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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held at the Ashford Road Social Club House, Ashford Road, on Monday, 12th December 1983 at 8 pm.

PRESENT: Councillors Mr. C. H. Day, Mr. C. H. Church, Mr. G. Page, Mrs. M. Kite, Mrs. V. Sanders, Mrs. J. Woods, Miss S. Knott.

APOLOGIES: There were none.

CHAIRMAN: Councillor Mr. C. H. Day.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING:

IMPROVEMENT TO ROAD SAFETY: Hollow Lane junction New House Lane. As six months have elapsed since the site meetings with representatives of Kent County Council and Canterbury City Council and nothing further has transpired, a further letter to be written asking for information on possible measures to be taken to improve safety at this junction.

DEVELOPMENT IN COCKERING ROAD: A further letter received from Mr. J. M. Nugent, 13 Ashenden Close, asking for the support of the Parish Council to the Action Groups petition and letters to Canterbury City Council objecting on grounds of density, lack of privacy etc., Mr. Nugent informed of the action taken by the Parish Council. A further letter received from Mr. Nugent informing the Parish Council that he had obtained the support of Councillors M/S L. Keen, Mr. F. Whitmore and Mr. L. R. Bennett and charging the Parish Council with lack of interest. Councillor Mr. C. H. Church asked that it be minuted that the Parish Council could not be charged with lack of interest.

FOOTPATH 464: Reply received from the City Engineer that the waymark post will be replaced.

REED COTTAGE, Ashford Road: Councillor Mr. G. Page reported that the branches had not been cut back, but now the leaves had fallen, the problem was not so bad.

FOOTPATH 490: An eye to be kept on re-instatement of the ploughed-up footpath.

BUS STOP: 105 Thanington Road: The 'request stop' sign has not yet been removed.

BRITISH RAIL TIME TABLE: Councillor Mr. C. H. Church had studied this and a letter had been written expressing concern on the severe reduction of the train service between Canterbury West station and London Charing Cross.

IFFIN LANE NAME PLATE: Reply received from the City Engineer that this will be replaced.

FRACTURED GAS PIPE IN TONFORD LANE: Reply received from Segas that this was caused by a corroded service pipe from the main. Tonford Lane residents are in no danger. Segas do to a certain extent reply on residents to report any smell of gas.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS: There were none.

CORRESPONDENCE:

SEEBOARD: Schedule of Maintenance for December. Noted.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS: Mobile home at Whitegates, Tonford Lane. Notification received from the Planning Dept., that a site meeting is to be held on Tuesday, 13th December at 9.15 am. and the Chairman of the Parish Council invited to attend.

PREVIOUS APPLICATIONS: 17 Tonford Lane - extension granted.

PARISH PRECEPT 1984/5: Precept estimate considered in detail. Produce of 1p rate for this Parish £980 and the total rateable value £98,300. During the ensuing discussion, Councillor Mr. C. H. Church queried what limit the increase of 1.23p applied and asked that a letter be written to the City Treasurer asking for clarification.

It was proposed by Councillor Mr. C. H. Church, seconded by Councillor Mrs. J. Woods and carried, that the Parish Precept for 1984/5 should be £980.

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

ASHFORD ROAD SOCIAL CLUB: The Clerk expressed the appreciation of the Ashford Road Social Club for the great help given by the Parish Council in the recent negotiations with the Canterbury City Council and the Community Programme Scheme, who had been able to negotiate discounts on purchases of materials for repairs. The work was now in progress.

COUNCILLOR MISS S. KNOTT reported that following the recent interruption in electricity supply the time clocks were out of order. Seeboard to be asked to re-set them.

Councillor Miss S. Knott also reported that following hedge cutting in Stuppington Lane and New House Lane, the hedge clippings had not been removed from the road. The City Engineer to be asked to deal with this. Councillor Miss S. Knott asked whether a white line could be put on the approach roads to the Stuppington Lane bye-pass bridge and also throughout the length of the bridge. Vehicular traffic often encroached on the wrong side of the road at this point. A letter to be written to the City Engineer asking if this could be done.

COUNCILLOR MR. G. PAGE reported that he had seen Mr. Allard, Thanington Court Bungalow, who expressed his appreciation for the help the Parish Council had given in his appeal against refusal to erect a bungalow at the rear of his property.

Councillor Mr. G. Page also reported that Segas had informed him that they would be doing a survey in Grays Way regarding a gas service. If there was a reasonable penetration rate they would get estimates to present to possible subscribers.

COUNCILLOR MR. C. H. CHURCH reported that a number of lengthy electricity cuts had recently taken place in New House Lane which had caused great difficulties to residents. He asked that Seeboard be asked to give a full explanation for these cuts.

The Clerk had telephoned Seeboard who reported that the cuts were due to high voltage problems.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 9th January 1984 at 8 pm. Councillor Mrs. V. Sanders expressed doubt whether she would attend this meeting due to another engagement.

There being no other business, the meeting was closed.

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