

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held at the Ashford Road Social Clubhouse, Ashford Road, on Monday, 14th December 1987 at 8 pm.

PRESENT: Councillors Mr. C. H. Church, Mr. G. Page, Mr. C. H. Day, Mr. J. Bertram, Mr. R. Eden, Mrs. P. Blackman, Mrs. V. Saunders, Mrs. L. New, Miss S. Kno

APOLOGIES: None.

CHAIRMAN: Councillor Mr. C. H. Church.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING:

CONTROLLED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING: Letter received from Councillor Mr. L. Shirley, K.C.C. with copy of letter which he had received from the County Surveyor in which it was re-iterated that the normal pedestrian and vehicular movement criteria was not met for the provision of either a zebra or pelican crossing opposite the post office/stores. Other factors have also been taken into consideration but there do not appear to be any special circumstances which would justify the relaxation of the normal criteria for the provision of such a facility. It is also clear that the pelican crossing proposals would not produce any road safety benefits. The alternative scheme consisting of three pedestrian refuge islands together with a new road marking layout appears to have considerable merit since it provides a balanced solution of both pedestrian and vehicular movement. The main pedestrian refuge island to be provided west of Strangers Lane junction with the A28 and would form part of a comprehensive set of measures designed to further increase driver discipline along this stretch of the A28 that should result in the reduced potential for both pedestrian and vehicular movement. The Chairman, Councillor Mr. C. H. Church, had also received a copy of Minute of the Canterbury City Council confirming the above. There has been no recorded personal injury accidents involving pedestrians at this location during the past three years. Also throughout the County it is recorded that on average, one personal injury accident per year, and therefore the proposal would not produce any road safety benefits. A number of waiting restrictions would be made. It is expected that work would be done before the end of March 1988. It was agreed that Councillor Mr. L. Shirley should be invited to attend the next meeting of the Parish Council.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH: Councillor Mr. C. H. Day reported a well attended meeting. Some interest had been expressed by a resident possibly prepared to relieve Councillor Mr. C. H. Day as co-ordinator. A vote of thanks recorded to those who had prepared the letter and arranged delivery. The next meeting fixed for Monday, 28th March 1988 at 7.30 pm.

FALLING ROCKS IN HOLLOW LANE: The Clerk reported that Mr. D. Swain, Lynor, Iffin Lane, had received a letter from his insurers to the effect that the road had been inspected and there were no signs of fallen rocks. It was recommended that Mr. Swain reply that there are now 'danger, falling rocks' signs in Hollow Lane, and that since the hurricane, trees had been removed and a general tidyup done.

PARISH COUNCIL NOTICE BOARDS: The new boards now in place. However, the one at the Community Centre had been vandalised within 48 hours of being put in position, but had been recovered and was now at the Clerk's house. It was questioned whether this board should be replaced on this verge or on the opposite side of the road, which was considered possibly better as there would be less chance of vandalsing. The Clerk to enquire from Canterbury City Council whether this move was possible.

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GARAGE IN COCKERING ROAD: Councillor Mr. R. Eden reported there were still a few difficulties. A TIR cab unit had been parked in the area for two weeks and he was not certain whether it was there for repairs or not.

FILING CABINET: The Clerk reported that the cabinet had finally been delivered by special delivery from K.C.C. Supplies direct. In fact, that and another from the makers had been delivered within half an hour of each other!! The Clerk expressed her appreciation as it made work a lot easier.

LIGHTS IN BRAMLEY AVENUE: Councillor Mrs. V. Sanders reported that the light in Strangers Lane opposite Bramley Avenue was out. The Clerk to report this.

OVERHANGING HEDGES: The Clerk had enquired from Canterbury City Council ~~the~~ if these could be dealt with, but had received the reply that due to storm damage these were very low priority.

PARISH MAP: This had arrived and the Parish Councillors studied it. The Clerk displayed a section of the embroidery which she is undertaking.

FLOODING IN COCKERING ROAD: Councillor Mr. R. Eden reported that there was still a lot of mud on the roads.

LITTER BINS AT HANGING BANKS: Councillor Mr. G. Page reported that a new bin had been installed. The trees damaged by the hurricane had been cleared and rubbish burned.

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY: Mr. Mansell Jagger, Canterbury City Council, pleased to speak on this occasion.

CANTERBURY CITY COUNCIL PLANNING BOOKLET: Obtained and distributed to Parish Councillors .

GRIT/SALT BINS: It was proposed that three Slimline Grit/Salt bins should be obtained. Suggested site for one - adjacent to the telephone kiosk at the Strangers Lane/Ashford Road junction.

BRIDGE OVER THE RIVER STOUR AT TONFORD: The Clerk had ascertained from K.C.C. that this had been surveyed and a new bridge would be built and possibly installed before the end of March 1988.

CONCESSIONERY BUS FARE PERMITS: Replies from Canterbury City Council and East Kent Road Car Co. stated that only those on supplementary benefit could obtain a free permit, others would have to pay £25 per year. The Clerk had the opportunity to talk to a resident in Margate who told her that there is a scheme in Margate for residents to obtain a permit which allowed them cheap fares within the Margate area for £10 per year.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS: K.C.C. Filing cabinet: £74.63. Proposed by Councillor Mr. J. Bertram, seconded by Councillor Miss S. Knott and carried, that this payment be confirmed.

Ashford Road Social Club: Rent for meetings £43.00. Proposed by Councillor Mr. G. Page, seconded by Councillor Mrs. L. New and carried, that this be paid.

Miss Eyles, Clerks salary; etc and $\frac{2}{3}$ phone rental including VAT £560.96. Proposed by Councillor Mr. C. H. Church, seconded by Councillor Mr. R. Eden and carried, that this be paid.

The Chairman reported that that the Clerk had suggested having a Petty Cash book as postages etc., were now much higher. It was proposed by Councillor Mr. C. H. Church, seconded by Councillor Mr. J. Bertram and carried, that this should be done and that a cheque for £20 be drawn,

PARISH COUNCIL NOTICE BOARDS: Mr. M. Lanley, £125.00. Proposed by Mrs. P. Blackman, seconded by Councillor Mrs. V. Sanders and carried, that this payment be confirmed.

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CORRESPONDENCE:

K.V.S.C. Storm damage and tree planting. Noted.
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Councillor Mr. J. Bertram queried whether anything was being done to replace trees damaged as almost all of the trees along the river bank and also in Larkey Valley woods had suffered. The Clerk asked to enquire from Canterbury City Council what plans are for replanting. Parish News. No. 148. Noted.

Training Courses: noted.

K.C.C. British Rail time table. A copy has been requested.
Civil Protection: circulating to Parish Councillors.

Canterbury City Council: Minutes. Circulating to Parish Councillors.

Seaboard: Maintenance schedule. Noted.

Kent Assoc. of Youth Clubs: appeal. Left on the table.

C.C.C. Riverside parks and footpaths draft policy. Noted.

Local Boundary Commission. Report 542. Noted.

Moat House Society: noted.

K.C.C. Christmas greetings from Highways Dept. at Barham. Noted.

Sturry Parish Council with the Parish Councils of Chislet, Fordwich, Hoath; express concern which has arisen primarily as a result of the current Kent Structure Plan review and as a result of this is suggested that the production of a Rural Local Plan is necessary. They ask adjoining Parishes for their support. After discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Mr. C. H. Church, seconded by Councillor Mr. G. Page and carried, that this Parish Council should give their support.

Local Council Review; studied.

PARISH PRECEPT: 1988/89: The draft Precept which had been circulated was studied in detail and it was proposed by Councillor Mr. C. H. Day, seconded by Councillor Mr. G. Page and carried, that the Precept for 1988/89 should be for £5,000.

The Clerk thanked for preparing this Precept.

Transfer of Street Lighting: New area of the Parish Council. It had been ascertained that the Canterbury City Council had made no moves to do this, but the Parish Council could make an application to adopt this area. After discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Mr. C. H. Church, seconded by Councillor Mrs. V. Sanders and carried, that such an application should be made.

FINANCE: Clerks gratuity fund: It was agreed that a further ex gratia payment of £1,000 should be transferred to the N.S. Investment account opened for this purpose. The transfer to be made at the April 1988 meeting.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS: There were none.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Finger post Footpath 490: New House Lane to Cockerling Road: A verbal estimate for making a finger post for approximately £30 had been received from Mr. M. Langley. It was proposed by Councillor Miss S. Knott, seconded by Councillor Mr. J. Bertram and carried, that this be accepted and the work put in hand.

LARKEY VALLEY WOODS: An invitation had been received from Canterbury City Council for a representative to be appointed to the committee looking after the woods. Councillor Mr. G. Page had kindly accepted this appointment and this was confirmed. Councillor Mr. G. Page reported on the meeting which had proved interesting, and was thanked. The next meeting of this Committee to be at Chilham on 26th May 1988 at 7.30 pm.

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Councillor Mr. R. Eden reported that a resident in St. Nicholas Road with a Mobile shop and trading from his home address had placed a sign in the road which had blocked traffic. The police to be notified.

Councillor Mrs. L. New reported that a bramble hedge at 23 Cockerling Road was obstructing the footpath. The owner to be asked to trim it back.

Councillor Mr. C. H. Church reported that bright lights in the garden of the new house at Merton Lane to illuminate the garage were distracting to passing motorists. A letter to be written asking for these lights to be re-angled.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday, 11th January 1988 at 8 pm.

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

John H. Church
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