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

PRESENT: Councillors Mr. C. H. Church, Mr. G. Page, Mr. C. H. Day, Mr. R. Eden, Mr. J. Bertram, Mrs. V. Sanders, Mrs. P. Blackman, Miss S. Knott, City Councillors Mr. F. Whitmore and Mr. S. Dolby.

APOLOGIES: None.

CHAIRMAN: Councillor Mr. C. H. Church.

THE ORDER OF THE MEETING WAS CHANGED to allow the Co-option to be dealt with without embarrassment, and the pedestrian crossing to allow the City Councillors to withdraw when they wished.

THE CHAIRMAN, Councillor Mr. C. H. Church told the Co uncil that he had interviewed two nominees for co-option. Since the interview, one had withdrawn.

Mrs. G. L. New of 28 Cockerling Road had intimated that she was interested in serving as a Parish Councillor.

Councillor Mr. C. H. Church proposed that Mrs. G. L. New be co-opted to fill the vacancy on the Parish Council, this was seconded by Councillor Mr. C. H. Day and carried.

CONTROLLED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING, ASHFORD ROAD: The Chairman, Councillor Mr.

C. H. Church explained that, with the Clerk, he had met Mr. B. Planner and his staff on the Planning Committee, and Councillor Mr. F. Whitmore, at the City Council Offices.

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL had carried out a vehicle and pedestrian count in the vicinity of the Post Office/stores and this did not fit the criteria for a controlled crossing. The speed limit is based on the existing speed limit and the type of road, and it was considered that it would not be possible to enforce a speed limit of 30 mph. The road markings would have the effect of reducing the speed of vehicles. Most of the accidents occur at the St. Nicholas/Thanington Road junction, and there were no objections to the proposed improvements at this point.

In the vicinity of the Post Office/Stores, with the pedestrian refuges the road would be the smallest allowed being 3.25m. A TIR vehicle is 2.75m and there would therefore be sufficient clearance.

The pedestrian refuges would have illuminated bollards and are designed to take a pram.

A pelican crossing would cost £15,000 and pedestrian refuges £5,000, the maintenance on the latter would possibly be higher.

East Kent Road Car Co. had been approached regarding re-siting the bus stop now at the junction of Stranger's Lane/Thanington Road, further to the east of the junction, as this is used by the school bus stop only.

COUNCILLOR MR. C. H. DAY said that the A28 is a very busy road and a crossing is the only answer to the problem. There should be no pedestrian refuges or double yellow lines at the junction of Stranger's Lane/Grays Way/Thanington Road, Ashford Road as these would prevent cars stopping outside the Parish Church for weddings, funerals and attendance at church services.

COUNCILLOR MR. F. WHITMORE recommended that a letter be written to both Kent County Council and Canterbury City Council saying that as this road divides the community and is the only way to reach the Post Office/stores, which is the only retail outlet in the parish, the Parish Council is pressing for a pelican crossing. It is necessary that there is now a marked crossing at this point.

COUNCILLOR MR. J. PURCHESE (having joined the meeting at a later time), reported that he would continue to press Kent County Council on behalf of the Parish Council for a pelican crossing, and asked for copies of out letter to be sent to both him and Councillor Mr. L. Shirley.

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CO-OPTION: Mrs. G. L. New joined the meeting, was welcomed and made her Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

THE AGENDA NOW REVERTED TO.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING were amended, confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING:

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME: Councillor Mr. C. H. Day reported on the recent meeting when two Special Constables allocated to the scheme in this area and a Police Inspector joined the meeting, explaining many details. A query had arisen over the payment of the 50p per annum from those participating in the scheme to enable signs to be purchased. Three signs are now in position and it was suggested that they should be turned facing the oncoming traffic. Three more signs are required and Councillor Mr. C. H. Day agreed to obtain them, sites to be the top of Stranger's Lane, by the river bridge at the bottom of Tonford Lane and Gray's Way.

MRS. BUNN, NEW HOUSE LANE: As there had been no further developments, Councillor Mr. F. Whitmore recommended that the Parish Council write to the City Technical Director asking that they stop arguing over legalities and accept responsibility for the safety of all using the road and path. It was agreed that this should be done immediately.

PARISH COUNCIL NOTICE BOARD: The Clerk reported that she had fixed a board on the fence at the Community Centre for displaying meeting notices as a temporary measure. It was agreed that permission should be asked from the Community Centre committee for Parish Council notices to be displayed in the Centre.

GAS PIPES IN TONFORD LANE: Councillor Mrs. J. Blackman reported that the new supply pipes had not yet been fitted to all properties. There were several holes in the lane but it appeared that the work force had been moved to other sites.

SWANS ON TONFORD MARSHES: The Clerk reported the shooting of swans to the Police, but unless they are informed at the time persons with guns are seen, they can do nothing. It had been ascertained at the Neighbourhood Watch Meeting that the police are aware of this problem and know those responsible and are keeping watch.

ASHFORD ROAD SIGN, REED COTTAGE: Not yet replaced.

UPROOTED TREES ON THE ELEVATED FOOTPATH: The Clerk reported that she had walked the footpath and noted the trees. She had also noted that two sections of railing under the bypass bridge had been vandalised and replaced with sheep hurdles.

GARAGE IN COCKERING ROAD: The Clerk asked to write asking conditions of planning permission in respect of this site.

PUBLIC TELEPHONES ACCEPTING ONLY EMERGENCY CALLS: The Clerk had ascertained that due to vandalism, B. Telecom had put these phones out of order for other than emergency calls. Councillor Mr. C. H. Church said they are apparently all working now.

E.K.R.C.C. Timetables: Now received.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS: Councillor Mr. C. H. Church. Chairman's allowance £40.00 Proposed by Council lor Miss S. Knott, seconded by Councillor Mr. G. Page and carried, that this be paid.
Commercial Union Insurance: £67.92. Proposed by Councillor Mr. G. Page, seconded by Councillor Mrs. P. Blackman and carried, that this payment be confirmed.

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PARISH COUNCIL BANKING ACCOUNT: Councillor Mr. C. H. Church reported that he had made enquiries regarding transferring the Parish Council banking account from the present one to one that provided a higher rate of interest. National Westminster Bank plc, the present Banker, was not able to offer anything suitable, but Midland Bank plc had a High Interest Cheque A/C with a minimum balance at opening the account of £2,000 with a interest rate of 6%. Should the balance fall below £2,000 their normal deposit account interest rate would apply.

It was proposed by Councillor Mr. C. H. Church, seconded by Councillor Mr. J. Bertram and carried, that the Parish Council banking account be transferred from National Westminster Bank plc to Midland Bank plc, and the necessary forms completed and signed.

The following to be entered in the current Minut Book of the Parish Council:p

MANDATE FOR CHANGE OF BANKING ACCOUNT FROM NATIONAL WESTMINSTER BANK plc TO MIDLAN D BANK plc dated 8th June 1987:

We certify that the following resolution of the Thanington Without Parish Council was passed at the meeting held on Monday, 8th June 1987 and has been duly recorded in the Minute Book of the Parish Council.

RESOLVED THAT

1. The Parish Council authorises Midland Bank plc:
 - a) to honour all cheques and other orders or instructions authorising payment signed on behalf of the Parish Council by any two of the Parish Councillors (the signatory) whether any account of the Parish Council is in credit or debit:
 - b) to deliver up any item held by the Bank on behalf of the Parish Council in safe custody or for any other purpose against the written receipt or instructions of the signatory: and
 - c) to accept from the signatory or any other instructions with regard to any account in the Parish Council's name.
2. The Parish Council agreed that any indebtness or liability incurred to the Bank under this authority shall in the absence of any express written agreement by the Bank ~~as~~ to the contrary be due and payable on demand.
3. The secretary as and when necessary supply to the Bank list/s of current officers authorised to sign with specimen signatures and the Bank may rely upon such lists signed by the Chairman and Secretary.

Clive H. Church
Chairman

Esther A. Eyles.
Clerk

CORRESPONDENCE:

HOME OFFICE: Civil Protection. Noted.

COMMERCIAL UNION: re Insurance. Noted.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

Iffin Barn: Conversion to dwelling. It was proposed by Councillor Mr. C. H. Church, seconded by Councillor Miss S. Knott and carried, that no objection be made.

17 New House Close: Widen entrance and erection of precast garage: Proposed by Councillor Mr. C. H. Church, seconded by Councillor Miss S. Knott and carried, that no objection be made.

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

COUNCILLOR MR. J. BERTRAM reported that six panels of fencing between Manor Close and footpath 464 had been broken. This to be reported.

COUNCILLOR MR. R. EDEN reported that the lights in Cockering Road are out of phase. Councillor Mr. F. Whitmore reported that he had notified the authority of this.

COUNCILLOR MR. C. H. CHURCH reported that he had spoken to the Vicar, Rev. Len Cox, regarding the possibility of writing an item on the civil parish quarterly for the Parish Magazine. The Vicar had agreed that this is an excellent idea.

Councillor Mr. C. H. Church also drew attention to the Training Courses for Parish Councillors. Application forms awaited.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday, 13th July 1987 at 8 pm.

There being no other business, the meeting ~~ese~~ closed at 9.30 pm.

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