

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held at the Ashford Road Social Clubhouse, Ashford Road, on Monday, 9th February, 1987 at 8 pm.

Due to the exceedingly bad weather in January, the meeting schedules for 12th January 1987 was cancelled.

PRESENT: Councillors Mr. C. H. Church, Mr. G. Page, Mrs. M. Kite, Mrs. V. Sanders, Miss S. Knott and 2 other Local Government Electors.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Mr. C. . Day and Councillors Mr. J. Woods due to illness.

CHAIRMAN: Councillor Mr. C. H. Church, Vice-Chairman, who told the meeting that Councillor Mr. C. H. Day had been taken ill and admitted to hospital but was now home and resting. Councillor Mr. C. H. Day sent his sincere thanks to all who had conveyed good wishes to him. The Vice-Chairman, Councillor Mr. .H. Church, on behalf of the Councillors, thanked the Clerk for sending a 'get well' card.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING:

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME: Councillor Mr. C. H. Day had intimated that he wished to be relieved of his duties relating to this. Councillor Mr. C. H. Church to see WPC Morton regarding this.

FOOTPATH ETC. vicinity of St. Faith's Hall. The Clerk had contacted the Footpaths Of ficer of Canterbury City Council regarding the problems and also the ploughing up of Footpath 490, who had explained that nothing could be done until the ownership of the land had been ascertained. On making enquiries, The Clerk was able to give details to the Footpath Officer who agreed to take the matter up with the tenant.

ASHFORD ROAD SOCIAL CLUB: On behalf of Councillor Mr. C. H. Church, Dr. G. Thomas of the University had scrutinised the Club constitution and had made a report with suggestions for amendment in the future. The Clerk circulated a letter which had been sent to all club members and residents in the parish in which it was stated that it was the wish of the club members who had replied to a previous letter, that the club should continue to function. It was considered to be needed. Organisations using the club-house for their meetings had also intimated that they would do all possible to assist the club committee in keeping the club in being. The AGM would be an open meeting when all interested will be invited to attend on Monday, 16th March 1987 at 7.30 pm. A letter of appreciation had been sent to Dr. Thomas for his very considerable help.

GYPSY SITE, IFFIN LANE: This had been dispersed but a considerable amount of wreckage and rubbish left. The Clerk to write to the City Council asking for this to be removed as soon as possible.

EXTENSION OF CIVIL PARISH: Councillor Mr. C. H. Church reported on the newsletter to be circulated throughout the civil parish. Canterbury City Council were considering the best venue for a Polling Station: whether all should go to Wincheap School, or if completed, the new section to go to the Community centre at the bye-pass, and the existing section to the Ashford Road Social Club as previously.

Dates for nominations etc., would be available by the end of February or e arly March.

Two additional notices boards would possibly be needed.

At this point, the Chairman, Councillor Mr. C. H. Church, asked Mr. and Mrs. Burton if they had any questions and then explained the role of the Parish Council and its work for the community. After expressing their thanks, Mr. & Mrs. Burton withdrew.

The Clerk had contacted Seaboard regarding number of additional street light a cost of maintenance - energy

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PEDESTRIAN CROSSING, ASHFORD ROAD: Mr. Simon Dolby (for the Liberal Party) then arrived and outlined his efforts to assist the Parish Council in their appeal for this. 500 signatures had been received in answer to his circular. There would be a meeting of Kent County Council on Tuesday, 10th February 1987 at 10.30 am in County Hall, Maidstone, to which a number of residents would be going. Mr. Dolby was thanked and he then withdrew.

POTHOLE IN GRAYS WAY: Nothing heard.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS: Subscription - Soc. of Local Council Clerks £14.50 Proposed by Councillor Miss S. Knott, seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Kite and carried, that this payment be confirmed.

Seeboard: Street lighting in Grays Way: £358.94. Proposed by Councillor Mr. C. H. Church, seconded by Councillor Mr. G. Page and carried, that this be paid.

CORRESPONDENCE:

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL: Channel Tunnel joint consultative committee report. Noted.

K.A.P.C. " " House of Lords Stage. Noted.

" " consultative 23rd January 1987. Noted.

Meeting re low flying aircraft. Noted.

Area Committee meeting report. Noted.

K.V.S.C. Kent Branch of Local Council Clerks. Meeting 28th Feb. 1987 at W. Malling. The Clerk to attend.

Looking at your Parish. Noted.

Village Halls Conference. Noted.

Video - about village halls available. Noted.

Transport in transition. Noted.

Councillor Mr. C. H. Church reported that he had met Mr. McDonald of the East Kent Road Car Co. Ltd., and had learned that there was virtually no hope for a mini-bus service for Thanington which is already well served by the existing services.

Emergency Planning in Kent. Councillor Mr. C. H. Church thought the Council might do well to look at this in the future.

Oast to Coast. Noted.

Best Kept Village competition. Noted.

Channel Tunnel Theatre Company. Passed to Hilltop Club, New House Lane.

K.C.C. Snow Emergency: The County has been brought almost to a standstill with blizzard and high snow drifts on 15th January. Only the M2 and one section of the M25 open to traffic, with virtually all other inter-urban roads closed at least part of the time. The massive clearing operation had cost more than £3 million with some 700 items of plant involved in the clearing operation. The Army had also given localised help with some 16 items of snow clearing equipment.

The Parish Council invited to give their views before the de-briefing meeting of staff involved. After consultation with the Chairman, Councillor Mr. C. H. Day, the Clerk had replied that the A28 had been cleared quickly. One problem caused by the snow ploughs throwing the snow up on to the footways which then prevented pedestrians from walking on them and having to resort to walking in the road, and also the difficulty in leaving premises to gain access to the road. New House Lane had been cleared by a local farmer reasonably adequately, but there had been a problem of ice forming on the road.

K.A.P.C. Royal Garden Party, 21st July 1987. One couple invited from each of the Canterbury, Dover and Shepways areas. It was agreed that the Chairman, Councillor Mr. C. H. Day, should be nominated.

KENT ASSOC. OF YOUTH CLUBS: Balance Sheet and appeal. Leaf on the table.

BRITISH RAILWAY: Arrangement of sections. Details of Chord line studied.

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Planning applications:

Coppicing, Iffin Meadows: Proposed by Councillor Mr. C. H. Church, seconded by Councillor Miss S. Knott and carried, that no objection be made.

18 Tonford Lane: Access to two new bungalows. Proposed by Councillor Mrs. V. Sanders, seconded by Councillor Mrs. M. Kite and carried, that no objections be made.

45 Tonford Lane: Kitchen extension. Proposed by Councillor Mr. C. H. Church, seconded by Councillor Mrs. V. Sanders and carried, that no objections be made.

Iffin Lane: Coppicing and replanting. Proposed by Councillor Miss S. Knott, seconded by Councillor Mr. C. H. Church and carried, that no objections be made.

Iffin Barn:conversion to dwelling: Proposed by Councillor Miss S. Knott. seconded by Councillor Mr. C. H. Church and carried, that no objections be made.

Previous applications granted: Iffin Meadows: bungalow
7 Tonford Lane, 2 semi-detached and one single dwelling.

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY: Monday, 30th March 1987 at 7.30 pm.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: The Clerk on behalf of Councillor Mrs. J. Woods, asked that the gully in the road outside Nos. 17 to 23 Tonford Lane be infilled. The Clerk to write.

Councillor Mr. G. Page asked that the cars parked without lights on the Ashford Road could again be drawn to the attention of the police. Agreed.

Councillor Mrs. V. Sanders reported that the lights in Bramley Avenue working out of phase and one only flickering. The Clerk reported that she had endeavoured to contact Seeboard but was experiencing difficulty in getting a telephone connection. She would try again. Councillor Mrs. V. Sanders also reported the rubbish accumulating on the banks at the Ashford Road end of Strangers Lane. This again to be reported.

Councillor Miss S. Knott reported that a fridge had been dumped in Hand Wood, Iffin Lane. It was visible from the road. Canterbury City Council to be asked to remove it.

The Clerk asked for the support of the Parish Council in the application by the Ashford Road Social Club for renewal of Entertainments Licence. Agreed that the Parish Council should give their support.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday, 9th March 1987 at 8 pm.

There being no other business, the meeting was closed.

G. H. Sanders
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