

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE THANINGTON WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL held at the Ashford Road Social Clubhouse, Ashford Road, on Monday, 13th June 1988 at 8 pm.

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

APOLOGIES: Councillor Mrs. V. Sanders.

CHAIRMAN: Councillor Mr. C. H. Church.

THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING:

CONTROLLED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING: Councillor Mr. C. H. Day reported that a resident had told him of the difficulty when leaving Grays Way in his car and turning right on to the Ashford Road, the road signs not being clear and the view obstructed by the signs on the verges. A close watch to be kept on this and the matter to be considered again later on.

PARISH COUNCIL NOTICE BOARDS: No progress made.

BRIDGE OVER THE RIVER STOUR AT TONFORD: Councillor Mrs. P. Blackman reported that work had commenced and residents in the vicinity had received letters from K.C.C. Highways Dept., with the programme of work.

ASHENDEN CLOSE/STRANGERS LANE: No reply.

TONFORD LANE: Councillor Mrs. P. Blackman reported that some of the repair works vehicles etc., had been left parked on the corner of Grays Way for over three weeks. An enquiry to be made over this as it is a dangerous position.

STREET LIGHTING: The Clerk reported that she had written to the City Secretary's Dept., asking for immediate attention to be given to the request of the Parish Council. A further letter to be written.

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY 1988; Kent County Council unable to give an exact date of their elections in 1989 except that they will take place in May.

ELEVATED FOOTPATH HOLLOW LANE: Councillor Miss S. Knott reported that the footpath is now very overgrown with nettles and brambles and mothers bringing their children down to school are having great difficulty. Some are now walking on the road in danger from passing traffic. A letter to be written pressing for urgent attention to this problem, and also for some reply regarding ownership.

POTHoles, 56 NEW HOUSE LANE: No reply received.

MOTOR CYCLES ON THE RECREATION GROUND: A reply had been received from the City Police that they had kept a watch but had been unable to identify any motor cycles on the recreation ground. A request made that when residents see this happening to immediately ring the City Police and if possible they will send an officer. The Police Inspector also asked whether the Neighbourhood Watch could assist.

FLOODING IN COCKERING ROAD: Councillor Mr. R. Eden reported that this site had not been completed. The silt trap was not covered satisfactorily and the spile fencing surrounding the site was laying on the ground. A letter to be written asking for this to be finished in a satisfactory manner.

SATELLITE SHOPPING AREA: The Clerk reported that she had talked with Mr. Mansell Jagger who had informed her that the Canterbury City Council knew nothing about the item in the local press regarding the interest in the site shown by the Essex company. Councillor Mr. Jim Nock has said that if the private sector want to be involved they must make proper representation and studies subject to public consultation and the traffic problems in Wincheap being solved. There will be a policy study available at a price later on, but he thinks that they will want to wade through a lengthy document.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS. There were none.

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FINANCE: The Clerk had been in touch with the Midland Bank plc who stated that the £4 per quarter charge is standard for returning paid cheques, but had received confirmation that they will not levy such a charge on the Parish Council account.

The Clerk also reported that this subject was brought up at the Clerk's Information Day and it appeared that a number of other Parish Councils were concerned on this account. It also appeared that only National Westminster Bank made no charge. The Chairman advised Clerks to shop around for the best terms.

AUDIT: The books to be taken for audit on Tuesday, 13th July at 10 am and collected on 28th July at 11.30 am.

CANTERBURY CITY COUNCIL LOTTERY FUND: The amount at present available for distribution to organisations in the Parish is £385. St. Faith's Hall to be asked if they have any requirements. The Clerk reported that the Ashford Road Social Club is in need of a storage room for sports equipment etc. It was suggested that possibly up to £100 be allocated for St. Faith's and £250 to the Ashford Road Social Club. This to be considered again at the next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

K.A.P.C. Parish News No. 153. Noted.

Safety in children's play Working Group. A reply made that there is no play area for which the Parish Council is responsible.

Hadlow College Open Day. Noted that the date had passed.

DEPT. OF THE ENVIRONMENT: Kent Structure Plan second review and alterations. Noted.

CANTERBURY CITY COUNCIL: Annual Review 1987 Planning Division. Noted.

K.C.C. Channel Tunnel joint consultative committee report. Noted.

COUNTRYSIDE COMMISSION: Task Force Trees: Circulated to Parish Councillors.

SEEBOARD: Cleaning schedule. noted.

K.C.C. Concessionary bus fare permits and local bus guide. Noted.

REPORTS: The Clerk reported on the Clerk's Information Day at Denton which was both interesting and helpful. Books helpful to Clerk's were 'Constitution and Powers of Local Councils' £1.35p and 'The Councillor' £5.55. It was proposed by Councillor Mr. C. H. Church, seconded by Councillor Mrs. L. New and carried, that these books to the value of £8.25 be purchased. Councillor Mr. G. Page reported on the recent meeting of the Larkey Valley Woods committee. There had been a site meeting in May and it was found that rubbish dumping is still a problem as a heap of rotting fruit and vegetables had been found. Mr. Free had taken a label attached to the container and would endeavour to identify the person responsible for the dumping. Mr. Sharman, the new Warden is very keen and will walk the woods every week and remove any rubbish he finds. New leaflets on the woods are being printed and draft copies given to the Clerk for filing.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

DETACHED GARAGE 133 Strangers Lane: This is the second application and as Canterbury City Council refused permission by reason of its design and locality was unduly prominent and detrimental to the appearance of the locality, the Parish Council consider that this still applies. Proposed by Councillor Mr. C. H. Church, seconded by Councillor Mr. C. H. Day and carried, that this be confirmed.

OLD MANOR, COCKERING ROAD: Councillor Mr. C. H. Day declared an interest and refrained from taking part in the discussion. This application was studied in detail and Canterbury City Council requested to treat these changes to a listed property with great care. Any changes must not affect the character and the front facade should remain the same. Some brick outbuildings and the lean-to garage needed to be removed, and the chimney stack may need re-building. In 1770 two of the rooms were used as the ^{car} garage and as much of the woodwork and beams should be retained. Councillor Mr. J. Bertram asked whether it would be possible to have a site meeting and Canterbury City Council to be asked if this is possible. Proposed by Councillor Barham seconded by Councillor Eden and carried, that this be confirmed.

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS CONT:

THANINGTON NEWS AND POST OFFICE: Extended shop premises at rear and side. Plans studied and it was agreed that these alterations and extensions would be beneficial to the premises and business. It was proposed by Councillor Mr. J. Bertram, seconded by Councillor Mrs. P. Blackman and carried, that there were no objections.

18 BRAMLEY AVENUE: Extension. Plans studied and it was proposed by Councillor Mr. R. Eden, seconded by Councillor Mr. C. H. Day and carried, that there no objections. The Clerk to let Councillor Mrs. V. Sanders see this application.

171c ASHFORD ROAD: rear extension. Plans studied. It was noted that a similar application for an adjoining house had been refused on two occasions that by reason of its size and location the proposed extension would have an unreasonably overbearing effect on and be detrimental to the amenities enjoyed by the occupiers of the adjoining dwelling. It was proposed by Councillor Mr. C. H. Day, seconded by Councillor Mr. G. Page and carried, that this application be objected to.

AMENDED PLANS: Bungalow, Cockerling Farm. No objection.

43 New House Lane: No objection.

PREVIOUS APPLICATIONS: 26 Cockerling Road. First floor extension. Refused. Land to rear of Strangers Close. Pair of semi-detached dwellings. Refused.

VILLAGE APPRAISAL: Councillor Mr. J. Bertram had supplied list of items of topics for discussion and it was suggested that :- Population: Transport: and Traffic be the items. Other organisation in the Parish to be invited to attend a meeting on Monday, 11th July at 8.30 pm. Councillor Mr. J. Bertram to take the chair and the Clerk to take the notes.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Councillor Miss S. Knott reported that large potholes had appeared opposite Nos. 33 and 37 New House Lane. The Clerk to advise K.C.C.

Councillor Mr. C. H. Church reported that clearing of banks and trees at the Plantation, Hollow Lane was in progress. While passing in his car a large branch had fallen under his car, fortunately no damage sustained.

Councillor Mr. G. Page reported that the old bin at the Hanging Banks, Ashford Road had been removed and replaced by a new one, of different design. No repairs had been made in the Ashford Road.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday, 11th July 1988 at 7.15 pm. to be followed by the Village Appraisal meeting at 8.30 pm. There would be no meeting in August. The Chairman, Councillor Mr. C. H. Church will be on holiday from the end of June until the 10th July and Councillor Mr. G. Page, Vice-Chairman, would deputise for him in his absence.

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

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