

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE THANINGTON WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL held at the Ashford Road Social Clubhouse, Ashford Road, on Monday, 14th March 1988 at 8 pm.

PRESENT: Councillors Mr. C. H. Church, Mr. C. H. Day, Mr. R. Eden, Mr. J. Bertram, Mrs. V. Sanders, Mrs. P. Blackman, Mrs. L. New.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Mr. G. Page, Councillor Miss S. Knott due to illness.

CHAIRMAN: Councillor Mr. C. H. Church.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING were confirmed and signed.

CONTROLLED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING: Letters received from Councillor Mr. L. Shirley, Kent County Council; Mr. K. Ranger, Highways Division, Kent County Council and Canterbury City Council explaining that the recent pedestrian/vehicle count is only about half the figure required to justify for either a Pelican or Zebra crossing. The latest accident statistics for the section of the A28 between Tonford Lane and St. Nicholas Road show one accident involving a pedestrian, a seven year old child, and that occurred just west of St. Nicholas Road, which is well known as a popular crossing point for school children. The appropriate solution to the situation is to provide refuge islands at two locations, which would enable pedestrians to cross one lane at a time. An agreement had been reached with Canterbury City Council upon the details of the scheme designed to meet the needs of pedestrians and to increase driver discipline on the Thanington Road section of the A28. The scheme is supported by Canterbury City Council and the Police. It was noted that this was minuted in the Canterbury City Council minutes. Letters to be sent to Councillors Mr. F. Whitemore and Mr. S. Dolby for their help and support in this matter.

PARISH COUNCIL NOTICE BOARD: The Clerk had endeavoured to contact Mr. M. Langley and would try again.

OVERGROWN HEDGES: Councillor Mrs. L. New reported that the bramble hedge at 23 Cockerling Road was now obstructing the footpath to a high degree. Further steps to be taken.

It was noted that the rose bushes by the telephone kiosk at the corner of Strangers Lane had been drastically trimmed.

BRIDGE OVER THE RIVER STOUR AT TONFORD: The site marked out by as yet no work commenced.

FALLING ROCKS IN HOLLOW LANE: Nothing further heard. The Chairman, Councillor Mr. C. H. Church reported that following the information on the ownership of the east side of Hollow Lane, he had queried the ownership of the west side, as there are two sides to Hollow Lane.

TREE REPLANTING: A letter had been received from Mr. C. C. Gay, Chief Executive, Canterbury City Council, expressing thanks for the offer made by the Parish Council to donate £200 for tree replacements in the Parish. He asked for the cheque to be sent to him and he would see that it reached the right department.

FINGER POST FOOTPATH 490: Not yet ready. The Clerk to get in touch with Mr. M. Langley again.

MOBILE SHOP, 23 St. Nicholas Road: Councillor Mr. R. Eden reported that the van had again been parked at the roadside with a large notice board propped against the front wheel and customers were standing on the crown of the road to be served from the van. A further letter to be written to Canterbury City Council.

IFFIN LANE, NEW DEVELOPMENT: Councillor Mr. C. H. Church reported that obviously Mr. Gilling who had complained had now accepted the new building. Councillor Mr. C. H. Church also reported that the very bright lights which had proved a nuisance to drivers on that portion of the road were not now in use so much.

FOOTPATH AND CURB, STRANGERS LANE: A reply received from Canterbury City Council that they cannot promise repair work as there are many footpaths in the city in a worse condition.

ASHENDEN CLOSE/STRANGERS LANE: No reply received to our letter.

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TONFORD LANE: Public utilities reinstatement have now been made and the remaining defective areas will be repaired as soon as possible.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS:

Canterbury City Council: Tree replacement: £200. Proposed by Councillor Mr. C. H. Church, seconded by Councillor Mr. J. Bertram and carried, that this payment be made.

Clerk's Petty Cash: Proposed by Councillor Mr. R. Eden, seconded by Councillor Mrs. L. New and carried, that this be paid.

Miss Eyles, Clerk: 11000 circular letters £22.50
3/4 telephone rental incl. VAT 19.05 Proposed by Councillor Mrs. V. Sanders, seconded by Councillor Mr. C. H. Day and carried, that this be paid.

FINANCE: It was proposed from the Chair that a resolution be made on Item 25 of Parish News No. 151 as follows: That this Council has resolved ~~to~~ not to spend more than £3,000 on publicity before the financial year begins and that the Council will not exceed that expenditure.

Clerk's Gratuity: Additional transfer to be put on the Agenda for the next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- K.R.C.C. Oast to Coast. Noted.
- Future of sub post offices. Noted.
- Men of the trees. Noted.
- Trees for Kent poster. to be put on the notice board.
- N.A.L.C. Local Council Review. Noted.
- K.A.P.C. Parish News 151. Items noted.
- BAC. Fieldworker required. Noted.
- Open spaces society. Noted.
- Dial Kent. Noted.

SEEBOARD: Cleaning and maintenance schedule. Noted.
Public lighting and maintenance increase in cost. Noted.
This will be in the area of 6%.

C.C.C. Playtop 85 Playground surfacing. The Clerk had ascertained that Canterbury City Council maintain the small play area in the Thanington Road.

RIDGWAY INVESTMENTS: re Bottle Banks: This company and Canterbury City Council anxious to expand this reclaiming scheme. It was agreed that the Parish Council should obtain details of size of banks, amount of land required and cost of hiring, for further discussion.

C.C.C. General Rate. Noted.

REPORTS: Councillor Mr. J. Bertram reported on the Police Advisory Committee meeting which had been most interesting.
Councillor Mr. C. H. Church reported on the meeting of the Local Parish Council Chairmen. It was noted that there were problems regarding the Structure Plan. A number of villages undertaking a 'Village Appraisal' and it was queried whether this Parish Council could undertake one.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

Wysteria Cottage: One dwelling and garage: It was agreed that there were no objections.

Land at Strangers Close: 2 dwellings and garages. It was agreed that this application was vague and queried whether the existing garages be demolished.

No. 1 Cockerling Farm Bungalows: replacement of existing bungalow. Proposed by Councillor Mr. R. Eden, seconded by Councillor Mrs. P. Blackman and carried, that there were no objections.

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS cont:

Rose Brae, Iffin Lane: extension. Councillor Mr. C. H. Church to look at this.

Previous applications: 29 New House Close. Granted.
Iffin Barn. Refused.

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY: 25th April 1988. St. Faith's Hall, New House Lane at 7.30 pm.
A reminder to be sent to Mr. M. Jagger, the speaker.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: Councillor Mrs. L. New reported that the bramble at 23 Cockerling Road now overhanging the footpath. A letter again to be sent
Councillor Mrs. P. Blackman reported that cars were now travelling up the one way portion of Tonford Lane on to the main A28 road. This to be reported.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday, 11th April 1988 at 8 pm.
Councillor Mr. J. Bertram gave his apologies as he would be away.

There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 10 pm.

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