

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

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

AGENDAS: None.

CHAIRMAN: Councillor Mr. C. H. Day.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING:

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME: The meeting held on 24th November 1986 of co-
ordinators and linkpersons was well attended. Mr. Goodhew of 136 Ashford
Road had consented to act as Treasurer and all monies to be handed to him.
Hassall Reach, Bramley Avenue and Ashenden Close fully covered, but the
remainder of the area needed additional linkpersons. Councillor Mr. C. H.
Day intimated that he wished to be relieved of the position as
co-ordinator.

Newsletters to be issued in March, June, September and December. It was
proposed by Councillor Mr. C. H. Day, seconded by Councillor Miss S.
Knott and carried, that a vote of thanks be recorded to Councillor Mr.
J. Woods for preparing the newsletters.

ELEVATED FOOTPATH, HOLLOW LANE: Councillor Miss S. Knott reported that the
chestnut spile fencing had been secured, but nothing had been done
regarding the hazards at the corner of Hollow Lane/New House Lane.

HANINGTON COURT FARM: The plaque had been installed and a short ceremony had
taken place on Saturday, 6th December 1986 when the developers handed it
over. An avenue of lime trees had also been planted by the developers
'Townscape' to commemorate the great interest and work in the parish by
the late Mr. W. E. Lillywhite.

FOOTPATH AND VERGE, VICINITY OF ST. FAITH'S HALL, NEW HOUSE LANE:
Councillor Miss S. Knott reported that nothing had been done.
The Clerk reported that she had been unable to get the name and address
of the buyer from Messrs. G. W. Finn & Sons of Sittingbourne. It was
agreed that a letter should be sent to Messrs. G. W. Finn asking them
to contact the buyer regarding these problems.

Councillor Miss S. Knott also reported that the footpath 490 had been
ploughed up, this and the stile to be included in the letter.
It was also asked whether a finger post denoting the public footpath
would be placed at the entrance of this footpath. Enquiries to be made.

ASHFORD ROAD SOCIAL CLUB: Councillor Mr. C. H. Church reported that he is
conferring with a colleague who is conversant with matters relating to
social clubs. The constitution had been read and there is some vague-
ness regarding assets. It was suggested that when a new constitution
was drawn up, there should possibly be a change of Trustees. Further
discussion taking place.

A vote of thanks was recorded to Councillor Mr. C. H. Church, on behalf
of the Ashford Road Social Club.

GENERAL CATS IN ORCHARD, NEW HOUSE LANE: The Clerk had contacted the RSPCA who
had told her that unless there are obviously sick or injured animals
they should not be disturbed. The Dept. of Health in conjunction with
Mrs. Butler, secretary of the RSPCA at Whitstable, can arrange for cats
to be trapped and neutered and then returned to their site, but this
costs money.

It was agreed to leave the matter for now.

WRECKAGE SITE, IFFIN LANE: Councillor Mr. C. H. Church reported that this was
still there. The Clerk confirmed that she had written to Mid Kent Water
Co., but had heard nothing.

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Oliver H Church

CORRESPONDENCE:

K.A.P.C. Letter from Hon. Secretary of the Area Committee, that it had been asonfirmed that the Canterbury City Council Finance Committee had approved in principal of Parishes combining allocations for joint schemes, provided both Parish Councils are in agreement. Noted.

J. LAWSON'S CIRCUS DE RESZKE: Enquiries for booking portion of Recreation ground for a circus. As this is not in the Parish Council area, referred to Canterbury City Council.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION: Parish Review ralating to the Whitstable area. Noted.

COUNCILLOR MR. C. H. CHURCH reported that he had written to the Hon. Secretary of the Thanington Within Tenants Association telling them that the by pass would become the City boundary, resulting in Thanington Within being added to the existing Parish, with an enlarged Council. A number of thanks have to be discussed with the City Council and the Home Office and although the people living in Thanington Within are not yet technically part of the Parish, it would be wrong if their represent-atives were not involved.

In addition the people of Thanington Within asked to think about the forthcoming elections in May 1987, those elected holding office for four years.

An invitation extended to those who would wish to attend a Parish Council meeting.

STOUR V ALLEY SCHOOL: Acknowledgement of our contribution via the Lottery Fund to their mini-bus appeal.

KENT COUNTY LIBRARY: Request for current editions of any guide availavle, also back numbers. Agreed to send a copy of St. Nicholas Church guide.

LOCAL COUNCIL REVIEW: Items noted.

FOCUS; published by the local Liberal party: Noted that they have taken up the request for a pedestrian crossing on the Ashford Road.

SEEBOARD: Maintenance schedule, Noted.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS:

Clerk's salary, postages, stationery, telephone rental	£319.09
Ashford Road Social Club, rent for July/Dece. 1985	21.00
To be confirmed: Seeboard, re-instatement of street lighting in Ashenden Close	368.85

It was proposed by Councillor Mr. C. H. Church, seconded by Councillor Miss S. Knott and carried, that these payments be made and confirmed.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS: Wistaria Cottage, Iffin Lane: Tree planting plan. Studied and agreed.

Councillor Mr. C. H. Church reported that this site is being set out and planted with trees in an excellent manner.

PARISH PRECEPT: The suggested Parish Precept studied and some amendments made. It had been difficult to assess the sum required as Canterbury City Council are unable to estimate the penny rate product for this Parish which is being enlarged.

It was suggested that the sum of £4,500 should be precepted for, but on further consideration it was proposed by Councillor Miss S. Knott, seconded by Councillor Mrs. V. Sanders and carried, that the sum should be £5,500. The cost of street lighting in the new area is unknown, but assessed to be in the region of £1,000.

Councillor Mr. C. H. Church stated that if this sum proved insufficient, the Parish Council could ask for a contribution from Canterbury City Council to cover the deficiency for one year.

A vote of thanks recorded to the Clerk for pæparing the Precept which had needed much thought.

It was proposed by Councillor Mr. C. H. Church, seconded by Councillor Mr. C. H. Day and carried, that an annual sum should be allocated to the Clerk's gratuity in the future. The Clerk to ascertain that the ruling on street mighiting payments set out in the C.C.C. letter of 22n7.82 is still correct.

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RD. H. Church

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

THE CLERK asked that dates for the Annual Assembly of the Parish and the Annual General Meeting should be fixed.

Agreed as follows:

Annual Assembly at the Ashford Road Social Clubhouse, on Monday, 30th March 1987 at 7.30 pm.

Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council: Monday, 11th May 1987 at 8 pm.

COUNCILLOR MRS. J. WOODS reported a large pothole in the road in the vicinity of 10 Grays Way and asked for this to be repaired. A letter to be written.

COUNCILLOR MR. C. H. CHURCH reported that the Iffin Lane sign at Downs Road junction had been re-set.

COUNCILLOR MR. C. H. DAY reported that Revd. D. Bretherton had enquired if a cul de sac sign could be placed at the entrance to Bramley Avenue.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday, 12th January 1987 at 8 pm.

There being no other business, the matter was closed.

Clive H Church
9.11.87

Trees tribute planted



Left to right: Parish councillors Graham Page, Susan Knott, Vera Saunders, Parish Clerk, Miss Esther Eyles, Dr C. H. Church, Charles Day, Townscape managing director, Tony Dowse, The Rev Leonard Cox and Worsfolds associate partner Chris Taylor.

AN avenue of limes has been planted on the approaches to Thanington Court Farm by developers Townscape Homes in gratitude to the Lillywhite family, who were great benefactors to the church of St Nicholas and the parish of Thanington.

The development of five detached family houses was built on part of the land once owned by the Lillywhites.

Members of Thanington Parish Council together with directors and staff of Townscape and Worsfolds have unveiled a plaque to commemorate the planting.