

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held at the Ashford Road Social Clubhouse, Ashford Road, on Monday, 13th ~~March~~ 1987 at 8 pm.

APRIL

PRESENT: Councillors Mr. C. H. Day, Mr. C. H. Church, Mr. G. Page, Mrs. M. Kite, Mrs. V. Sanders, Mrs. J. Woods, and one other Local Government elector.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Miss S. Knott.

CHAIRMAN: Councillor Mr. C. H. Day who told the Parish Councillors of the sudden death of Mr. W. J. Knott who had been the longest serving member of the Parish Council, having been elected in 1934 on the formation of the Parish Council, and retiring in 1983. A silent tribute was paid to Mr. Knott and sympathy extended to his daughter, Councillor Miss S. Knott. The Parish Council had been represented at his funeral which was held at St. Faith's this afternoon and was attended by over 100 relatives and friends.

MATTERS ARISING:

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME: Councillor Mr. C. H. Day reported that WPC Carroll had called on him to say she was moving to other duties and that it was possible that a member of the Special Constabulary would be the liaison officer in the future. Councillor Mr. C. H. Day had asked when the signs would be placed in position in the parish. WPC Carroll had advised Councillor Mr. C. H. Day to contact the City Council.

Councillor Mrs. J. Woods then reported that two signs were already in position but were not very satisfactory as they were facing the wrong way.

EXTENSION TO CIVIL PARISH: Councillor Mr. C. H. Day reported that no nominations had been received from the city council housing estate despite repeated visits to the secretary of the Thanington Within Tenants Association. It had been ascertained that the letter printed by the Parish Council for circulation had not been distributed in that area. The Parish Councillors and Clerk had delivered them in the old area of the North Ward and also in the South Ward.

ELECTION: On taking the nominations to the City Council Office, the Clerk had been informed that a new Act was now in force which meant that provided sufficient nominations were received to constitute a quorum, these would be accepted without an election and any vacancies could be filled by co-option.

Councillor Mr. C. H. Church kindly agreed to see Councillor Mr. F. Whitemore, Canterbury City Councillor for the Wincheap Ward, to enquire whether he knew of a suitable person to co-opt from the council housing estate.

The leaflets for distribution in the Civil Parish had not been received until three days before the latest date for receipt of nominations and it had not been possible to distribute them. The Clerk asked to enquire from the City Council office whether these could be placed in the polling station on polling day.

GULLEY, TONFORD LANE: The City Council had replied that there is no surface water drainage system in Tonford Lane and the excess water can be piped into. Investigations will be carried out in the early part of the new financial year to prepare a scheme for submission to the Kent County Council for approval of funding of any works that may be required.

KENT & CANTERBURY HOSPITAL CANCER CARE APPEAL. Letter of appreciation for donation received.

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MRS. BUNN, NEW HOUSE LANE: Letter received from the City Technical Director to the effect that only the carriage way is maintainable highway. He is consulting with Kent County Council to see if their records give any more information concerning ownership or maintainance liability. If the Canterbury City Council records are correct this will mean that technically the adjoining land owners are responsible for preventing materials from falling on the carriage way. The Clerk reported that she had found an old file of letters, some of which related to falling flints etc., from the elevated footpath in Hollow Lane. The Chairman of the Parish Council had sanctioned this file should be made available to Councillor Mr. F. Whitmore of Canterbury City Council Wincheap Ward for perusal. Councillor Mr. C. H. Church kindly agreed to take this file to pass on to Councillor Mr. F. Whitmore.

PARISH COUNCIL TYPEWRITER: The Clerk reported that this had been serviced, but a small cog wheel needed replacing. As it was not convenient for the typewriter to go into the workshop at that time, the Clerk asked if this replacement could be done during the August break. This was agreed.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS: Miss Eyles, Clerk, re-imbusement of Mr. Stockley's account of £17.25 for servicing typewriter. It was proposed by Councillor Mr. C. H. Church, seconded by Councillor Mrs. J. Woods and carried, that this be paid.

CORRESPONDENCE:

PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ON ASHFORD ROAD: The Chairman, Councillor Mr. C. H. Day, reported that there is a strong possibility of a crossing being provided. It was noted in 'Focus' that residents in Manor Close were requesting a postbox at the Cocking Road end of Strangers Lane. It was agreed that the Parish Council would support the siting of a postbox in this area, and a letter to be written to the Head Postmaster, Canterbury.

K.A.P.C. Clerk's information pack, price £2.75.  
Councillor's information pack, price £2.50  
Legislative changes 1980/87, price £3.50  
It was proposed by Councillor Mr. C. H. Church, seconded by Councillor Mrs. V. Sanders and carried, that 1 Clerk's information pack, 4 Councillors packs and 1 Legislative changes pack be ordered.

PARISH COUNCILLOR'S TRAINING COURSES: To be considered when further information received.

dial-KENT: Noted.

CHANNEL TUNNEL FIGHTING FUND: Noted.

K.A.C. Channel Tunnel Joint Consultative Commiteee report. Noted.  
Outlook: Noted.

Kent Conservation. Noted.

CANTERBURY CITY COUNCIL: Newsletter: noted.

SEEBOARD: Maintenance charges. Noted there will be a 5% increase.

MR. M. GRAYDON: MANOR CLOSE: Letter of protest at the large increase in the Parish Rate which is almost double that of last year. A letter of explanation had been sent and the Clerk had met Mr. Graydon and had explained the matter fully to him. The explanation given had been well received.

CANTERBURY CITY COUNCIL: Local Government changes in area. Noted and filed for future reference.

CANTERBURY CITY COUNCIL: Refuse collection dates for Bank Holidays throughout the year. Noted.

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

Land at 18 Tonford Lane, single plot. No objection, subject to none from neighbours.  
39 Grays Way, first floor extension. No objections, subject to none from neighbours.  
Land adjacent to Thanington Court: no objections subject to none from neighbours. 2 dwellings.

PREVIOUS APPLICATTONS:

4 Thanington Court Farm, single storey extension. Granted.  
Land rear of 73 New House Lane. Granted.  
20 Tonford Lane: rear extension. Refused.

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY: Monday, 27th April at 7.30 at the Ashford Road Social Clubhouse.

PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS: The Balance Sheet studied and agreed satisfactory. After the Chairman had signed the Accounts Book, it was proposed by Councillor Mr. C. H. Church, seconded by Councillor Mr. G. Page and carried, that these be passed and forwarded to the Annual Assembly. The Clerk thanked for her work in preparing these.

HARRIS PENSION CHARITY: The Balance Sheet studied. It was proposed by Councillor Mr. G. Page, seconded by Councillor Mrs. V. Sanders and carried, that these be passed and forwarded to the Annual Assembly.  
A vote of thanks recorded to Mr. A. R. Palmer for administering this fund.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

THE CLERK enquired how many new Parish Council notice boards would be needed to cover the additional area of the Parish. It was agreed that possibly one at the Cocking Road end of Strangers Lane and one at the new Community Centre on Thanington Road. Enquiries to be made at the City Technical Department regarding siting. Estimate to be obtained from the timber store in Simmonds Road.

COUNCILLOR MRS. V. SANDERS reported that there had been a leak from the ~~fould~~ foul sewer inspection chamber in her garden. This had finally been cleared, but it was evident that there are no plans of the foul sewers in the area.

COUNCILLOR MRS. J. WOODS reported that the Gas Board were installing new pipes in Tonford Lane. This had caused confusion due to lack of notices warning vehicle drivers that there was no access from the Ashford Road. Householders were also in difficulty in leaving or reaching their premises. She had notified the Gas Board and also the City Police. Notices had now been placed to block entrance from the Ashford Road. The renewal of the pipes would take several days.

COUNCILLOR MR. G. PAGE informed the Council that he would be on holiday on 27th April but hoped to attend the Annual Assembly. However, he would not be able to attend the K.A.P.C. Area Committee meeting. Councillor Mr. C. H. Church would be free to attend this meeting.

COUNCILLOR MRS. J. WOODS also reported that the traffic in Tonford Lane was now running over the steps of properties 17 to 23. The builders working in Tonford Lane had also had water running full flood down the lane and this had not improved the gulley at the road side.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday, 11th May 1986 at 8 pm.

RETIRING COUNCILLORS: Councillors Mrs. M. Kite and Mrs. J. Woods were thanked for their interest and help during their periods of office.

There being no other business, the meeting was closed.

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