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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held at the Ashford Road Social Clubhouse,
Ashford Road, on Monday, 13th October, 1986 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: None.

CHAIRMAN: Councillor Mr. C. H. Day.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING:

ASHENDEN CLOSE STREET LIGHTING: Supply now connected and light working.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME: Councillor Mrs. J. Woods working on newsletter for
circulation in the area. A vote of thanks to Mrs. Woods.

ELEVATED FOOTPATH, HOLLOW LANE: Councillor Miss S. Knott reported that this
had been cleared of brambles, nettles etc., and a short length of
chestnut spile fencing erected at the New House Lane end. Some concern
was expressed on the section of bank to the footpath at the corner
of New House Lane, opposite the houses. It was agreed that a letter
of appreciation should be sent to Councillor Mr. F. Whitmore for his
help in this matter, and to tell him of the concern on the section at
the junction of Hollow Lane/New House Lane.

ADDITIONAL LIGHT IN GRAYS WAY: The supply connected and the light working.

ASHFORD ROAD SOCIAL CLUB 40th Anniversary. Councillor Miss S. Knott had attended
and reported it a happy occasion.

STREET LIGHT IN BRAMLEY AVENUE: Now in order.

FOOTPATH AND STREET LIGHT 179/181 Ashford Road. Street light now in order.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS: None.

CORRESPONDENCE.

K.A.P.C. East to Coast in circulation to Councillors.

Agenda for AGM. Councillor Mr. C. H. Church unable to attend and
Councillor Mr. C. H. Day to take his place. No motions on the Agenda.
for this meeting.

Area Committee meeting Minutes: Noted.

SOCIETY OF LOCAL COUNCIL CLERKS: Annual Conference. Noted.

Increase in Clerk's salaries: It was proposed by Councillor Mr. C. H.
Day, seconded by Councillor Mr. C. H. Church and carried, that the
Clerks salary be increased to 56.7% of Ip rate which is £595 pa.
The Clerk recorded her thanks.

K.C.C. Finance for small firms in rural areas. Poster put on notice boards.
Channel Tunnel.

CANTERBURY CITY COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT: Circulated to Councillors.

Lottery Fund. Amount at present available to organisations within
this parish is £336. Noted.

STOUR VALLEY SCHOOL, CHARTHAM: Appeal for support in obtaining donations from
the Canterbury City Council Lottery Fund for the purchase of a mini-bus
for the use of the pupils. After consideration, it was proposed by
Councillor Mr. C. H. Church, seconded by Councillor Mrs. J. Woods
and carried, with one abstention, that a sum of £75 be donated from
the funds allocated to this parish.

CONTROLLED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING: Ashford Road; Due to the increased heavy
traffic using the Ashford Road, the possibility of a controlled
pedestrian crossing to enable the elderly and children to cross the
road in safety to attend church, get to the bus stop and the post office
stores, was discussed. It was proposed by Councillor Mr. C. H. Day,
seconded by Councillor Miss S. Knott and carried, that a request
should be made to Kent County Council and the Canterbury City Council.
The Kentish Gazette and Adscene to be asked if they can give publicity
to our request.

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

9 Tonford Lane: In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor Mr. C. H. Day, Councillor Mrs. J. Woods attended a site meeting regarding the development of this site. Mrs. Woods reported that the Canterbury City Council and the Planning Authority officials were not aware of the conditions, but she was able to point out the reasons for the objections made by the Parish Council.

She also reported on a conversation with Mr. J. Baker, the builder, when Mr. Baker was very aggressive towards her. The Chairman reported that he had met Mr. Baker and had told him that he was too aggressive to the elderly female residents, and asked him to moderate his manner.

118 Ashford Road: Footway crossing. No objections.

163 Ashford Road: Extension to lounge and front extension to provide garage. Councillor Mrs. J. Woods declared an interest and abstained from discussion. Discussion took place and while there were no objections to the rear extension, the Parish Councillors were concerned over the garage at the front. This would be taking light from neighbouring bungalows. It was agreed that this concern should be expressed over the garage with the suggestion that a car port would be preferred.

Wistaria Cottage; Amended plan, tree planting: No objections.

PREVIOUS APPLICATIONS GRANTED:

The Shealing, Iffin Lane: erection of detached bungalow.

Plot EI, Manor Close: first floor extension.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

THE CLERK reported that she had received a letter from Councillor Miss L. Keen, asking for the boundary hedge of 10 Cockerling Road which runs from Cockerling Road to Ingoldsby Road, to be cut back. The Clerk had notified Councillor Miss L. Keen that this was not in the Parish of Thanington Without, but within the City boundary.

The Clerk had also received a letter from Mrs. Catmur, 26 Grays Way, regarding the litter bin at the junction of Grays Way/Ashford Road, which frequently overflows, resulting in the rubbish being blown into her gardens. The Clerk had contacted the Cleansing Dept., asking for this bin to be cleared more often, and had then contacted Mrs. Catmur.

COUNCILLOR MR. G. PAGE asked if anything could be done regarding the cars which park without lights on the Ashford Road throughout the 24 hours of the day. Near accidents are occurring which could be more serious.

The Clerk to contact the Police.

COUNCILLOR MR. C. H. CHURCH asked the Clerk to ascertain the rules regarding radio masts.

ASHFORD ROAD SOCIAL CLUB to be put on the Agenda for the meeting in November.

Date of next meeting, Monday, 10th November 1986 at 8 pm. Councillor Mrs. J. Woods tendered her apologies as she will be on holiday.

There being no other business, the meeting was closed.

BH Day
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In fear for their lives

OLD folk and children take their lives in their hands to cross the busy A28 Ashford Road at Thanington Without, claim worried parish councillors.

They have called on Kent County Council to provide a pedestrian crossing before there are

by Garry Barker

more accidents on the road.

Said Cllr Charles Day, chairman of Thanington Without Parish Council: "Someone will be killed on the road unless something is done."

"Our little parish is bis-

ected by the road, and pensioners and youngsters from the Strangers Lane area take their lives in their hands to cross the road to reach the church, post office, sweet shop and bus stop."

Cllr Day pointed out that Wincheap had a 30mph speed limit, two pedestrian crossings and a traffic island.

Terrified

Thanington had a 40mph limit and there was no further crossing on the road until Ashford.

"The volume of traffic is getting worse, and drivers don't stick to the limit but rush along the road," Cllr Day said.

"Old people are terrified of crossing, and everyone I've spoken to agrees that something must be done."

In a letter to the County Council, the parish council says: "Ashford Road is

one of the busiest roads in East Kent, and has become more dangerous since the Canterbury bypass enabled heavy traffic to drive to and from Dover to avoid Wincheap.

"We earnestly ask for immediate consideration for a controlled pedestrian crossing.

"If this is not done urgently, we are certain there will be more accidents and possibly deaths."