

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held at the Ashford Road Social Club House, Ashford Road, Thanington Without, on Monday, 8th November 1982 at 8 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 confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING:

BUS SHELTER: The time table had not yet been fixed, but had not been forgotten. Councillor Mr. E. Kite reported that the East Kent Road Car Co. had been to fix the time table, but had then removed it and left.

K.C.C. Governing Bodies, County Primary Schools. Nothing to report.

FOOTPATH 490. As yet nothing done.

BANKS BY BRIDGE IN HOLLOW LANE: Nothing done to prevent further erosion.

MERTAON LANE/STUPPINGTON LANE: Nothing done as yet.

LOWER BRIDGE STREET/BURGATE PEDESTRIAL CROSSING: No reply from Councillor Mr. B. A. Porter.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNT: There were none.

CORRESPONDENCE:

CANTERBURY CITY COUNCIL. Application to fell 24 hectares of Iffin Wood to convert land to agriculture (cereals or fruit). The Forestry Commission may grant the licence without any replanting conditions, depending on the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food's comments. The City Architect & Planner considering resisting this conversion.

In the copy letter from Mr. Howland to the Forestry Commission, he states that he has been advised by the Ministry of Agriculture Fisheries and Food that this land is of potentially high agricultural quality, varying from Grade 1 to Grade 3. For this reason the clearing of this woodland was included as an integral part of the Development Plan under the Agriculture and Horticulture Development Scheme, which put into effect an E.E.E. Directive on farm modernisation to bring farm incomes up to a specified level. If the licence is granted, regard will be had to the amenity considerations and where possible, mature standing timber will be left. Shelter belts could be planted with indigenous trees and possibly some corner plots could be left for conservation purposes. Some 19 hectares of woodland would remain and this would be enhanced as much as possible by careful management.

Lengthy discussion following resulting in a proposal being made by Councillor Mr. W. Knott, seconded by Councillor Mr. E. Kite and carried, that this application should not be resisted.

The Clerk asked when writing to the City Architect & Planner to enquire why he was considering resisting the application.

EAST KENT ROAD CAR COL LTD. considering removing the bus stop opposite Thanington Church and the bus stop at the Ashford Road end of Strangers Lane and making one bus stop on the Ashford Road, possibly in the vicinity of 123/125 Ashford Road. No objection to this.

KENT ASSOC. OF PARISH COUNCILS: Report of Area Meeting. Noted.

Councillor Mr. W. Knott and Councillor Miss S. Knott reported that at the last meeting the heating was turned off as the speaker could not be heard over the noise of the heating equipment. This resulted in them being intensely cold and regretted that they would not be able to attend any further meetings until a better meeting place was obtained. Mrs. Neill had written to the Canterbury City Council again asking if the meetings could be held in the Guildhall or the Council offices, but permission had not been given. Further investigations being made. A letter to be written to Mrs. Neill informing her of the decision of the Council representatives and suggesting that perhaps a committee room at the Westgate Hall could be obtained.

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS: There were none.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Councillor Miss S. Knott reported a number of large potholes in Hollow Lane which are dangerous to traffic. A letter to be written to the City Engineer asking for these to be attended to.

Councillor Mr. E. Kite reported that Mr. Anderson of 145 Ashford Road had approached him to ask whether the bad surface and potholes in the K.C.C. layby from 145 to 153 Ashford Road could be attended to. Kent County Council to be asked to attend to this.

Councillor Mr. W. Knott reported that the notice board outside St. Faith's Hall had been vandalised. New glass was needed and he was uncertain about the state of the woodwork. As this notice board was not a parish council notice board, Councillor Mr. W. Knott enquired whether the Parish Council would consider paying half of the cost of repairs. It was agreed that the Parish Council would do this and Councillor Mr. W. Knott agreed to convey this to the Committee at St. Faith's.

Councillor Mr. W. Knott drew attention to the letter written by the Vicar in the Parish Magazine relating to the Wincheap Road Action Group and their appeal for safety in Wincheap. The local MP. Mr. David Crouch had attended the meeting held recently and was giving the appeal his full support. Councillor Mr. W. Knott asked that the Parish Council also gave support to this appeal. It was proposed by Councillor Mr. C. Day, seconded by Councillor Mr. W. Knott and carried, that a letter be written to the City Secretary, giving the support of the Parish Council to this appeal and urging that a pelican crossing be placed at the Hollow Lane/Cow Lane junction.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday, 13th December, 1982 at 8 pm.

There being no other business, the meeting was closed.

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13<sup>th</sup> Dec: 1982.