

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE THANINGTON WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL held at the Ashford Road Social Clubhouse, Ashford Road, on Monday, 11th July 1988 at 7.15 pm.

PRESENT: Councillors Mr. C. H. Dhurch, Mr. G. Page, Mr. C. H. Day, Mr. R. Eden, Mrs. V. Sanders, Mrs. P. Blackman, Mrs. L. New, Miss S. Knott.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Mr. J. Bertram due to illness. Councillors were sorry to learn that Councillor Mr. J. Bertram had been admitted to hospital. A 'Get Well' cards to be sent to him. Councillor Mr. R. Eden kindly offered to take this and visit Councillor Mr. J. Bertram when he was at the hospital on Tuesday.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING with a few minor amendments were confirmed and signed.

CONTROLLED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING: Councillor Mr. C. H. Day reported that there had been an accident at the crossing, a car having demolished a light bollard and damaged the standard. The Clerk reported that there had been a previous accident which had not damaged the refuges. It was agreed that both Kent County Council and Canterbury City Council should be notified of these accidents. Councillor Mr. C. H. Day also reported that residents in the vicinity of the crossing were complaining of the difficulty they are experiencing when backing into their drives.

PARISH COUNCIL NOTICE BOARD: The Clerk reported that she had contacted yet another man regarding the notice board and was waiting for a reply. She had also spoken to Mr. Buck, the Footpaths Officer, over the finger post for New House Lane, and had received the information that Canterbury City Council had also experienced great difficulty in finding any one to make and site these. Due to this, the City Council were using only the stone markers. These are free to Parish Councils and they would be placed in position free of charge when funds and time are available. These markers cost £50 each and weigh 2 cwt. each and need a hole of 3ft deep when placed in position. Councillor Mr. R. Eden asked whether an approach could be made to either St. Augustine's Hospital or the Kent & Canterbury Hospital remedial units for patients to make a finger post. Councillor Mr. R. Eden asked to make enquiries.

BRIDGE OVER THE RIVER STOUR AT TONFORD: Kent County Council engineer had sent some detailed drawings of this bridge and it was confirmed that there would be steps and no centre pile. Councillor Mrs. P. Blackman reported that residents using this bridge to get to their places of work were concerned for mothers with prams negotiating the steps. The brickwork had been completed and the concrete and bridge awaited. A letter to be written to K.C.C. expressing some concern and asking if there is an alternative to this bridge design.

ASHENDEN CLOSE/STRANGERS LANE: No reply.

TONFORD LANE: Councillor Mrs. P. Blackman reported that the materials at the corner of Grays Way had not been removed. A further approach to be made for removal.

STREET LIGHTING: The Clerk reported that she had communicated with Seaboard regarding the problem of the Parish Council assuming responsibility for the lights for the whole of the Parish. She had supplied them with a list of the roads involved in the new area. Miss Sharpin, Seaboard, reported that there is some problem between Canterbury City Council and themselves on this subject.

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY 1989: It was agreed to invite K.C.C. Councillor Mr. K. Ranger to the Annual Assembly in 1989 as guest speaker, and asking for dates convenient to him.

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ELEVATED FOOTPATH, HOLLOW LANE, (F.P. 491): This path is to be inspected and consideration to be given to the necessary work being carried out.

POTHLES. 56 New House Lane: Nothign done.

MOTOR CYCLES ON RECREATION GROUND: This had been brought to the notice of the Neighbourhood Watch Group, asking them to report to the police immediately if they see cycles there.

FLOODING IN COCKERING ROAD: Councillor Mr. R. Eden reported that no further work had been done to make the silt trap safe.

SATELITE SHOPPING AREA: It had been noted in the local press that there had been a further suggestion for this, but it had again been repeated that nothing could be done until the traffic problems were solved.

POTHLES IN NEW HOUSE LANE: Councillor Miss S. Knott reported that these had been infilled.

BUS STOP, STRANGERS LANE: The Clerk reported that she had approached the Chairman with a view to asking Canterbury City Council to make some provision for people waiting for a bus and also alighting from a bus by cut ting the bank away and had received permission for such a request to be made. A reply had been received that from inspection it would appear that if the bank were trimmed back there would be a reasonable area of footway for passengers to use, and an order had been issued to the Works Service Department for this to be done. If, however, a further area of standing room is required the site would be re-examined with a view to removing more of the bank and constructing a small retaining wall.

LARKEY VALLEY WOODS: Councillor Mr. G. Page reported that the next meeting of this committee would be in December and he would then give a report.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS:

<u>J.A.Stockley</u> : cleaning and repair to typewriter .. .. .	£23.00
Proposed by Councillor Mr. C. H. Church, seconded by Councillor Mrs. L. New and carried, that this be paid.	
<u>K.A.P.C.</u> Stationery and literature .. .. .	£4.25
Proposed by Councillor Mrs. V. Sanders, seconded by Councillor Miss S. Knott and carried, that this be paid.	
<u>Miss Eyles</u> : Clerk's salary 3 months April/June 1988 .. ..	£261.00
3 phone rental inc. VAT .. .. .	19.05
	<u>£280.05</u>

Proposed by Councillor Mr. R. Eden, seconded by Councillor Mr. C. H. Day and carried, that this be paid.

Ashford Road Social Club: 6 months rent for P.C. Meetings .. £39.75

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. P. Blackman, seconded by Councillor Mrs. L. New and carried, that this be paid.

Petty Cash: .. .. . £20.00

Proposed by Councillor Mr. C. H. Church, seconded by Councillor Mr. G. Page and carried, that this be paid.

FINANCE: The Clerk reported that an error had been made in the Midland Bank accounts in that the Precept had been paid into the Current A/C and not the High Interest Investment account. This had now been rectified.

C.C.C. Lottery Fund: Both the Hilltop Club and the Ashford Road Social Club appreciated contributions from this account. The Hilltop Club needed a new clock, table cloths and tea cloths. The Ashford Road Social Club had received an estimate for a storage room for approximately £500 to £600. Further estimates to be obtained.

It was proposed by Councillor Mr. C. H. Church, seconded by Councillor Mr. G. Page and carried, that £275 be allocated to the Ashford Road Social Club and £75 to the Hilltop Club.

PARISH APPRAISAL: The Chairman, Councillor Mr. C. H. Church, said that it would be unfair to expect Councillor Mr. J. Bertram to take this over and asked that a decision be made in principle that Councillor Mr. J. Bertram be relieved of this responsibility. If no one at the meeting of the Appraisal members would vol unteer to take the chair, he would do so. The Clerk had obtained the papers relative to this project from Mrs. Bertram.

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CORRESPONDENCE:

K.A.P.C. Parish News No. 154. Item 6 Traffic in Villages. The Clerk asked to obtain details of this. Item 7. Guidance on New Technology. The Clerk had completed and returned this.  
Oast to Coast. In circulation.

REPORT S: The Clerk reported that at the next meeting of the Society of Local Council Clerks the subject of the speaker would be 'The Poll Tax' and members were invited to take either a non-member colleague or a Parish Councillor to this meeting on 19th November 1988 at Hythe. Councillor Miss S. Knott accepted the invitation.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

26 Cockerling Road: second floor bathroom extension over walkway. Consideration given and as there was very little difference to the previous application which had been refused, it was proposed by Councillor Mr. R. Eden, seconded by Councillor Mr. C. H. Church and carried, that the Parish Council recommend that this application is not granted.

207 Ashford Road: 2 storey extension. It was proposed by Councillor Mr. R. Eden, seconded by Councillor Mr. C. H. Church and carried, that subject to no objections from neighbours, the Parish Council would raise no objections.

Land junction of Strangers Lane/Thanington Rd: 2 bungalows and 2 garage blocks: Consideration given to this second application and after some hesitation it was proposed by Councillor Mrs. V. Sanders, seconded by Councillor Mr. G. Page and carried, that subject to no objections from neighbours, and despite there were still some problems, the Parish Council would not object.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

COUNCILLOR MR. R. EDEN reported that the street light at the junction of Cockerling Road/St. Nicholas Road is now obscured by the trees. A request to be made for the trees to be lopped.  
It is also noted that the verge by the Community Centre in Thanington Road has a large amount of litter scattered there. A request to be made to the Cleansing Dept., for this to be cleared.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday, 12th September 1988 at 7.15 pm.  
Councillor Mr. C. H. Day gave his apologies as he will be away on holiday.

There being no other business, the meeting was declared closed.

THE PARISH APPRAISAL GROUP assembled at 8.30 pm.

Present; Councillors Mr. C. H. Church, Mr. G. Page, Mr. C. H. Day, Mr. R. Eden, Mrs. V. Sanders, Mrs. P. Blackman, Mrs. L. New, Miss S. Knott

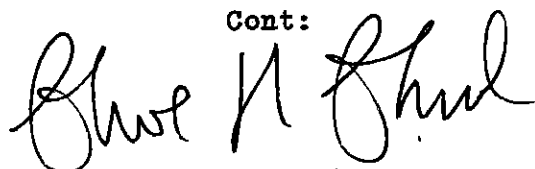
APOLOGIES: Councillor Mr. J. Bertram due to illness.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL, Councillor Mr. C. H. Church, welcomed all to this meeting explaining that the sudden illness of Councillor Mr. J. Bertram who had agreed to chair this meeting had necessitated him stepping in at very short notice.

He went on to explain that this Parish Appraisal had been undertaken in other villages during the past years and is helpful in that it is a record of the parish, similar to a Domesday Book. Certain topics on the list which Councillor Mr. J. Bertram had prepared would be selected and members of the Group would then walk round the parish with their eyes open and make a short report on their observations. It could be an idea to have another meeting and sit round the table pooling the information gathered. It was suggested that there should be a time limit (possibly January 1989) so that it was completed fairly quickly.

The general opinion appeared that this would be a better way of dealing with it than compiling a questionnaire to be circulated in the parish and then collected and the results collated.

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PARISH APPRAISAL cont:

Mr. C. Spicer said that many residents might resent a questionnaire and others would completely ignore it. Mr. D. Swain queried whether any particular person would be asked to do a particular job. This was not so. It would be a group effort.

It was agreed to hold another meeting either late September or early October, followed by another with a view to completion early in 1989.

There being no other business, the meeting was closed.

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