Palmer and Councillor Mr. W. Knott had attended a site meeting at 33 New House Close and had decided to adhere to previous decision.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Councillor Mrs. V. Sanders commented on the state of the pavement at the base of the lamp column at the bottom of Strangers Lane by the bus stop. As this was dangerous to residents alighting from the bus, a letter to be written to the City Surveyor.

Councillor Mr. W. Knott reported on the bad surfacing of New House Lane. The chippings had not been rolled in sufficiently, and as a result passing traffic had thrown it to the edges of the road, leaving bare patches. A man with a broom and a mechanical sweeper had been there on the same day to clear away the accumulation of chippings. It was agreed to write to the Divisional Surveyor, Kent County Council, asking that in future, resurfacing is done in a manner which is more effective and lasting and money saving.

K.A.P.C. AREA MEETING: Councillors Mr. E. Kite and Mr. W. Knott reported on the meeting. The Clerk had also attended and found it interesting.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday, 10th March, 1980 at 8 pm.

There being no other business the meeting was closed.

W. Palmer
10th March 1980