

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL held at the Ashford Road Social Club House, Ashford Road, on Monday, 8th February 1988 at 8 pm.

PRESENT: Councillors Mr . C. H. Church, Mr. G. Page, Mrs. J. Bertram, Mr. R. Eden, Mrs. V. Sanders, Mrs. P. Blackman, Mrs. L.New and City Councillor Mr. S. Dolby.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Mr. C. H. Day who is on holiday and Councillor Miss S. Knott due to illness. Councillor Mr. C. H. Church reported that Councillor Miss S. Knott was out of hospital and recuperating at home and was making good progress.

CHAIRMAN: Councillor Mr. C. H. Church.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING:

CONTROLLED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING: Notices regarding parking restrictions now placed in the area. Plans going ahead for refuge islands although with some reservations.

Councillor Mr. S. Dolby reported that he had asked for the criteria regarding accidents, this is 50 yards each way. He felt that local features should be taken into consideration.

Councillor Mr. C. H. Church said that the ideal would be a pelican crossing, but the Parish Council could go back to Canterbury City Council and Kent County Council should the plan now accepted prove unsatisfactory. The Parish Council would watch very carefully.

Councillor Mr. C. H. Church thanked Councillor Mr. S. Dolby for his help and suggested that the Parish Council would invite him back for a Parish Council meeting in the autumn.

A reply had been received from Canterbury City Council with reference to the parking of vehicles on the roadside adjacent to the Thanington Recreation Ground. Investigations are being made into the possibility of siting a small car park on the Recreation Ground to accommodate the players, but they would not be able to make this available to the supporters bearing in mind that the original car parking space is now occupied by the Thanington Community Centre.

FALLING ROCKS IN HOLLOW LANE: Councillor Mr. C. H. Church reported that his daughter who had sustained damage to her car had received a letter from her insurers to the effect that the owner of the banks on the east side is Mr. J. F. Murphy of Bridge. He queried how did the insurers know which side of the road did the accident occur. Canterbury City Council to be asked if Mr. Murphy also owns the west side.

PARISH COUNCIL NOTICE BOARDS: There had been no reply to our request to site the notice board in Thanington Road on the verge opposite the playing field.

GARAGE IN COCKERING ROAD: Councillor Mr. C. H. Church and Councillor Mr. E. Eden reported that conditions were better, although it was difficult for residents to get their cars past when a number of cars are parked outside. An eye to be kept on this.

OVERGROWN HEDGES: Weather conditions against anything being done.

PARISH MAP: The Clerk brought the work which she has commended for the Parish Councillors to see.

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY: 25th April 1988. Councillor Mr. C. H. Church suggested that light refreshments be provided and he would be responsible for them. The three Wincheap Ward Councillors invited to attend. A letter to be circulated drafter out and would be completed shortly.

GRIT/SALT BINS: Now in position.

BRIDGE OVER THE RIVER STOUR AT TONFORD: Weather conditions against replacing this as the river is still in flood.

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MATTERS ARISING cont:

TREE RE-PLANTING: The Clerk had spoken to Mr. Free and understood that any replanting made by Parish Councils must be undertaken before 31st March 1988 in order to claim the grant. As the Parish Council does not own any land in the Parish, the Chairman, Councillor Mr. C. H. Church undertook to contact Mr. Free regarding the Parish Council making a donation towards replacements along the river bank. The Clerk had ascertained that the river bed and banks are in the ownership of a Miss Fraser. Brett's Estates Manager had given the information that when the bridge at Milton was put in position for removal of excavated gravel, they were not allowed to put it on the river bank but it had to be built on their own land adjacent. Permission had also to be given by Miss Fraser to use the air over the river for the building of this bridge.

FINGERPOST FOOTPATH 490: Weather against this being put in position.

MOBILE SHOP SIGN, 23 ST. NICHOLAS ROAD: Councillors Mr. R. Eden and Mrs. L. New reported that this sign is sometimes in the road. Parked cars at this point were also proving a nuisance as any one turning into St. Nicholas Road could not see oncoming traffic. This to be reported to the City Council.

IFFIN LANE, NEW DEVELOPMENT: A letter received from Mr. Gilling, 1 New House Lane regarding the further development at the corner of Iffin Lane. He had contacted the City Technical Department regarding this and had been visited by Mr. Dance who had expressed concern. It is understood that planning permission would possibly be sought in the near future. Mr. Gilling also concerned at the bright lights now illuminating the house known as The Birches which is on this site.

As the development of this land had been taking place over a number of years and had received approval the Clerk to write to this effect and also tell Mr. Gilling that the Parish Council had approached the owner of The Birches asking for the strong lights to be re-angled.

STREET LIGHTING: A reply received from Seaboard, that there is no plan to change the time clocks. If the lights were on throughout the 24 hours, the cost would be excessive. In any case, nothing of this nature could be done without requests being made by Councils. This can only be a rumour.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS: Commercial Union, insurance of Grit/Saltbins and Notice boards £5.00

Proposed by Councillor Mr. J. Bertram, seconded by Councillor Mrs. L. New and carried, that this be paid.

FINANCE: The Clerk had made enquiries from the Local Council Clerk's Association regarding gratuities to Clerk's upon retirement and had received the information that the leaflets issued regarding Clerk's salary and gratuities is advisory only. Councils are not obliged to adhere to these recommendations. However, if any agreement on gratuities or salaries are minuted, it must be adhered to. Some Councils take out an Insurance Policy when appointing a Clerk and the Clerk can also contribute to this.

As this Council's Clerk's gratuity had been minuted, this would stand. A further sum to be transferred to the N.S. High Interest Investment account for the Clerk's gratuity to be dealt with at the April meeting.

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CORRESPONDENCE:

CANTERBURY CITY COUNCIL: Channel Tunnel Report. Circulated to Councillors
Police ~~Advisory~~ Advisory Committee meeting, 16th Feb.
7.30 pm. Councillor Mr. J. Bertram to attend.
Re-routing Footpath 482. Noted.

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL: Kent Structure Plan. Circulated to Councillors. The Chairman
had marked relevant alterations.
Civil Protection: circulated to Councillors.
Towards 2000. Circulated to Councillors.

K.A.P.C. Rural Plan: meeting to be held on 17th February at 7.30 pm. Councillor
Mr. C. H. Church to attend.

Parish News 150: Noted. Agreed that two additional copies to be ordered
at a cost of 10p each.

Best Kept Village Competition. Noted.

Village Halls Conference. Noted.

Kent Enterprise Competition. Noted.

Kent Report: circulated to Councillors.

WARD HOUSING: Lost cost housing. Noted.

ASHFORD ROAD SOCIAL CLUB: Ask for support in their application for renewal of
Entertainments Licence. Agreed that support be given as previously.

KENT TRUST FOR NATURE CONSERVATION: List of sites of interest. Noted.

HARBLEDOWN PARISH COUNCIL: Enquire if this Council be represented at a meeting
at St. Michael's Church Hall, Harbledown on Friday, 8th April for
discussion on Development in the Villages. Councillor Mr. C. H.
Church to attend. Time to be ascertained.

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES: Circulated to Councillors. The Chairman had noted that
the City Council are in agreement with the suggested Rural Plan and in
favour of the Community Charge.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

IFFIN BARN: Erection of Dwelling. No objections.

16 Ashenden Close: extension and alteration. No objection.

WINCHEAP FARM: Erection of new farmhouse, No objection but concern expressed
that there is no clear indication of access.

4 houses and 2 bungalows: land at junction of Strangers Lane/Thanington Road.
Concern that four dwellings would be too crowded; that the access would
be a major problem as there would be a blind point in both directions
and also the double yellow lines which are to be placed at this point
in Strangers Lane would add to these problems. The Parish Council ask
that a second look be taken on this application.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

COUNCILLOR MRS. V. SANDERS asked if a request could be made for repairs to the
footpath and curb at the Ashford Road end of Strangers Lane, This was
deteriorating badly. Agreed to make an application for repairs.

COUNCILLOR MR. J. BERTRAM: reported that it was increasingly difficult for
vehicles to turn out of Ashenden Close into Strangers Lane as parked
cars on the curbside between Ashenden Close and the turning into the
garages block the view. There had been a serious accident at this
point recently. He asked that double yellow lines could be put there.
Agreed that this application should be made.

COUNCILLOR MRS. P. BLACKMAN reported that the housing programme in Tonford Lane
had now been completed and asked that an application be made for the
road to be repaired. Also where the services had been laid and walls
built there were a number of road fillings which had subsided. Agreed
that an application be made for repairs.

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS cont:

K.A.P.C. Local Committee meeting: Councillor Mr. C. H. Church had attended this meeting at which Mr. Appleton had been the speaker. The CADET scheme would possibly be undertaken in Thanington.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday, 14th March 1988 at 8 pm.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 10.15 pm.

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