

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held at the Ashford Road Social Club House, Ashford Road, Thanington Without, on Monday, 12th July 1982 at 7.30 pm.

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

APOLOGIES: There were none.

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

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING:

BUS SHELTER: Nothing further heard.

K.C.C. Governing Bodies, County Primary Schools. Reply received from the Divisional Education Officer that the matter is still in progress and he will write again as soon as there is anything definite to say. It is anticipated that it is likely to be some little time before any conclusion is reached.

A further letter to be written to the County Education Officer.

STRANGERS LANE: Thistles on bank have been cut down.

POTHoles AT ACCESS TO POST OFFICE: These have been filled in to some extent.

POTHOLE AT WATER STOPCOCK, Ashford Road: This had been filled in.

FOOTPATH 490: Cockering Road to New House Lane; Nothing heard about this.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS: It was proposed by Councillor Mr. E. Kite, seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Kite and carried, that the payment of the Chairman's allowance of £40 be confirmed.

It was proposed by Councillor Miss S. Knott, seconded by Councillor Mrs. V. Sanders and carried, that the Clerk's Salary from Jan/June 1982

	£197.50
2/3 telephone rental plus VAT	9.90
Postages and telephone calls Jan/June	5.22
Stationery	1.08
	<u>£213.70</u>

be paid.

CORRESPONDENCE:

K.A.P.C. Area Committee Report. Noted.

Kent Emergency Planning Team Representation. Noted.

The representatives asked that a letter be written to the Secretary of the Area Committee stating that due to bad acoustics and the noise from the heating, it was extremely difficult to hear what is taking place in the meeting. This to be done.

PARISH REVIEW: To be taken later in the meeting.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

Development of land at Cockering Road for estate of 60 houses. After discussion it was proposed by Councillor Mr. C. Day, seconded by Councillor Mr. W. Knott and carried, that this should be objected to on the grounds that it would take valuable agricultural land; the bad access to Cockering Road; putting additional traffic on Strangers Lane and St. Nicholas Road which are already hazardous due to heavy flow of traffic and cars parking on either side of these roads; and if this application is granted it would be liable to lead to further applications for adjoining land.

PREVIOUS APPLICATION: 56 New House Lane. Granted.

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL; Kent Mineral Subject Plan. Enquiry commences at 10 am on 19th October, 1982 at Springfield, Maidstone. Noted.

LOTTERY FUND: The amount of money made available to each Parish has now increased to £2235. The total sum already allocated to organisations within the Parish is £1050, leaving a balance of £1185 available. Noted.

 P.T.O.:

PARISH REVIEW: The Report and Plans that the Boundary be altered to include the housing estate down to the by-pass and the number of Parish Councillors increased by 2 had been circulated to all Parish Councillors for perusal and comments. The Chairman, Councillor Mr. A. R. Palmer reminded the Councillors that the old boundary stone was by Bretts and the land between that and Ashford Road and Bramley Avenue was taken over by the Canterbury City Council when the housing estate was built. Councillor Mr. A. R. Palmer proposed that the boundary revision be accepted - the boundary being moved to include all down as far as by-pass, provided that it was 'warded' and for the new Ward to have its own representatives on the Parish Council. It was suggested that more Councillors would be needed in order to give a fair representation comparing with Thanington Without. It was also proposed that a letter be sent to the City Secretary saying that the provision made some sense, but various matters needed to be clarified.

A further suggestion made was that the revision be accepted in principal but a number of queries would need to be answered. The Parish Councillors were not in agreement with the propositions and suggestions and a lengthy discussion followed; among questions asked were: the number of Parish Councillors needed for each Ward; the possible increase in rates to cover the additional lighting costs, because the Parish Council is the Lighting Authority; the administration of the King George V Playing Field. It was finally agreed that no decision should be made at this meeting, but that the City Secretary be asked for someone pp in authority to come to a special meeting to be held on Monday, 2nd August, 1982 to answer queries which have arisen.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: A telegram had been received from the Prince and Princess of Wales, thanking the Parish Council and parishioners for their good wishes on the birth of their son. Councillor Miss S. Knott enquired whether a further letter could be written regarding the banks by the bridge in Hollow Lane. This to be done.

The Clerk reported that the hedge of 84 Ashford Road was now so overgrown that the street name plates were obscured. A letter to be written to the Vicar enquiring who should be approached, as the house is now empty.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday, 2nd August, Special meeting at 7.30 pm to consider the Parish Review. If a decision cannot be reached at this meeting a further one to be held on Monday, 9th August 1982 at 8 pm. There being no other business, the meeting was closed.

A. R. Palmer
 13 September 1982