

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held at the Ashford Road Social Clubhouse, Ashford Road, on Monday, 9th November 1987 at 8 pm.

PRESENT: Councilors Mr. C. H. Church, Mr. R. Eden, Mrs. V. Sanders, Mrs. P. Blackman, Mrs. L. New, Miss S. Knott.

APOL OGIES: Councillors Mr. G. Page, Mr. C. H. Day, Mr. J. Bertram.

CHAIRMAN: Councillor Mr. C. H. Church.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING:

CONTROLLED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING: Following letters sent to the local press, articles were published in the Kentish Express Gazette. Councillor Mr. K. Ranger (K.C.C.) had replied to the Parish Council letter in which he stated that the comments would be passed on to the County Surveyor who has assured Councillor Mr. K. Ranger that they will be taken into consideration. The County Surveyor is liaising with the Technical Director of Canterbury City Council and is considering the Technical Director's formal proposals on both a scheme involving the provision of refuge islands and a scheme incorporating a Pelican Crossing facility. The Clerk reported that another traffic check had been taken. The next meeting at which this will be discussed will be on 1st December and the Clerk to then make enquiries regarding any decision made, and if possible Councillor Mr. L. Shirley, K.C.C. to be invited to attend the December meeting of the Parish Council.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH: Councillor Mrs. P. Blackman, in the absence of Councillor Mr. C. H. Day due to illness, reported that letters had been prepared with the date of the next meeting on 7th December were now in the hands of the link persons.

FALLING ROCKS IN HOLLOW LANE: A letter had been written to the local press and an article had been published. No one had replied with details of damage to vehicles caused by the falling rocks. Following the hurricane on the 15th/16th October, a number of trees had been uprooted which had resulted in the 'falling rocks' notices now being more prominent.

PARISH COUNCIL NOTICE BOARD. Not yet in place. The Clerk to get in touch with the joiner.

GAS PIPES IN TONFORD LANE: Councillor Mrs. P. Blackman reported that yet another gas leak had occurred and the road had again been excavated.

GARAGE IN COCKERING ROAD: Councillor Mr. R. Eden reported that this had improved to a degree, but cars were still parked along the road. He would keep an eye on the problem.

FILING CABINET FOR THE CLERK: Considerable difficulty being experienced regarding delivery from the makers. The Clerk in touch with K.C.C. Supplies Dept.

LIGHTS IN BRAMLEY AVENUE: Now working satisfactorily.

SUPPLIES OF BLACK REFUSE SACKS: It had been noted that Canterbury City Council are suing two makers and suppliers, and that supplies were now being obtained from another source.

OVERHANGING HEDGES: Only Mrs. Chalmers at Killarney, Ashford Road, had trimmed her hedges, other had ignored our requests. The City Council to be asked to deal with these.

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HOLLOW LANE: Canterbury City Council have now ascertained through the Lane Registry office, that the banks in Hollow Lane are owned by the adjacent landowners, down to the edge of the carriageway. Thus, the responsibility for the debris on the carriageway is also the landowners under Section 151 of the Highways Act 1980. The matter is being pursued with the owners and the City Technical Director is confident that a satisfactory solution will be found in the near future.

Councillor Miss S. Knott reported that the site of the telephone kiosk is being cleaned up and also that the lights at the kiosk and 137 New House Lane are not working properly.

The hurricane had resulted in a number of trees either falling or becoming unsafe and had been inspected by the Conservation Officers. A number had been felled, making Hollow Lane/New House Lane/iffia Merton Lane junction being improved.

PARISH MAP: The Clerk reported that it might yet be possible to undertake this.

FLOODING AT BYPASS END OF COCKERING ROAD: An item in the local press noted - that the Canterbury City Council would, if necessary, take legal action to prevent this occurring in the future.

FOOTPATH AT REAR OF COCKERING ROAD: This had been cleared.

LITTER BINS AT HANGING BANKS: No report to hand due to illness of Councillor Mr. G. Page.

RUBBISH IN COCKERING ROAD: This had been cleared.

OVERHANGING HEDGE IN NEW HOUSE CLOSE: This had been trimmed back.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS: K.C.C. Supplies, Stationery £30.48. Proposed by Councillor Mr. R. Eden, seconded by Councillor Mrs. L. New and carried, that this payment be confirmed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

CANTERBURY CITY COUNCIL: Traditional telephone kiosks. Canterbury City Council negotiating with British Telecom in an endeavour to prevent the traditional red telephone kiosks from being removed and replaced by a modern pattern of kiosk in areas of special character. The Dept. of the Environment is prepared to list 400 specimens of the K6 kiosk (common to the Canterbury area). The Parish Council do not wish to retain this type in the parish.

PARISH NEWS No. 147. Item regarding triennial audits noted. In future this Parish Council will revert to a yearly audit.

Initiative Initiative Fund: Financial help available for projects concerned with communications in rural areas.

K.A.P.C. Area Committee Meeting: Councillor Mr. C. H. Church reported on this, at which the guest speaker was Mr. Mansell Jagger (Chief Planning Officer, Canterbury City Council) who would be pleased to speak at any Parish Council meeting on the Revised Structure Plan. It was agreed to invite Mr. Jagger to attend the Annual Assembly on 25th April 1988 at St. Faith's Hall, New House Lane, as guest speaker. Councillor Mr. H. H. Church had accepted nomination as Vice-Chairman. The Parish Councillors congratulated him.

K.C.C. Highways Annual Report noted. The Parish/Division meeting on 3rd November at Barham Divisional Office. The Clerk had attended this and gave a report. The Divisional Manager, Mr. J. K. Aspinall, now had a Liaison Officer, Mrs. J. Betts, who will deal with the majority of messages and pass them on to the appropriate department. An interesting and informative meeting covering all aspects of the Division's work. At this meeting, Mr. Aspinall reported that if the Parish Council's obtained salt-bins for use in their particular parishes, K.C.C. would undertake to supply the salt. It was agreed in principle that this Parish Council would look into the question of purchasing bins and possible sites to be investigated.

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K.C.C. cont: Proposed by Council lor Mr. C. H. Church, seconded by Councillor Mr. R. Ed en and carried, that this investigation be undertaken.

CANTERBURY CITY COUNCIL: The Chairman, Councillor Mr. C. H. Church, produced a Planning booklet and it was agreed to enquire whether they would be available to Councillors.

K.C.C. A new issue of the definitive map would be sent to the Parish Councils at the end of November.

N.A.L.C. Annual Report and Accounts. Noted.

K.V.S.C. Seminar - Village Hall Finances. Agreed to pass this to the Ashford Road Social Club.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

133 Strangers Lane: Garage. As this application had no details of type of garage or of what materials, lack of access and the fact that it would be in front of the building line, it was agreed to recommend that this application is not granted. Proposed by Councillor Mrs. P. Blackman, seconded by Councillor Mrs. L. New and carried.

4 New House Lane: Outline application for detached dwelling and integral garage. Concern was expressed on the access. A similar applicati on had been made in 1979 which had been refused by Canterbury City Council on the grounds that the site, having regard to its size, shape and location, is unsuitable for the development proposed and would be ~~can~~ cramped, also there would be a lack of privacy detrimental to the amenities of both the existing and proposed dwellings. It was proposed by Councillor Miss S. Knott, seconded by Councillor Mr. C. H. Church and carried, that this applicati on should not be granted.

PREVIOUS APPLICATIONS GRANTED:

Thanington Within Community Centre: erection of wooden ~~ban~~ shed.

Land adjacent to Thanington Court: details of siting etc., of two dwellings.

101 Thanington Road: installation of dormer window.

7 New House Close: single storey rear extension.

207 Ashford Road: single storey side and rear extension.

33 Ashenden Close: single storey rear extension.

Fairview, Iffin Lane: house with integral granny flat.

FINANCE: Precept for 1988/89 would be prepared for December meeting.

Pensions and gratuities: it was suggested that a further £1,000 should be transferred to the N.S. Investment account and that approximately £250 should be transferred to the same each year, so that after five year s there would be sufficient in the gratuity fund for any necessary payments to be made. This item to be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Councillor Mrs. P. B lackman reported that the tree at the corner of Grays Way which had been donated by Thanington Without W.I. was leaning over due to the hurricane. Enquiries to be made whether this could be staked. Bridge over the river at Tonford: Enquiries to be made regarding the re-instatement of this as it is used daily by people working at Pope's orchard and packing station.

CONCESSIONARY BUS FARE PERMITS: The Clerk reported that leaflets had been handed out on buses with details of permits available at a cost of £10 each. The Clerk had written to both the City Treasurer and the bus company. The City Treasurer to take the matter up, but reported that District Councils made their own concessions according to funds available.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday, 14th December 1987 at 8 pm.

CHAIRMAN, ~~M~~ouncillor Mr. C. H. Church expressed sympathy to all who had suffered damage to their properties in the hurricane.

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

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