

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH/MEETING held at the Ashford Road Social Club House, Ashford Road, Thanington Without, on Monday, 10th May, 1982 at 8 pm.

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

APOLOGIES: There were none.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN: The Chairman vacated the Chair. It was proposed by Councillor Mr. E. Kite, seconded by Councillor Mr. W. Knott and carried, that Councillor Mr. A. R. Palmer be elected Chairman for the coming year.

DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE was then made, confirmed and signed.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN: It was proposed by Councillor Mr. A. R. Palmer, seconded by Councillor Mr. C. Day and carried, that Councillor Mr. W. Knott be elected Chairman for the coming year.

DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE was then made, confirmed and signed.

KENT ASSOCIATION OF PARISH COUNCILS; Area Committee Representatives.

It was proposed by Councillor Mr. E. Kite, seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Kite and carried, that Councillor Mr. W. Knott and Councillor Miss S. Knott be elected for the coming year.

CHAIRMAN'S ALLOWANCE: It was proposed by Councillor Mr. E. Kite, seconded by Councillor Miss S. Knott and carried, that the Chairman's allowance remain at £40 for the coming year.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING ON MINUTES:

BUS SHELTER: The East Kent Road Car Co. representative had called upon the Clerk to say that they had been approached by Canterbury City Council regarding the siting of a bus shelter at Ashford Road. The present bus stop site is unsuitable for the erection of a shelter and it is possible the present bus stop will have to be moved, possibly further towards the shop. The bus company seeking police agreement on the new site. When the bus shelter site has been agreed, the bus company will give a bus time table board to the City Council for erection at the same time as the bus shelter is erected.

STILE, NEW HOUSE LANE: An inspection made and an order issued for the erection of a new stile as soon as possible by Canterbury City Council.

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL: Governing Bodies, County Primary Schools. Councillor Mr. A. R. Palmer reported that he had been offered an appointment as a Local Education Authority representative which he had accepted. This meant he was appointed in his own right but not as a representative of the Parish Council.

The Clerk had telephoned Kent County Council but had received no information other than that the matter was still under consideration. It was agreed that this should now be left for Kent County Council to sort out.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT: Reply received to our letter, stating that far from making an offensive situation worse, the proposals in the White Paper were strongly pro-environmental. They put a permanent block on lorries getting larger or higher; but they do allow lorries to carry the full loads for which they were designed - up to one-fifth more than they do now. This would lead to greater efficiency, with savings to industry, reduced prices for the consumer and removal of penalties to exporters. The Government would not have proposed increases in lorry weights if these posed significant costs in public expenditure on roads, bridges and underground services. Noted.

STILE AT MILTON: Reply received from Bretts that the stile would be repaired very shortly. Councillor Mr. C. Day confirmed that the repair had been made. A letter of appreciation to be sent to Bretts.

VERGE AREA, JUNCTION OF ASHFORD ROAD AND GRAYS WAY: Reply received from Canterbury City Council that an order has been issued for the verge area referred to to be regraded, levelled and seeded, the work to be carried out very shortly.

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A. R. Palmer

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PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS:

It was proposed by Councillor Mr. E. Kite, seconded by Councillor Miss S. Knott and carried, that the following accounts be paid:=
Revd. P.L. Baycock, hire of hall for Annual Parish Meeting £5.00
Commercial Union Assurance 33.92
Kent Association of Parish Councils 46.63
Dept. of the Environment, audit fee 39.10

It was agreed that our representatives to the K.A.P.C. Area Meetings be asked to bring the matter of the greatly increased audit fees to the next Area Meeting.

The representatives reported that it was extremely difficult to hear what was going on in the meetings, due to bad acoustics and noisy heating system, and it was agreed that this should also be brought up at the next Area Meeting. The Clerk to write to the Hon. Secretary of the K.A.P.C. Area meetings notifying her of this action, so that possibly she could get information.

CORRESPONDENCE:

SEEBOARD: Public Lighting charges increase. Noted.

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL: Public Transport Plan. Noted.

Town & Country Plan. Noted.

Stour Valley Plan. Noted.

KENT ASSOC. OF PARISH COUNCILS. County Circular No. 104. Noted.

Prospect for the 80s - summary of the regional recreation strategy. Noted.

Membership to K.A.P.C. Noted.

Society of Local Council Clerks. Noted.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS: Nothing applicable to this area.

The Clerk had received a telephone message from a resident in Ashenden Close, to say that she had been informed by the applicant for an extension in front of dwelling at No. 13, that the application had been withdrawn.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING: Wednesday, 12th May, 1982 at 8 pm. Councillor Mrs. V. Sanders tendered her apologies for absence due to a previous engagement.

HARRIS CHARITY FUND: The accounts scrutinised and it was proposed by Councillor Mr. E. Kite, seconded by Councillor Mr. C. Day and carried, that these be confirmed for presentation to the Annual Parish Meeting.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Councillor Miss S. Knott reported a very large pothole in the road outside the newly built house next to Wincheap Farmhouse in Hollow Lane. Also the state of the road in Stuppington Lane from the dip to the junction of Merton Lane was now a traffic hazard due to the many potholes. A letter to be written to the City Engineer asking that these be dealt with without delay.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday, 21st June, 1982 at 8 pm.

There being no other business, the meeting was closed.

Attest
21st June 1982