

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held at the Ashford Road Social Clubhouse, Ashford Road, on Monday, 8th September 1986 at 8 pm.

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

APOLOGIES: Councillors Mr. C. H. Church, Miss S. Knott.

CHAIRMAN: Councillor Mr. C. H. Day.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING AND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME MEETING were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING:

COMMERCIAL UNION: Reply received that the additional premium until 1st June 1987 will be £123.03 assuming that the three seats are still the same. After consideration, it was proposed by Councillor Mr. C. H. Day, seconded by Councillor Mr. G. Page and carried, that the insurance cover be left as it is for now and to be reviewed early in 1988.

ASHENDEN CLOSE STREET LIGHTING: The column in place and connection of supply awaited. The Clerk had ascertained that this was dealt with by another department and would take from eight to ten weeks from the column being re-erected.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME: A second meeting had been held on 21st August 1986 when a Watch Scheme was formed. A few more 'link persons' needed to cover parts of the Ashford Road. Co-ordinator: Councillor Mr. C. H. Day. Deputy Co-ordinators: Mrs. Heini and Mr. Kingston. Councillor Mrs. J. Woods reported that she was in the process of compiling a newsletter, the draft of which she read. It was proposed by Councillor Mr. C. H. Day, seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Kite and carried, that this should be produced and circulated. Area Co-ordinators and link persons to be asked to distribute them. The question of finance was considered and agreed that each household should be invited to subscribe 50p per annum to cover expenses of the scheme. This would be optional.

ELEVATED FOOTPATH, HOLLOW LANE: Councillor Miss S. Knott had requested that in her absence a report should be made to the effect that various residents in New House Lane were now communicating with her with reference to the overgrown condition of the footpath. It was agreed that a further letter be sent to Councillor Mr. Whitemore (Canterbury City Council) asking him to urge the City Council to attend to this matter.

BRIDLE ROAD 358a NEW HOUSE LANE: to Iffin Lane: The Chairman, Councillor Mr. C. H. Day and the Clerk had been in the Iffin Lane area and had noted that this had been cleared and was now passable.

CLERK'S GRATUITY ON RETIREMENT: The Chairman, Councillor Mr. C. H. Day said that sufficient money must be earmarked for this. An additional sum to be included in the Precept for 1987/88.

ADDITIONAL STREET LIGHTING IN GRAYS WAY: The column now in position and connection to the supply awaited, which would be approximately eight to ten weeks from the installation of the column.

SCHOOL SIGN IN NEW HOUSE LANE: Nothing heard.

WHITE LINE IN HOLLOW LANE: Nothing heard.

CANTERBURY CITY COUNCIL ANTI-LITTER CAMPAIGN: Litter at Hanging Banks layby.

A letter received from Kent County Council Highways Department that there appears to be no merit in closing the layby as it does provide some form of parking facility for travellers and does not appear to be a traffic hazard. Unless there are very strong environmental reasons, it is not proposed to alter the situation at the present time.

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MATTERS ARISING cont:

OVERHANGING HEDGES AND GARDENS: 3 and 9 Tonford Lane. Reply received that the City Environmental Health & Housing Officer has investigated the matter but there is little that can be done, other than writing informally to the owner requesting that he tidies the gardens and cuts the hedges. In such circumstances there is no reason why people who complain of 'weeds encroaching on their gardens' should not cut them down or kill them themselves and the same applies to overgrown hedges. The actual properties do not yet appear to be in a condition where formal action would be justified. The matter will be kept under review.

Councillor Mrs. J. Woods reported that the hedges had been cut and the gardens of these two properties had been tidied satisfactorily.

DEVELOPMENT AT WISTARIA COTTAGE, IFFIN LANE: The details of trees to be retained received and noted.

SEEBOARD: Reduction in Public Lighting Energy prices: The saving to be passed on to the consumer ~~will~~ will be 0.2p on the 1st April 1986 prices. To avoid administration costs associated with revision of the agreed monthly payment, a cheque for the total value of the fuel price reduction will be sent to the Parish Council in October 1986.

FUTURE OF CHERRY ORCHARD IN NEW HOUSE LANE: Councillor Mr. C. H. Church had spoken to Councillor Mr. F. Whitmore and Mr. Long of the City Council Planning Authority on this matter. The former is of the opinion that while Planning permission was unlikely to be given for a change from agricultural use of the land, whereas the latter seemed to think that an application could be entertained. Where the change of use from one form of agricultural use to another Mr. Long's view was that there was no means of opposing the digging up of the present trees and the replacement by some other form of farming. Tree Preservation Orders were not appropriate in the circumstances, the fact that one of the marks of good husbandry where fruit is concerned, is regular replacement of trees. If the orchard were allowed to run down this ~~goal~~ would be doubly counter productive. At this stage there is nothing that can be done.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS: Confirmation of payment to Kent County Council the sum of £24.20 for supervising opening of road: Proposed by Councillor Mrs. J. Woods, seconded by Councillor Mr. G. Page and carried, that this be confirmed.

Miss Eyles, Clerk. $\frac{2}{3}$ phone rental including VAT £12.72

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. J. Woods, seconded by Councillor Mr. G. Page and carried, that this be paid.

CORRESPONDENCE:

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL: Review of Mineral sites. Noted.

Channel Tunnel. Report of joint Consultative Council and petition. Noted.

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Course for Parish Councillors. Noted.

Parish News No. 142. Items noted.

K.C.C.

Community Volunteer Training courses. Noted.

B.B.B. Radio Kent. Publicity in villages. Village correspondents required.

Thanington Without not classed as a village.

CANTERBURY CITY COUNCIL: re free inspection of playgrounds. Noted.

BOUNDARY COMMISSION: Reviews. Noted.

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

Confirm action taken on following:

163 Ashford Road; Demolition of garage and erection of new extension.
No objection.

Wistaria Cottage, Iffin Lane: Erection of two detached dwellings.
No objection.

Plot EI. Manor Close: First floor extension. No objection.

New applications:

The Sheiling, Iffin Lane: Detached bungalow and vehicular access to
serve existing bungalow. No objection.

Iffin Meadows: Detached bungalow with garage for occupancy of agricultural
worker. No objection.

Land at 7 Tonford Lane: 1 detached and 2 semi-detached houses with
integral garages. Revised plans.

It was agreed that objection should be made on the grounds of
density, narrowness of Tonford Lane which is carrying an
increasingly heavy load of traffic, no footpaths. Also that
these three houses, will, with the four bungalows being built on
the opposite site, make seven additional driveways on to the T
junction of Tonford Lane/ Grays Way. No turning areas or splays.

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. V. Sanders, seconded by Councillor Mr.
G. Page and carried, that these be confirmed.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

THE CLERK conveyed an invitation from the Ashford Road Social Club for two
members of the Parish Council to attend their 40th Anniversary celebration
on Saturday, 20th September. Councillor Miss S. Knott accepted.
Also, items from the Local Council Clerk's Review noted.

Councillor Mrs. V. Sanders reported that the street light outside 24 Bramley
Avenue not functioning properly. She also had received a query from a
resident in Bramley Avenue as to whether one of the street lights at the
lower end of Bramley Avenue could remain on all night.

Councillor Mr. G. Page reported that the footpath outside Nos. 179/181 Ashford
Road is in a bad condition, also the street light at 179 Ashford Road
not working.

The Chairman, Councillor Mr. C.H. Day wished to place on record that he had
received complaints from Mrs. Sloman of Hassall Reach and other residents
regarding the conduct of Mr. J. Baker who is building the additional
bungalows in the area. Councillor Mr. C. H. Day had then visited Mr. J.
Baker to warn him that he is upsetting residents in the area by his
aggressive manner.

ITEM FOR NEXT AGENDA: Controlled pedestrian crossing in Ashford Road.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday, 13th October, 1986 at 8 pm.

C.H. Day
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