

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL OF THANINGTON WITHOUT, held at the Ashford Road Social Clubhouse, Ashford Road, on Monday, 9th January 1989 at 8 pm.

PRESENT: Councillors Mr. C. H. Church, Mr. G. Page, Mr. C. H. Day, Mrs. P. B lackman, Miss S. Knott.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Mr. G. Furness (on holiday) Mr. R. Eden (previous engagement, Mrs. L. New and Mrs. V. Sanders. 44 members of the public.

THE CHAIRMAN, Councillor Mr. C. H. Church, welcomed all to the meeting, in particular those who had attended due to concern on traffic problems involed with the sale and d evelopment of St. Augustines' Hospital. He informed the meeting that he would change the order of the Agenda and take the subject of St. Augustine's Hospital first to enable those who did not wish to stay to withdraw at the close of the session on the hospital, the usual business would then continue.

COUNCILLOR MR. C. H. CHURCH outlined all of the options suggested in the Appraisal and said he considered it a very illthought out development.

OPTION 1. Conversion of the main hospital buildings for residential flats total- ing 780. Development implications:- Widening narrow sections of Cocker- ing Road; provision of footway in Shalmsford Street; traffic signals at A28/St. Nicholas Road junction; widening of Shalmsford Street junction and provision of right hand turn lane; imprvovement of 800m of sewers and upgrading capacity of local pumping station and sewerage works; potential car parking constraint.

This was considered uhlikely.

OPTION 2. Residential devel opment of 370 houses on Area A. No highway or drainage improvements required.

OPTION 3. Area A 370 houses; Area B 220 houses totalling 590 dwellings. Development implications: widen narrow sections of Cockerling Road; provide footway at Shalmsford Street; Traffic signals at A28/St. Nicholas Road junction; widen of A28/Shalmsford Street junction, provision of right hand turn lane; improvement of 700m of sewers and upgrading capacity of pumping station and sewerage works.

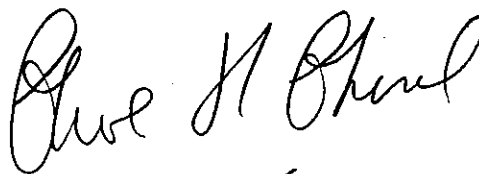
OPTION 4. Residential developpment of Areas A, B and C totalling 760 dwellings. Improvements as for Option 3 plus improvement of additional 100m of sewers.

OPTION 5. Residential development in excess of 760 new dwellings. A new Chartham bypass link at the A28 would be an appropriate means of accommodating the increased flow of traffic from substantial new residential develop- ment. This would require the construction of a bridge over the river Stour and railway estimated to cost a total of approximately £1.4m plus land cost and design fees.

Alternative route for bypass link from Cockerling Road to the A28 to a point adjacent to the western edge of the existing built up area of Thanington. This would remove the expected high traffic flow from passing along St. Nicholas Road and could be constructed without the need for either a river or railway bridge. It would also reduce the traffic flow from Chartham village and enable improvements of the existing crossroad junction on to the A28. The construction of a new bypass could provide a theoretical capacity for a residential develop- ment of approximately 1,000 new dwellings and allow for development of fresh land around the village, if thought desirable.

THE CHAIRMAN emphasised the traffic problsms on the A28 and Wincheap. Bretts had been taken into consideration when the appraisal was compiled.

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ST. AUGUSTINE'S HOSPITAL DEVELOPMENT cont:

A resident of Manor Close suggested that the site could be used as a leisure site similar to that at Margate and it was also suggested that an alternative site for a bypass would be along the river bank from Milton bridge to Rheims Way. A further suggestion was made for a bypass from Downs Road through to Stone Street.

A comment was made that this is a political matter.

Following a suggestion that a resolution be made from this meeting, Revd. D. Bretherton considered that this would not be possible as the Parish Council would, knowing the feeling of this meeting, would act accordingly.

The Chairman said the main concern was the impact of additional traffic along the A28 and Wincheap and also the provision of a bypass through a pleasant valley. He recommended that all concerned should write to the City Council with their comments. A resident of Manor Close said that the residents in that Close had already done so.

The public then withdrew and the agenda reverted to.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING were amended and signed.

MATTERS ARISING:

FOOTPATH SIGNS: Nothing heard.

BRIDGE OVER THE RIVER STOUR AT TONFORD: No further work as yet.

ASHENDEN CLOSE/STRANGERS LANE: Nothing heard regarding waiting restrictions.

STREET LIGHTING: Nothing further heard.

STRANGERS LANE: The rosebushes had been trimmed by a local resident.

HOLLOW LANE HYDRANT COVER: This had been dealt with.

COCKERING ROAD STREET LIGHTING AND NAME PLATES: As yet nothing heard.

ASHFORD ROAD SAFETY BOLLARDS: The Clerk had contacted Mrs. Woods who was to see her over the Christmas period. Councillor Mrs. P. Blackman reported that she had seen Mrs. Woods who had suggested that the area in question is from 123 to 137 Ashford Road. The Clerk to make enquiries on this problem.

THANINGTON ROAD POTHOLES AND CRUMBLING SURFACE: Nothing heard.

MOBILE LIBRARY, ALFRED CLOSE: Reply received from the Group Librarian that she had discussed the matter with the Mobile Library staff and had also driven round the area herself and she feels that the necessary access/parking would be very difficult for the van which is over 27ft long. From local records none of the residents on the estate make use of the housebound library service where books are delivered by volunteers every two weeks. Leaflets with details enclosed. The Librarian would continue to monitor the situation and would like details of how many people would be likely to be regular users of the service which would be either early in the day or after 4 pm to fit in with journeys to the more rural areas. Councillor Mrs. Blackman took leaflets and would ask the local W.I. members to assist by contacting residents in that area.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS:

Seeboard - supply and fix 35 SOX ignitor £28.78.

Society of Local Council Clerks - subscription £23.00

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

FINANCE: Information sheet re Community Charge which had been circulated to Councillors was studied. The books ordered had not yet been received.

CORRESPONDENCE:

K.C.C. Planning and Development staff structure. Noted.

C.C.C. Conservation and Environmental Policy statement for the rural areas - Consultative draft. Noted.

K.A.P.C. Oast to Coast. circulated.

One day conference - Playground accidents etc. Noted.

Report - Canterbury Area Committee.

K.C.C. Inland public footpaths and bridleways. Reply that the Canterbury Ramblers Association walk the public footpaths fairly regularly.

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CORRESPONDENCE: cont:

Post Office Users National Council: Participation. Those present not interested but details to be circulated to the absentee members.

Kent Assoc. of Youth Clubs: It was agreed that as there is a Youth Club now attached to the Ashford Road Social Club a donation of £10 should be sent. Proposed by Councillor Mr. C. H. Church, seconded by Councillor Miss S. Knott and carried.

REPORTS: There were none.

Planning Applications:

CA/89/0002/THA - renewal of permission for mobile home at Whitegates, Tonford Lane; It was agreed there are no objections to this.

Previous applications:

CA/88/1034/THA - Land junction of Strangers Lane/Thanington Road.

Permission granted for two bungalows.

CA/88/1907/THA - 41 Tonford Lane. Granted.

CA/88/1861/THA - Land at Treathis, Iffin Lane. Refused.

CA/88/1754/THA - land rear of 75 New House Lane. Refused.

CONFIRMATION OF PUBLIC FOOTPATH ORDER: FT CB482 (part). Now confirmed.

PARISH APPRAISAL: Date for next meeting arranged for Monday, 20th February, 7.30 pm. All involved to be informed.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S HOSPITAL SITE: It was agreed that the Parish Council would comment that not enough information had been given and to ask what will the development do to the area. To query the cost of demolition and removal of debris. The site should be converted where possible. Some concern expressed that the development will lead to a further corridor of development along the A28. Traffic flow the main concern. All have power to write to the City Council giving their views.

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY: Date now fixed for Monday, 15th May 1989 at 7.30 pm. at the Ashford Road Social Clubhouse. Councillor Mr. K. Ranger to again be asked to attend as guest speaker.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

COUNCILLOR MR. C. H. DAY asked that confirmation should be sought from Canterbury City Council that householders would have the option of having wheeled litter bins or to continue with the black plastic sacks.

COUNCILLOR MISS S. KNOTT reported that the road at the junction of New House Lane/Iffin Lane/Hollow Lane is now covered with mud and asked that the City Council be requested to clear this.

THE CLERK reported that the notice board adjacent to the telephone kiosk at St. Nicholas Road had been vandalised. It now needed re-instating. The Clerk to endeavour to get someone to do this.

COUNCILLOR MRS. P. BLACKMAN reported that the 'No Entry' sign in Tonford Lane had been moved. The Canterbury City Council to be asked to re-instate it.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday, 13th February 1989 at 8 pm.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 10.30 pm.

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APPOLOGIES: None.

IN MEMORIAM. The Chairman, Councillor Mr. C. H. Church opened the meeting by asking all to stand in silence in memory of Mrs. V. C. Sanders who had died peacefully but suddenly on Sunday, 5th February 1989. Her funeral ^{was} ~~would~~ _{held} be at Canterbury Cathedral on Monday, 13th February 1989 at 2 pm.

It was proposed by Councillor Mr. C. H. Church, seconded by Councillor Miss S. Knott and carried, that a donation of £25 should be made, divided equally between the British Heart Foundation and the Save the Children Fund, the charities to which her family wished any donations to be made.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING: ST. AUGUSTINES HOSPITAL. A letter received from Mr. J. M. JAGGER, (Planning Officer) outlining the procedure to be taken on planning for the future of the hospital. 81 responses had been received as a result of the public consultation exercise including Chartham, Thanington and Petham Parish Councils and other local amenity groups and societies. These comments will provide the basis of a comprehensive report and a second report will re-examine the various alternatives for future development. Both reports will be considered at an appropriate meeting of the Planning Committee so that members may fully understand and debate the various issues, decide an agreed course of action, and authorise the preparation of a detailed Planning Brief for the future development of the site. The preparation of the Brief will involve a further period of public consultation. A letter of thanks to be sent to Mr. Jagger.

FOOTPATH SIGNS: Nothing heard.

BRIDGE OVER THE RIVER STOUR AT TONFORD: Councillor Mrs. P. Blackman reported that nothing further had been done, but there were now problems with motor cyclists riding over the bridge. The Clerk to get in touch with K.C.C.

ASHENDEN CLOSE/STRANGERS LANE: Reply from City Technical Director that the matter had been investigated and reported to the Annual Meeting of the Special Public Works Committee at which Committee members decided to take no further action on this. Noted.

STREET LIGHTING: The Clerk reported that she had received a telephone call from Seaboard to the effect that Canterbury City Council had not resolved the question of responsibility for the street lighting in the new area of the Parish, but would continue to be responsible for 1988/89 and 1989/90. The Clerk asked to seek confirmation of this from Canterbury City Council.

COCKERING ROAD STREET LIGHTING AND NAME PLATES. Nothing heard yet.

ASHFORD ROAD SAFETY BOLLARDS: No reply yet received. The Clerk reported that vehicles are still mounting the footpath to pass other vehicles waiting to turn into Tonford Lane.

THANINGTON ROAD POTHOLES AND CRUMBLING ROAD SURFACE: The area has been inspected and the defective areas have been put forward on the coming year's patching programme. Noted.

MOBILE LIBRARY: ALFRED CLOSE: Councillor Mrs. P. Blackman reported that W.I; members had taken the leaflets and were contacting residents in the area.

POST OFFICE USERS NATIONAL COUNCIL: It was agreed to write asking for further details.

WHEELED LITTER BINS: No reply yet received.

JUNCTION OF HOLLOW LANE/NEW HOUSE LANE/IFFIN LANE: Mud on road. Nothing heard.

NOTICE BOARD AT TELEPHONE KIOSK: It was proposed by Councillor Mr. C. H. Church, seconded by Councillor Mr. R. Eden and carried, that the Clerk should put an advertisement in Adscene and Extra asking for help. Councillor Mr. C. H. Day said there was a man in Cockerling Road who might be approached. The local postmaster knows his name. To be investigated.

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