

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL held at the Ashford Road Social Clubhouse, Ashford Road, on Monday, 11th January 1988 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, Mrs. L. New and K.C.C. Councillor Mr. L. Shirley.

Councillor Mr. L. Shirley was welcomed to the meeting and thanked for the considerable help which he has given recently.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Miss S. Knott who had been in hospital for an operation and was now convalescing. Councillor Miss S. Knott had written and also telephoned to thank the Chairman for the beautiful floral arrangement which he had sent to her on behalf of the Parish Councillors and Clerk.

CHAIRMAN: Councillor Mr. C. H. Church.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING:

CONTROLLED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING: A letter had been received from Councillor Mr. K. Ranger, Chairman of the Highways and Transport Sub Committee, Kent County Council, in which he reported that the normal pedestrian and vehicular criteria are not met for the provision of either a Zebra or Pelican crossing in this case. All local factors have 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. The alternative scheme consists of three central islands on the A28 between Tonford Lane and St. Nicholas Road together with a new road marking layout appears to have considerable merit. The County Surveyor has indicated a number of modifications to the original scheme and is awaiting a revised scheme drawing from Canterbury City Council which will then be used to evaluate the scheme for funding. Councillor Mr. L. Shirley, who has been a member of the Highways and Transport Sub Committee for a considerable number of years, explained that all road accidents are recorded at Maidstone and any potential areas for accidents are investigated, and if necessary, action taken. Councillor Mr. C. H. Day expressed his disagreement and said that he considered the island refuges were not what was wanted. Councillor Mr. J. Bertram stated that the roadside parking needed looking at. If there were islands in the recreation ground area, any overtaking traffic would encroach on to the central road markings when football supporters cars are parked at the roadside. Councillor Mr. L. Shirley suggested that the Parish Council take up the possibility of supporters of the football matches parking their cars on the recreation ground with the City Council. Councillor Mr. L. Shirley then asked that the scheme for refuge islands and improved road markings should be accepted. If they proved unsatisfactory another look could be taken on the problem. Councillor Mr. C. H. Church in thanking Councillor Mr. L. Shirley, said the Parish Council would uphold the views of Kent County Council and accept the scheme.

A letter of thanks to be sent to Councillor Mr. K. Ranger.

FALLING ROCKS IN HOLLOW LANE: A letter received from Canterbury City Council stating that the owner of the bank on the east side of Hollow Lane had been contacted with regard to the problem of debris etc., on the carriageway. The cost of carrying out the necessary work to the bank as a complete scheme, i.e. tree felling, re-grading, re-planting etc., would be financially beyond the means of one person. Therefore it had been suggested that the owner carried out the following work:- The trees to be dealt with in co-operation with the City Council Conservation Dept., The owner to do pruning/felling etc., of trees that are in a dangerous position. The bank owner to undertake to keep the carriageway clear of debris by regular and frequent attention.

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C. H. Church

FALLING ROCKS IN HOLLOW LANE cont:

The owner to carry out re-grading of the slope where possible, treatment to stabilise the new slope i.e. suitable planting and the provision of a new toe to the slope by way of bagging up the debris at present in the channell to provide a base for planting. The work to be carried out within a time to be agreed and supervised by the City Technical Dept.

As the east side of Hollow Lane is in the Lower Hardres Parish, and it appears that nothing was to be done regarding the west side, a letter to be written asking for details of plans for the west side which is in the Thanington Without Parish. As yet there had been no improvements made to the elevated footpath and the banks on which are dangerous trees.

PARISH COUNCIL NOTICE BOARD: No reply received from Canterbury City Council regarding the re-siting of the vandalised notice board on Thanington Rd.

GARAGE IN COCKERING ROAD: Councillor Mr. R. Eden reported that the TIR cab unit had been removed, but the car was still there. He had approached the garage man who had told him that spare parts for repairs were awaited.

OVERGROWN HEDGES: Nothing yet done. Councillor Mr. L. Shirley suggested asking Kent County Council to assist by trimming these back and charging the householder for the work.

PARISH MAP: The Clerk working on this.

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY: St. Faith's Hall booked for 25th April 1988 at a cost of £5. Newsletters for circulation prior to this meeting to be prepared and presented to the March Meeting.

GRIT/SALT BINS: Ordered and delivery eminent. It was agreed that they should be sited as follows: One on the verge by the seat opposite St. Faith's Hall, New House Lane; one on the verge at the junction of Grays Way/Ashford Road, by the Parish Council notice board; and the other at the junction of Cockerling Road/Strangers Lane, on the verge by the bus stop sign and the footpath sign. Kent County Council to be asked to site these and fill with grit/salt.

BRIDGE OVER THE RIVER AT TONFORD: Councillor Mrs. P. Blackman reported that measurements had been taken.

TREE REPLANTING ALONG THE RIVER BANK: No reply yet received.

B.R. TIMETABLE. Copy received and circulated.

FINGER POST FOOTPATH 490: Order had been placed with Mr. Mark Langley, but as yet the finger post not sited.

MOBILE SHOP SIGN: It was noted that this is now against the fence in St. Nicholas Road.

BRAMBLE HEDGE at 23 Cockerling Road: Nothing Done. Ask K.C.C. to deal with it.

LIGHTS AT HOUSE ON CORNER OF IFFIN LANE: The Clerk had been unable to identify the owner, but Councillor Mr. C. H. Church now able to give the address as 'The Birches', Iffin Lane. The Clerk to write.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS: Subscription to Society of Local Council Clerks: £22.00 Proposed by Councillor Mrs. L. New, seconded by Councillor Mr. G. Page and carried, that this be paid.

Glasdon UK Ltd., 3 Salt/grit bins £252.23

Proposed by Councillor Mr. R. Eden, seconded by Councillor Mr. J. Bertram and carried, that this be paid.

CORRESPONDENCE:

K.A.P.C. Parish News No. 149. Noted that the AGM is on 22nd October 1988.

K.V.S.C. Change of name to Kent Rural Community Council. Noted.

K.C.C. K.C.C. and the new Channel Tunnel. Noted.

N.A.L.C. Local Government Finance Bill. Copies circulated to Councillors. Noted.

Payment for Local Government. " " " " "

Dept. of the Environment: Storm Damage. Noted.

Armada and Fire over England. Noted.

Kent Trust for Nature Conservation: Tree planting and preservation. Noted.

K.V.S.C. Oast to Coast. In circulation.

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS: 29 New House Close: Detached house and garage to replace one burned down. It was agreed that no objections could be made.

PREVIOUS APPLICATIONS: Land adjoining 4 New House Lane: Detached house with integral garage. Granted.
133 Strangers Lane; Detached garage. Refused.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

COUNCILLOR MR. C. H. DAY gave his apologies for the February meeting as he would be on holiday.

COUNCILLOR MR. J. BERTRAM reported that he had heard a rumour that where street lighting is governed by time clocks, the time clocks would be removed and the lights would be on over the 24 hours. The Clerk to query this. with Seaboard.

COUNCILLOR MR. L. SHIRLEY: reported that the Government had made £200,000 available re replace trees damaged in the hurricane. Two million trees had been lost, and replanting already taking place.

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

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9 pm.

Clive H. Shirley

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