

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held at 135 Ashford Road, Thanington Without, on Monday, 14th December 1981 at 8 pm.

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

APOLOGIES: There were none.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING:

BUS SH ELTER: Not yet installed.

POT HOLE: 199 Ashford Road. This had now been filled in.

BRIDGE OVER CANTERBURY BY-PASS: Letter received from Kent County Council, Highways and Transportation Department that the conflict between vehicles and pedestrians at the eastern end of the Thanington Bridge is insufficient to justify the provision of controlled pedestrian facilities. A summary had been taken and this showed that only 1/4 of the adults and accompanied children and 1/2 of the unaccompanied children used the existing controlled pedestrian crossing properly. 44% of children accompanied by adults pressed the button, then ignored the signals.

In order to help pedestrians, 'Look Right' and 'Look Left' markings will be laid on the carriageway when the white lining contractors are next in the area.

The Clerk reported that the Road Safety Officer for Canterbury had been to see her. He was very concerned on the safety of pedestrians at this site and had put up 'safety' notices on the bridge. These had been torn down within two hours. He had also visited the schools leaving leaflets and posters and hoped to be able to attend a Parents/Teachers Meeting. He would be making a report on this and would keep the matter under review.

193 ASHFORD ROAD: This had still not been dealt with.

TONFORD LANE: Hawthorn bushes. Being dealt with.

BRIDGE IN HOLLOW LANE: Councillor Mr. W. Knott reported that the fence had been repaired and a very good job made of it, but the footpath had not been attended to. A letter to be written to the City Engineer thanking him for the fence repairs, and again asking for the footpath to be asphalted.

STUPPINGTON LANE: No reply received to our letters and it was then agreed that copies be sent to Kent County Council asking for attention to be given to this.

SITE MEETINGS: A reply received that one member of a Parish Council could be invited to attend site meetings, at the discretion of the Chairman of the Town Planning Committee. It is anticipated that this will not be standard practice with all applications which are the subject of site visits, but only those which the Chairmambelieves will benefit from the adoption of this new procedure.

TYPEWRITER: The Chairman reported that with the Clerk and one other member of the Parish Council, he had been to Geerings and had purchased a Typewriter for the use of the Clerk.

BRETT'S CROSSING AT TONFORD LEVEL CROSSING: The Clerk reported that she had telephoned Bretts regarding the mud at this point. Bretts appreciative that the Parish Council had contacted them. They were very concerned at the amount of mud there, but had laid down a base and cleared the crossing with a mechanical shovel at least twice a day. The lorries were very big and had very large wheels, and with the wet weather it was extremely difficult to keep the crossing clear. They would continue to do the best possible. All being well the work would be completed by the spring of next year.

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STILE. New HOUSE LANE: Better received from Messrs. Howlands that their stile are in good repair and they assume that the stile in question belongs to someone else. Councillor Mr. W. Knott agreed to see Mr. Howland. Councillor

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS: Geerings £124.20 for typewriter. It was proposed by Councillor Mr. E. Kite, seconded by Councillor Miss S. Knott and carried, that this expenditure be confirmed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL: Provision of Rural Services. No comments.

TELEVISION SOUTH: Ask to be put on mailing list. Agreed this should be done.

K.A.P.C. County Circular No101. Noted.

Report of 34th Annual General Meeting. Noted.

Provision of Rural Services. Noted.

Kent Way Mark. Noted.

Kent Enterprises. Noted.

Civil Defence Leaflet. Noted. Discussion took place and it was reported that some County Councils were making provision for shelters against nuclear attack, but K.C.C. were apparently not doing so.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT PLAN: No comment.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS: 13 Ashenden Close. Action on no objections be made were confirmed.

Thanington Court Farm: Change of use from agricultural to baker. After discussion it was agreed that this be referred back to the City Planning Department with the observation that the Parish Council question the change of use from agricultural to industrial, particularly when there is a large industrial estate nearby in Wincheap.

PREVIOUS PLANNING APPLICATION granted: 33 New House close.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Councillor Mr. W. Knott reported that chalk had been infilled into the road against the bank in Merton Lane. This had been subsequently cut away by passing traffic and was now over the road. A letter to be written to Kent County Council.

Councillor Mr. W. Knott also reported that there was now a large pothole in Hollow Lane, on the left from Canterbury and just past the bridge. A letter to be written to Kent County Council asking for urgent attention.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday, 11th January 1982 at 8 pm.

There being no other business, the meeting was closed.

W. Knott
11th January, 1982.

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