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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held at the Ashford Road Social Clubhouse, Ashford Road, on Monday, 28th September 1987 at 8 pm.

PRESENT: Councillors Mr. C. H. Church, Mr. G. Page, Mr. C. H. Day, Mr. R. Eden, Mrs. V. Sanders, Mrs. P. Blackman, Miss S. Knott.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Mr. J. Bertram, Mrs. L. New.

CHAIRMAN: Councillor Mr. C. H. Church.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING:

CONTROLLED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING:

Copy of letter received by Councillor Mr. F. Whitmore from the City Technical Director passed on to the Parish Council. A scheme for a Pelican crossing, traffic islands, pedestrian refuges and associated carriageway markings and waiting restrictions has been submitted to the Kent County Council.

The County Council has been asked to comment on this proposal in time for the City Technical Director to report his findings to the Public Works committee on 1st December 1987.

Councillor Mr. F. Whitmore to be thanked.

A similar letter received from the City Technical Director.

Councillor Mr. L. Shirley had called on the Clerk who reported that Councillor Mr. Shirley was not optimistic on a pelican crossing being placed instead of pedestrian refuges on the Ashford Road. He had kindly offered to come to a Parish Council Meeting to talk to the Parish Councillors which was appreciated. It was agreed to wait for further developments before inviting Councillor Mr. L. Shirley to a meeting.

The Vicar, Revd. Len Cox, had met with a City Council representative who had been very understanding over his problems of waiting restrictions outside the church.

The FOCUS leaflet considered. Councillor Mr. R. Eden considered the incorrect statements that the City Council have no plans for a pedestrian crossing in Thanington, and suggesting that those who object should ring Councillor Mr. Ken Ranger at a telephone number which is his private number, was confusing to say the least. Canterbury City Council is extremely supportive in efforts to get a controlled crossing on the Ashford Road.

Councillor Mr. C. H. Day suggested that the Parish Council write a letter to the local press, Councillor Mr. C. Dolby and Councillor Mr. Ken Ranger, and was seconded by Councillor Mr. R. Eden and carried.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME: Councillor Mr. C. H. Day reported that the recent meeting had been very poorly attended. He had again been in touch with the police regarding the additional signs required. He felt that interest is waning. Councillor Mrs. P. Blackman and the Clerk reported that a number of residents had told them that they did not know this meeting had taken place. The next meeting is arranged for 7th December at 7.30 pm. The Chairman, Councillor Mr. C. H. Church, thanked Councillor Mr. C. H. Day for all his work on this scheme and expressed for better attendance at the December meeting. Councillor Mr. C. H. Day reported that a news sheet would be circulated two or three weeks before this meeting.

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FALLING ROCKS IN HOLLOW LANE: It was reported that Mr. D. Swain, Lynor, Iffin Lane had sustained a split tyre and damaged wheel rim caused by a fallen rock. A claim had now been sent to Canterbury City Council for a replacement tyre and Mr. Swain had received a claim form to complete. Councillor Miss S. Knott reported that Mr. K. Bowring, Kennington, had also sustained a buckled front wheel and split tyre wall and a buckled rear wheel rim and bulging tyre wall. Mr. Bowring had written to Canterbury City Council with a claim for approximately £200. Miss H. Church, 72a New House Lane had also sustained a split tyre and damaged valve caused by a fallen rock and a claim to be made for £59.11. Mr. Pritchard, 74 New House Lane had also reported damage to his car caused by a fallen rock.

The tyre service company had reported that they had received a number of complaints regarding cars being damaged by fallen rocks in Hollow Lane. Mr. David Swain had also reported to the Clerk that while cycling home from work one evening, he had come on a motor cyclist who had been thrown from his cycle on the rubble left on the road at the junction of Merton Lane/New House Lane following the flooding. The street light adjacent to the telephone kiosk was out of action. The Clerk alerted both Seeboard and K.C.C. Highways Department asking for this site to be cleared and the light re-instated. Mr. Swain had ridden home with this man to see that he reached home safely.

It was agreed that the press be asked to publish an item regarding this and Councillor Mr. L. Shirley also to be informed.

PARISH COUNCIL NOTICE BOARD: In process of being made.

GAS PIPES IN TONFORD LANE: Councillor Mrs. P. Blackman reported that the road had been repaired, but to date only 10 householders had been connected to the new service pipes.

GARAGE IN COCKERING ROAD: The Clerk reported that P.C. Tomkins had telephoned to say that he had contacted Mr. Mathews at the Thanington Garage and had instructed him to clear up the site and to cease breaking a number of regulations regarding this business, giving him two days to deal with it. A second call had found that the warning had been observed and the site cleared to a degree. P.C. Tomkins would be keeping an eye on the garage.

CANTERBURY CITY COUNCIL LOTTERY FUND: The Ashford Road Social Club appreciative of the support given to their application. To date, no decision made on their requirements.

FILING CABINET FOR CLERK: This had not yet been received but the stationery had been delivered from K.C.C. Supplies Department.

LIGHTS IN BRAMLEY AVENUE: Councillor Mrs. V. Sanders reported that the light at the Strangers Lane end of Bramley Avenue was out. This to be reported.

STRANGERS LANE: It was noted that the nettle bank at the Ashford Road end of Strangers Lane had been cleared.

FOOTPATH 490: Councillor Miss S. Knott reported that she and the Clerk had met the Footpaths Warden on site, who had explained that he had walked the entire length of this footpath and found no obstructions. He had 700 miles of footpath to look after and insufficient money to spend on repairs. He also explained that the footpath were the responsibility of the Parish Councils. As there is no finger post or marker at the new House Lane end, Councillor Miss S. Knott suggested that the Parish Council provide one. The Clerk to make enquiries on cost. It was also agreed that the Local Ramblers Association be notified and possibly the re-formed Youth Section of the Ashford Road Social Club might help by walking the footpaths occasionally. The Parish Councillors also to do what they can by walking the footpaths occasionally.

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DELIVERY OF BLACK REFUSE SACKS:

It has been noted that an item regarding supplies had been published in the local press. Supplies not available from makers.

OVERHANGING HEDGES: To date, the hedge of Long Reach had not been trimmed, but it was agreed to await a little longer before taking further action.

PARISH MAP: The Clerk reported that in order to obtain a larger map, a total of 13 sheets of the ordnance survey maps would be needed. As these would cost £11.50 each, it was agreed to leave the matter in abeyance.

BUS SERVICE 652 from Chartham: Reply received from East Kent Road Car Co. that they propose to delay the 8.57 am to 9 am which would allow passengers to have the benefit or return fares hoping that this will lead to increased usage of this service and reduce the pressure on the 9.27 am and the 9.46am. It was pointed out that Friday was the only day on which there appeared to be loading problems.

NEW HOUSE AT JUNCTION OF MERTON LANE/IFFIN LANE: The Chairman, Councillor Mr. C. H. Church had ascertained that plans for this had been passed, but he considered the decision to be a misguided one.

LIGHT AIRCRAFT FLYING OVER HOUSES: The Clerk had ascertained from the City Police that this was a crop spraying machine and the pilot had been reprimanded.

FLOODING AT BYEPASS END OF COCKERING ROAD: The Clerk had enquired from the City Technical Dept., what steps are being taken to prevent this occurring in the future. A second flooding had occurred and the City Technical Director looking very thoroughly into the problem.

FOOTPATH REAR OF COCKERING ROAD: A letter from the City Technical Director informing the Parish Council that no obstructions had been found and asked for further details and location to be checked.

LITTER BINS AT HANGING BANKS AND ASHFORD ROAD SIGN: Councillor Mr. G. Page reported that the bins have not been replaced and the layby now full of litter. This to be reported to the Cleansing section. Ashford Road sign still not in position.

CABET LEAFLETS circulated to Parish Councillors.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS: Miss Eyles, Clerk: $\frac{2}{3}$ phone rental incl. VAT.	£12.72
Stationery	<u>6.33</u>
	<u>£19.05</u>

It was proposed by Councillor Mr. C. H. Church, seconded by Councillor Mrs. V. Sanders and carried, that this be paid.

Councillor Mr. R. Eden, travel to Wye Councillors Course: 18 miles	<u>£3.44</u>
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It was proposed by Councillor Mr. C. H. Day, seconded by Councillor Mr. G. Page and carried, that this be paid.

CORRESPONDENCE:

K.V.S.C. ANNUAL MEETING: 9th October, 1987 at Sutton Valence. Noted.

K.A.P.C. " " 24th October, 1987 " " Agendas passed to Councillors Mr. G. Page, and Mr. J. Bertram. Items on the Agenda considered and noted that subscriptions will be increased by 6.95: of PRP. Councillors to vote as they consider fit on the motions put forward.

C.C.C. Byelaws on acupuncture, tattooing, ear piercing and electrolysis. Noted.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION: Interim decision not to make proposals for changes to boundaries between the counties of Kent/Essex and Kent/Surrey. Noted.

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CORRESPONDENCE cont:

- K.A.P.C. Parish News No. 146. Noted.
- Probation for new Charities. Noted.
- Oast to Coast: circulated to Councillors.
- Country Code: Noted.
- Workshop for Charities: Noted.
- Car leasing. Noted.
- Code of policy. Noted.
- C.C.C. Tourism newsletter. Noted.
- Emergency planning in Kent. Noted.
- N.A.L.C. Local Council Review. Obituary item relating to the late Mr. W. J. Knott Noted. Councillor Miss S. Knott expressed her appreciation for this being published.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

- 207 Ashford Road: side and rear extension. No objections subject to none from neighbours.
 - 101 Thanington Road: bedroom in roof void. No objections subject to none from neighbours.
 - 7 New House Close, rear extension, rebuild garage and ground floor WC/shower. No objections subject to none from neighbours.
 - 18 New House Close: side and rear extension, proposed loft. No objections subject to none from neighbours.
- It was proposed by Councillor Mr. C. H. Church, seconded by Councillor Miss S. Knott and carried, that these be confirmed.
- 33 Ashenden Close: single storey rear extension. Proposed by Councillor Mr. G. Page, seconded by Councillor Mrs. P. Blackman and carried, that no objections be made subject to none from neighbours.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- COUNCILLOR MRS. V. SANDERS reported that the rose bushes at 111 Ashford Road needed trimming back. The Clerk to write.
- COUNCILLOR MRS. P. BLACKMAN reported that a quantity of rubbish had been dumped adjacent to Cherry Court, Cockerling Road and also an old mattress on the verge of Cockerling Road. This to be reported.
- COUNCILLOR MR. C. H. DAY reported that the hedge and verge of 86 Ashford Road now obstructed the footpath. A letter to be written.
- COUNCILLOR MISS S. KNOTT had received a letter from Mr. K. McMillan of New House Close, that the hedge of the unoccupied house in New House Close which was almost burnt down a year ago was now obstructing the footpath. The owner is unknown and the Clerk asked to endeavour to find out who the owner is.

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

Councillor Mr. R. Eden gave his apologies should he not be able to attend

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

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