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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL held at the Ashford Road Social Clubhouse, Ashford Road, on Monday, 13th July 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, Miss P. Blackman, Mrs. L. New, Miss L. Knott.

APOLOGIES: None.

CHAIRMAN: Councillor Mr. C. H. Church.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING confirmed and signed. Councillor Mrs. L. New welcomed MATTERS ARISING:

CONTROLLED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING, ASHFORD ROAD: The matter had been taken up by the City Council Ward Councillors, Councillor Mr. F. Whitmore, Councillor Miss L. Keen, and Councillor Mr. S. Dolby, and thanks recorded to them.

Councillor Mr. F. Whitmore had reported to the Parish Council Chairman Councillor Mr. C. H. Church, that the matter had been taken up in full council. The criteria for a pedestrian crossing had not been met, but as the Ashford Road divided the civil parish, the Parish Council would continue to press for a pelican crossing. It would be dealt with as a special situation for further consideration. The 30 mph speed limit would not be extended along the Ashford Road. The Parish Council would continue to press for a pelican crossing and would suggest that the pedestrian refuges immediately east of Stranger's Lane be deleted. The Parish Council was grateful for the assistance given by Canterbury City Council Planning Department and also Councillor Mr. F. Whitmore. Kent County Councillor Mr. L. Shirley had telephoned the Clerk and it was apparent that he had not received the full particulars, but had said that it would be sometime before anything happened.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME: Councillor Mr. C. H. Day reported that he had asked for additional signs and these were awaited.

MRS. BUNN, NEW HOUSE LANE: Councillor Mr. C. H. Church reported that there had been another accident in this area of Hollow Lane, involving a cyclist who had been taken to hospital. He was not certain whether this was in the Thanington Civil Parish or Lower Hardres Civil Parish. The Parish Council had received a claim from Mrs. Bunn's insurers which had been forwarded to Canterbury City Council, who in turn had forwarded it to Kent County Council.

Canterbury City Council are in process of investigating the stability of the banks and have agreed to erect 'Falling Rocks' warning signs at the approaches to this area.

It was agreed that a letter be written asking for urgent action to be taken on this matter.

PARISH COUNCIL NOTICE BOARD: This had been vandalised and now needed major repair. The Clerk had contacted Messrs. Langley Woods asking for a quotation and also for making two additional notice boards. Reply awaited.

GAS PIPES IN TONFORD LANE: Councillor Mrs. P. Blackman reported that the work had not been completed. ~~She had~~ Some connections had been made but more yet to be done. She had contacted Segas regarding the potholes left after their excavations and had been assured that when the scheme was completed, the road would be restored.

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MATTERS ARISING: cont:

- MANOR CLOSE FENCE: The Clerk reported that Tilbury Homes would be replacing these panels within possibly two weeks.
- ITEM FOR PARISH MAGAZINE: The Chairman, Councillor Mr. C. H. Church, reported that this had been given to the Vicar.
- GARAGE IN COCKERING ROAD: Details of planning permission had been received and it was ascertained that the owner of the garage was in breach of item (ii) as follows: 'in pursuance of Section 41 of the Town & Country Planning Act 1971, no vehicle repairs or M.O.T. testing shall take place on the site except within the building. The reason being to minimise the level of noise emanating from the site in the interest of local residents. It was agreed to write to the owner pointing out this and to ask that he ceases undertaking repairs etc., on the highway and also from parking broken down vehicles and those under repair on the highway. Also to suggest that if he lacks the necessary space, to apply for planning permission to demolish the buildings and build new in order to get the necessary space and facilities to carry out his work.
- PARISH COUNCIL TRAINING COURSES: The Chairman, Councillor Mr. C. H. Church, to attend the course at Eythorne on 17th July 1987. Councillors Mr. J. Bertram, Mr. R. Eden and Mrs. P. Blackman to attend the course at Wye on 26th September 1987. The Clerk asked the Councillors if for any reason they were unable to attend to let her know at once.
- PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS: Miss Eyles, Clerk's remuneration, postage and phone calls, stationery,  $\frac{2}{3}$  phone rental including VAT, literature, fee for Clerk's training course: £ 2451.18.  
It was proposed by Councillor Mr. J. Bertram, seconded by Councillor Miss S. Knott and carried, that this be paid.
- BANKING ACCOUNT: The change from National Westminster Bank plc to Midland Bank plc High Investment account completed. Councillor Mr. R. Eden reported that he had received a telephone call from National Westminster Bank asking in what way were the Parish Council dissatisfied with their services. The Clerk had also received a similar call. There had been no follow-up from National Westminster Bank.
- CORRESPONDENCE:
  - K.A.P.C. Oast to Coast: in circulation. Kent Structure Plan review, noted and in circulation. Comments to be sent by the end of September. Area Committee minutes: noted. Kent Enterprise Village venture competition. Agreed that a copy be sent to the Thanington Within Tenants Association following the completion of the new Community Centre. Kent Federation of Amenities Societies. Noted. Channel Tunnel Theatre - performance of 'Hoppers Harvest'. Noted.
  - N.A.L.C. Leasing and finance facilities. Noted. Biennial Conference 1988. Noted.
  - C.P.R.E. Leaflet. Noted.
  - K.V.S.C. Village appraisal information. Noted. Commons and Village Green conference. Noted.
- SEEBOARD: Public lighting maintenance for June. Noted. The Chairman reported that he had queried itemised expenditure on the Parish Precept and had ascertained that itemised expenditure need not be adhered to. The responsibility for main road lighting would be Canterbury City Council, but footway lighting could well come to the Parish Council.

Noted.

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RESPONDENCE cont:

R.C.C. Supply of road maps received and distributed to Councillors also to Local WI.

BERBURY CITY COUNCIL LOTTERY FUND: The amount available to this Parish is £547. The Chairman, Councillor Mr. C. H. Church, said that he considered some of this should be used to finance some of the lack of facilities in the area, and suggested that as the Ashford Road Social Club were in the process of forming a Youth Club that up to £350 should be made available to them, for either sports equipment or for a shed for storage of same. The Clerk would be in a position to guide them in this.

Councillor Mr. C. H. Church also reported that a new 'over 60s Club' to be called 'Thanington '87' was being formed and would meet in the new community centre, and suggested that up to £150 should be made available to them for the purchase of chairs and games. It was proposed by Councillor Mr. C. H. Day, seconded by Councillor Mr. C. H. Church and carried, that this be done.

ASHFORD ROAD SOCIAL CLUB: Notification received that rent for hire of the clubhouse for meetings would be increased to £3 per hour as from October 1987. Note.

R.C.C. COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER TRAINING. Emergency Planning. Book and contents noted.

PENDING APPLICATIONS:

FAIRVIEW, IFFIN LANE: House with integral granny flat. After consideration it was confirmed that there were no objections to this.

IFFIN BARN: Amendments to plan and vision spays. No objections.

HOUSE PLANS GRANTED: 18 Tonford Lane. Details of detached bungalow and garage. 126 Ashford Road. Vehicular access. 39 Grays Way. First floor rear extension.

COUNCILLOR MR. J. BERTRAM queried the space legally allowed between dwellings to comply with fire regulations. The Clerk to make enquiries.

OTHER BUSINESS:

INVESTMENT ACCOUNT. Details awaited.

CHAIRMAN told the Council that the Clerk needed a filing cabinet in order to keep the council books and papers together in one place. He suggested that as K.C.C. Supplies Department listed requirements at approximately half price to those in local shops, the Parish Council should register with this scheme. It was proposed by Councillor Mr. J. Bertram, seconded by Councillor Mr. C. Church and carried, that the Clerk register with K.C.C. Supplies Department and place an order for a 4 drawer filing cabinet with the necessary files. The Clerk conveyed her thanks to the Council.

COUNCILLOR MRS. V. SANDERS reported that the street lights were still out of phase in Bramley Avenue. The Clerk had notified Seeboard of this.

Councillor Mr. V. Sanders also complained of the broken curb at the Ashford Road end of Strangers Lane. A letter to be written asking if these could be replaced.

COUNCILLOR MISS S. KNOTT reported that footpath 490 had been ploughed up and was now almost impassable. Also the elevated footpath was again overgrown with brambles and nettles. A letter to be written asking for these to be cleared.

COUNCILLOR MR. J. BERTRAM queried the delivery pattern of the black refuse sacks, as deliveries in his area were getting later each quarter. Enquiries to be made.

COUNCILLOR MR. C. H. DAY again reported the annoyance caused in the area of 172 Ashford Road, by Brett's empty lorries passing over the slight hump in the Ashford Road where the road surfaces join. A letter to be written asking for this to be rectified.

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*Glenn H. [Signature]*  
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ANY OTHER BUSINESS. Cont:

COUNCILLOR MR. G. PAGE reported that he had been notified by the Enterprise Trust that a 'Home Care Scheme' had been formed which would be in the charge of a District Nurse to arrange for 'carers' for elderly people. The charge would be £3 per hour. A pilot scheme being run in Wingham. Councillor Mr. G. Page also reported that he had received a visit from Mrs. M. Page of 154 Ashford Road complaining of the overhanging trees at Nos. 148 and 150 Ashford Road. Letters to be written. He had also received a visit from Mrs. P. Smith of 122 Ashford Road complaining of cars parked outside the Montessori School at 9 New House Lane and causing traffic problems. A letter to be written to Miss Fowler, the head of the school, reminding her that she had undertaken to stagger arrivals, and that they would drive in to allow the children to alight and then drive out again via the exit. Overgrown hedges at 90 Ashford Road, Long Reach and Nos. 1 and 1a Tonford Lane, also reported and these residents to be asked to trim their hedges on the Ashford Road.

COUNCILLOR MR. C. H. CHURCH mentioned that a resident in the new area of the civil parish had recently been killed in a road accident in Wincheap. Councillor Mr. C. H. Church also notified the Council that a planning application had been made for a second entrance to the new house built at the junction of Hollow Lane and Merton Lane. As this is in the Parish of Lower Hardres, the Clerk to contact the Clerk of that parish to ask if they would like support to their objection.

DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS: Due to holidays and other commitments, the following dates made: Monday, 24th August at 8 pm; Monday, 28th September at 8 pm. and then as normal on the 9th November at 8 pm.

There being no other business, the meeting was closed.

*Oliver H Church*  
24 Aug 87

PARISH PEOPLE      AUTUMN 1987      LOCAL COUNCIL REVIEW.

We regret to report the death of Mr William J Knott, the longest-serving member of Thanington Without Parish Council, Kent, on 2 April.

Mr Knott was elected to the council on its formation in 1935 and retired in May 1983. Throughout his 53 years' service his vast knowledge and genial disposition endeared him to all in the village. Over 100 people attended his funeral, demonstrating the respect and affection in which he was held.

The name of Knott will not be forgotten as Mr Knott's daughter Susan is following in her father's footsteps, having been elected as a parish councillor in 1979.