

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held at the Ashford Road Social Clubhouse, Ashford Road, on Monday, 10th November 1986 at 8 pm.

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

APOLOGIES: Councillor Mrs. J. Woods.

CHAIRMAN: Councillor Mr. C. H. Day.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING:

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME: The Chairman, Councillor Mr. C. H. Day, reported that WPC Morton is the police liaison officer for this area. Mr. J. Goodhew, 136 Ashford Road, has agreed to act as treasurer. A meeting of co-ordinators and link persons to be held at the Ashford Road Social Clubhouse, on Monday, 24th November, 1986 at 7.30 pm. All to be notified.

ELEVATED FOOTPATH, HOLLOW LANE: Councillor Miss S. Knott reported that a portion of the newly erected chestnut spile fencing is now leaning over the footpath. Councillor Mr. F. Whitemore to be informed.

CONTROLLED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING, ASHFORD ROAD: Following letters to the Press, Councillor Mr. C. H. Day had been interviewed by the Kentish Gazette resulting in an article appearing in 'Extra' on the front page. The City Technical Director in acknowledging our letter says that this area falls within the Highways Agency area and the matter will be investigated. The difficulties pedestrians experience in crossing the A28 at Thanington within the vicinity of the recreation ground has also been raised by the Police, who have requested the provision of a pedestrian refuge. Currently a number of schemes require investigating and it may well be the new year before this matter will be dealt with. The initial action will be to carry out a census of pedestrians and vehicles between St. Nicholas Road and Tonford Lane, and as soon as further information is available the City Technical Director will contact the Parish Council.

PARKED CARS WITHOUT LIGHTS ON THE ASHFORD ROAD: Acknowledgement from the Police that the matter will receive attention.

RULES REGARDING RADIO MASTS: The Clerk had ascertained that there are rules and regulations based on whether the masts are for CB or Short Wave. If the Parish Council can give details the Planning Department can then give the regulations.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS: None.

CORRESPONDENCE:

SEEBOARD: Details of Public Lighting Energy prices received, together with a refund of \$4.91.

DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT: BOUNDARY REVIEW:

The revised boundary will be implemented on 7th April 1987. Warding being considered.

K.C.C. Channel Tunnel. Circulated to councillors.

Annual Report. circulated to councillors.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

116 Ashford Road, vehicular access, driveway. Proposed by Councillor Mr. C. H. Day, seconded by Councillor Mr. G. Page, no objections.

Revised application, 7 Tonford Lane: Pair of semi-detached and a single house with integral garages and turning bays.

The Chairman, Councillor Mr. C. H. Day, reported that the builder, Mr. J. Baker, has been to see him regarding this application, and that he had told Mr. Baker that the plans had not been received from the Planning Department and it was a matter for discussion and decision in a meeting of the Parish Council.

It was proposed by Councillor Mr. C. H. Church, seconded by Councillor Mrs. V. Sanders and carried, that as this application was an improvement on the previous one, that there were no objections.

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PREVIOUS APPLICATIONS:

118 Ashford Road: vehicular access - granted.

7 Tonford Lane. This has been refused on the grounds of lack of vehicle turning facilities within the site which would be likely to result in vehicles reversing onto or from the highway to the detriment of road safety and the free flow and movement of traffic.

ASHFORD ROAD SOCIAL CLUB: Councillor Mr. C. H. Church had investigated the problems. The Parish Council could become a 'custodial trustee' but there would have to be a management committee. Any decision would have to be made at a general meeting of the members. If the club took charitable status it would have to remain as such. The Parish Council agreed that it would do all possible to encourage and give support to the club to keep it going. K.A.P.C. would be in a position to give assistance. The Clerk queried whether it might be possible to revise the constitution to open the club to other organisations who use the premises.

THANINGTON COURT FARM: The Clerk had communicated with Mr. Martin Lillywhite regarding the unveiling of the plaque. It was agreed to arrange for this to take place on Saturday, 6th December 1986 at 2.30 pm. Mr. Martin Lillywhite regrets he is unable to take part but wishes the Parish Council well in erecting this plaque and thanks them for remembering the goods works of his father.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

COUNCILLOR MISS S. KNOTT reported that the footpath and verge outside No. 37 New House Lane has been churned up by people attending the sale of farm implements at Wincheap Farm. It was agreed that a letter should be written to the farmer who has purchased the farm asking for this to be cleared and for the stile to be repaired.

Councillor Mr. C. H. Church agreed to obtain the name of the farmer.

COUNCILLOR MR. C. H. CHURCH reported that a number of wild cats inhabiting the cherry orchard at the rear of the houses in New House Lane are proving a nuisance. The R.S.P.C.A. to be contacted regarding this problem. Councillor Mr. C. H. Church also reported that the Iffin Lane sign at the Downs Road junction had again been knocked down. A letter to be written to the City Technical Director asking for this to be re-set. In addition, Councillor Mr. C. H. Church reported that the gypsy site in Iffin Lane had been removed, but now a new one was being formed on the site of the Mid Kent Water Co. water container. A letter to be written asking if permission had been given. A quantity of old cars accumulating.

COUNCILLOR MISS S. KNOWW queried the quality of the dust bin bags which appear to be deteriorating.

COUNCILLOR MR. G. PAGE reported on the K.A.P.C. Area Committee meeting and was thanked for his clear and concise report.

COUNCILLORS MR. C. H. DAY AND MR. G. PAGE regretted they had been unable to attend the AGM of the K.A.P.C.

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

There being no other business, the meeting was closed.

C. H. Day
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