

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held at the Ashford Road Social Club House, Thanington Without, on Monday, 3rd December 1984 at 7 pm.

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

APOLOGIES: None.

CHAIRMAN: Councillor Mr. C. H. Day.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING:

REED COTTAGE, ASHFORD ROAD: Work not yet completed.

40 MPH AND ASHFORD ROAD SIGNS: Nothing further heard.

ST. NICHOLAS CHURCHYARD: As nothing further heard, the Chairman expressed a wish that any meeting should be deferred to the spring.

HOLLOW LANE: The Clerk had talked to Mr. Ellis, regarding the trees and a meeting arranged on site on Friday, 7th December 1984 at 2.30 pm. Councillors Mr. C. H. Day, Mr. C. H. Church and the Clerk to attend.

RUBBISH AT HANGING BANKS: The Clerk had telephoned both Canterbury City Council and Kent County Council regarding this problem. Canterbury City Council disclaiming ownership of this stretch of the highway. Mr. Bishop of Kent County Council had finally sorted out the ownership i.e. Canterbury City Council responsible for the cleansing etc. A letter had been received from Canterbury City Council acknowledging responsibility and instructions have now been given for this stretch of the highway to be cleansed on a regular basis.

Nothing heard regarding the possibility of two rubbish containers or one larger one at this site.

PUBLIC FOOTPATH MARKER STONES: These not yet dealt with.

TONFORD LANE: Additional lighting. Estimate not yet received.

FOOTWAY RE-INSTATEMENT: Nothing further done and an eye to be kept on it.

MILTON CHURCH: A letter received from the Redundant Churches Uses Committee that they have been in touch with Bretts the owners of the surrounding land to ascertain their extent of interest in acquiring the building. As they have been slow in responding this task had been unduly protracted, but it is hoped that Bretts will agree very shortly on the terms by which they will take over the building. It is intended that the church be retained as a monument and not converted to any particular alternative use.

The vault beneath the church is still intact and was recently inspected by an expert from the Victoria & Albert Museum. It is hoped that Bretts will care for the crypt and for the rest of the building by keeping them in good repair.

Possible users have been put off the redundant church by the proximity of the gravel washing plant and the fact that Bretts appeared reluctant to grant appropriate service easements to the church.

PLAY AREA, NEW HOUSE LANE: The Clerk had been in touch with the City Council office to make enquiries regarding land that might possibly be available for this purpose. Mr. D. Ellis had reported that the Canterbury City Council have not spent any money on play areas for the past 18 months to 2 years. He suggested that land owners in the area be consulted, and also would let the Parish Council have details of Kent Assoc. of Playing Fields grants. In answer to the Clerk's query regarding available land at the Hollow Lane end of either Merton Lane or Stuppington Lane, Mr. Ellis said that would come under the Planning Dept. The Clerk had written to the Planning Dept., and a reply awaited.

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PLAY AREA cont:

Neither Mr. Guest or Mr. Hinchliff had any land available or suitable. It was proposed by Councillor Mr. C. H. Day, seconded by Councillor Mr. C. H. Church and carried, that a vote of thanks be recorded to the Clerk for her interest and work in this matter.

FOOTPATH 490: No reply received regarding public footpath marker at the New House Lane end of this footpath, or regarding the overgrown bridleway between New House Lane and Iffin Lane.

FINGER POST TO ST. AUGUSTINES HOSPITAL: No reply yet received.

NEW HOUSE CLOSE: Councillor Miss S. Knott reported that some work had been done

DUMPING IN NEW HOUSE LANE AND IFFIN LANE: Councillor Mr. C. H. Church reported that someone had removed the washing machine, but more rubbish was being dumped.

FOOTPATH 490. Stile at the Cockering Road end. Nothing done.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS: Ashford Road Social Club. Hire of hall for meetings £24.00

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. J. Woods, seconded by Mrs. M. Kite and carried, that these be paid.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS: Car port at Highbury Vale, Cockering Road. No objections. Tree Felling in Iffin Wood. An appeal against the refusal being lodged with the Secretary of State for the Environment by the owners. The Parish Council will be informed of the date for the local inquiry when it is made known.

PARISH PRECEPT: Product of one penny rate for this Parish £990 and the total rateable value £100239.

Concern expressed that the balance in hand at the end of each year is diminishing very considerably, and taking into account the possibility of new lights in Tonford Lane and Hassall Reach and the additional energy and maintenance charges which will come with the building of Manor Close, and coupled with an overall increase in these charges for the whole of the Parish it was agreed that the precept should be increased to cover these additions. It was proposed by Councillor Mr. C. H. Church, seconded by Councillor Mrs. J. Woods and carried, that a Precept of £2,178 (the equivalent of a 2.2p rate) should be made.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

THE CLERK had received an invitation from the Admiralty Board to attend a presentation on 'The Royal Navy' on 8th January 1985. As she was unable to accept it was passed to the Parish Councillors. With regret, no one could accept.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday, 7th January 1985 at 8 pm.

The Chairman, Councillor Mr. C. H. Day tendered his apologies for the January and February meetings when he will be out of the country.

There being no other business, the meeting was closed.

Clive H. Church
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