

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL held at the Ashford Road Social Clubhouse, Ashford Road, on Monday, 11th May 1987 at 8 pm.

PRESENT: Councillors Mr. C. H. Church, Mr. C.H. Day, Mr. G. Page, Mr. R. Eden, Mr. J. Bertram, Mrs. V. Sanders, Mrs. P. Blackman, Miss S. Knott, 2 other Local Government Electors.

APOLOGIES: None.

DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE WERE TAKEN.

CHAIRMAN: Councillor Mr. C. H. Day vacated the Chair after intimating that he was not seeking re-election as Chairman. It was proposed by Councillor Mr. C. H. Day, seconded by Councillor Miss S. Knott that Councillor Mr. C.H. Church be elected as Chairman. There being no other nominations, the motion was carried and Councillor Mr. C. H. Church then took the Chair.

COUNCILLOR MR. C. H. CHURCH welcomed all to the meeting, in particular the three new Councillors. He also thanked them for the confidence shown in electing him as Chairman and assured them that he would do his best for the Parish Council.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN: It was proposed by Councillor Mr. C. H. Church, seconded by Councillor Mrs. V. Sanders that Councillor Mr. G. Page be elected. There being no other nominations, the motion was carried, Councillor Mr. G. Page accepting.

KENT ASSOCIATION OF PARISH COUNCILS: Representatives to Area Committee: Councillor Mr. C. H. Church and Councillor Mr. G. Page, with Councillor Miss S. Knott as reserve.

KENT ASSOCIATION OF PARISH COUNCILS: Representatives to Annual General Meeting. Councillor Mr. G. Page and Councillor Mr. J. Bertram.

The date of the Annual General Meeting is 24th October 1987 at Maidstone.

CHAIRMAN'S ALLOWANCE: It was proposed by Councillor Mr. C. H. Day, seconded by Councillor Mr. G. Page and carried, that this should be £40 as in previous years.

THE ORDER OF THE MEETING WAS THEN CHANGED to allow the two Local Government electors to hear the discussion on the proposed pedestrian crossing on the Ashford Road.

Letter received from the City Technical Department stating that a number of representations had been received by both Kent County Council and the City Technical Department concerning potential improvements to the existing pedestrian facilities at this location. The sentiments of these letters concur with those of the Traffic Police and local residents. A number of the latter signed a petition organised by Mr. Simon Dolby of the Canterbury Constituency Liberal Association which was submitted to the County Council. The campaign to remedy the situation at Thanington Road is endorsed by County Councillor Mr. John Purchase. Acting on instructions from the County Survey of Kent County Council a scheme incorporating pedestrian refuges and right turning lanes at appropriate positions along the Thanington Road. Details as follows:-

1. Right turning lanes at the junction with Stranger's Lane and Gray's Way.
2. Right turning lanes at the junction with St. Nicholas Road and the recreation ground accessway.
3. A pair of pedestrian refuges 8 metres west of the junction with Gray's Way.
4. A pair of pedestrian refuges 17 metres east of the junction with Stranger's Lane.
5. A pair of pedestrian refuges 38 metres west of the junction with St. Nicholas Road.
6. The boundaries of the 30 miles per hour speed limit to be moved to a point 63 metres west of the junction with St. Nicholas Road. This has already been approved as part of a previously suggested package of accident remedial measures.

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PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS, ASHFORD ROAD: CONT:

- 7. The bus stop on the south side of the road 25 metres east of the junction with Stranger's Lane to be removed.
- 8. The bus stop on the south side of the road 63 metres west of the junction with Stranger's Lane to be moved to a point 77 metres west of that junction.

COUNCILLOR MR. C. H. DAY said he was totally against the plan. There should be a 30 miles per hour limit as far as the Hanging Banks.

Councillor Mr. J. Bertram said he considered the plan far more dangerous than that prevailing at the present time. It was not the answer to make the road crossing safer for pedestrians.

COUNCILLOR MR. R. EDEN said that in places the road would be only 3 metres in width and a TIR vehicle is approximately 10ft in width, therefore it would not pass between the pedestrian refuges and the footpath. There would be no room for prams on the pedestrian refuges.

COUNCILLOR MR. J. BERTRAM said the bus stops and pedestrian refuges 8 metres west of Gray's Way would be very close together making very difficult conditions for both vehicles and pedestrians. The 30 miles per hour speed limit should extend as far as the Hanging Banks. He recommended a pelican crossing as the only solution here. The right

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turn signs would make additional problems halting the traffic flow. MRS. BURDEN AND MISS McCOURT WERE given permission to speak. They said a pelican crossing was needed not pedestrian refuges. Children and elderly people would not be safe crossing to refuges. A mother with a pram on the pedestrian refuges would not be safe when two TIR vehicles were passing at the same time, the slip-stream would be terrifying. The bus stop east of Stranger's Lane (opposite the church) should not be removed as this is the stop used by school buses and it is imperative that should be left. The right hand turn signs would make additional problems halting the traffic flow.

COUNCILLOR MR. R. EDEN said that the pedestrian refuges would need to have lights on them so that whether a pelican crossing or refuges were placed there, electricity would be required.

COUNCILLOR MR. J. BERTRAM queried the double yellow lines at the junction Stranger's Lane/Gray's Way/Ashford Road. These would prevent wedding parties and funerals stopping at the lychgate entrance to the church and also people attending any church service. If yellow lines are needed here, they would also be needed by the playing fields to stop cars parking along the road when football and cricket were being played.

It was agreed to recommend that a pelican crossing is installed west of Stranger's Lane. No pedestrian refuges to the east of Stranger's Lane. The bus stop east of Stranger's Lane to be left. A 30 miles per hour limit from the bypass to the Hanging Banks. The scheme is very ill thought out making the situation worse. Pedestrian refuges were definitely not the solution but creating a far higher risk and hazard. Mrs. Burden and Miss Mc Court then withdrew.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING:

LATE MR. W. J. KNOTT: The Chairman, Councillor Mr. C. H. Church extended sympathy to Councillor Miss S. Knott, who in turn thanked the Parish Councillors for their messages and attendance at her father's funeral. These were very much appreciated.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME: Councillor Mr. C. H. Day reported that there were three signs in the Parish. A police officer had called at his house when he was out on Sunday, but no return visit had been made. The Home Office ruling is that all signs be parallel with the highway.

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EXTENSION TO THE CIVIL PARISH AND ELECTION: It has been ascertained that some of the circular letters had been delivered. Only eight nominations had been received by Parish Councillors and one more was required. COUNCILLOR MR. C. H. CHURCH reported that he had been in touch with Mr. John Durham, the Community Officer, who would be making an effort to obtain further nominations. The Clerk had followed this with a phone call, when Mr. Durham said he would proceed with this in a week or so. As advised by Kent Association of Parish Councils, notices would be placed in the parish to encourage nominations. Mr. Durham, Mrs. Williams and Mr. Dolby to be informed.

MRS. BUNN, NEW HOUSE LANE:

Further letter received from the City Technical Director that he has been advised by Kent County Council that the side slopes fronting Hollow Lane are not part of the highway, which means neither the Kent County Council or Canterbury City Council can accept the liability for any accidents arising from debris falling from the side slopes. It is presumed that the side slopes are owned by the adjoining landowners who would seem to be responsible for ensuring that nothing falls from their property on to the highway. Identity of the landowners fronting Hollow Lane asked for. After discussion, the Clerk to give details of the present owners of Wincheap Farm, Paul Tory (Malmain) Ltd., Malmain Farm, Waldershare, Dover. As the opposite side of Hollow Lane is now in the Lower Hardres civil parish a copy of our letter to be sent to their Clerk, and Councillor Mr. F. Whitemore. Councillor Mr. F. Whitemore had, at the Annual Assembly suggested that the Parish Council should write to the Public Works Committee, insisting that they assume the responsibility for this bank. The road is their responsibility and the elevated footpath is also maintained by the Canterbury City Council.

PARISH COUNCIL NOTICE BOARD: Planning permission is not required for these, but if they are to be sited on the public highway, permission of the highway authority would be required. A plan showing the location of the signs should be sent to the Highways section of the City Technical Department.

CORRESPONDENCE:

CANTERBURY CITY COUNCIL: Anti litter campaign. Noted.

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL: Highways Management re-grouping. Details noted.

SEEBOARD: Public lighting charges: Energy charges £12.93 per month
Maintenance £19.71 plus VAT of £2.95 = £22.66
Energy charge lower this year.

CANTERBURY CITY COUNCIL: Riverside Parks and Footpaths draft policy statement:
Now circulating to new Councillors.

KENT ASSOCIATION OF PARISH COUNCILS:

Parish News No. 143. Items noted.

Co-options: noted.

Commons and Village Greens conference. Noted.

Home Office: removal of canine faeces by laws. Noted.

Declaration of expenses. Noted. All Councillors having handed theirs in.

Kent Structure Review: to next meeting

COMMERCIAL UNION: Revision of Premiums and Policy: to next meeting

ITEMS FROM ANNUAL ASSEMBLY: Dealt with in the agenda for this meeting.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS: 126 Ashford Road, Vehicular access. No objections.

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PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS:

K.A.P.C. subscription £105.22. Local Council Reviews £25.20
stationery £7.50 = £137.92

Proposed by Councillor Mr. C. H. Day, seconded by Councillor Miss S. Knott and carried, that this be paid.

Miss Eyles, Clerk: Stationery £15.38. Proposed by Councillor Mr. C. H. Church, seconded by Councillor Mr. J. Bertram and carried, that this be paid.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

COUNCILLOR MRS. P. BLACKMAN reported that the main gas pipe in Tonford Lane had been laid and householders were now awaiting details of individual connections.

Mrs. Blackman also reported that SEGAS had dumped soil into the ford access, it was now built up to road level. A letter to be sent to the Water Board, reporting this, as difficulties had arisen with flooding caused by dumping in the past.

COUNCILLOR MR. C. H. DAY reported that the gas service had now been provided in Grays Way.

COUNCILLOR MR. C. H. CHURCH reported that the investment of money allocated to the Clerk's gratuity was being considered.

COUNCILLOR MR. C. H. DAY reported that he had received information that youths were shooting at the swans on the Tonford Marsh lakes. The Police and R.S.P.C.A. to be informed.

COUNCILLOR MR. C. H. CHURCH reported on the Riverside Walk and Parks exhibition. Queries to be made on the shooting of swans, access to the Milton area and cyclists on footpaths.

COUNCILLOR MRS. P. BLACKMAN reported that the 'Ashford Road' sign at Reed Cottage was lying in the hedge. A letter to be written.

COUNCILLOR MISS S. KNOTT reported on an uprooted tree on the bank of the elevated footpath which is in danger of possibly falling.

COUNCILLOR MR. R. EDEN queried planning permission granted by Canterbury City Council to the garage in Cockerling Road. He understood the old workshops were to be demolished and a new workshop to be built. Parking of old vehicles also queried.

COUNCILLOR MR. C. H. CHURCH reported that every public telephone in the enlarged parish recently had been accepting only emergency calls. He also reported that the K.A.P.C. subscription would again increase as they have to pay a larger agency fee to K.V.S.C. to satisfy the Development Commission. He also enquired whether the promised bus timetables had been received. They have not yet been received.

Councillor Mr. C. H. Church intimated that it was possible some of the autumn Parish Council meetings would need to be re-scheduled.

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

There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 10.30 pm.

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