

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE THANINGTON WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL held at the Ashford Road Social Clubhouse, Ashford Road, on Monday, 10th April 1989 at 8 pm.

PRESENT: Councillors Mr. C. H. Church, Mr. C. H. Day, Mr. R. Eden, Mr. G. Furness, Mrs. P. Blackman, Mrs. L. New, Miss S. Knott, and Mrs. F. Hughes.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Mr. G. Page due to illness. Apologies accepted.

CASUAL VACANCY: (Brought forward from Item 6 on the Agenda).

The Chairman, Councillor Mr. C. H. Church, reported that he had communicated with Mr. M. Macdonald of Manor Close who regretted that he was too busy to undertake further commitments. As the Clerk had reported that Mr. G. D. A. Roche was again in hospital and also that his home, Thanington Court, was on the market, no approach had been made. It was also reported that Mr. Roche was now home from hospital.

Mrs. F. Hughes had therefore been approached and was honoured to be invited and had accepted.

Mrs. Hughes now joined the meeting and was welcomed, and then duly made her Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING WERE CONFIRMED AND SIGNED.

MATTERS ARISING:

FOOTPATH SIGNS: The Clerk reported that she had seen some in the Harbledown area which she considered might be suitable. It was agreed that she should make enquiries from Harbledown Parish Clerk.

BRIDGE OVER THE RIVER STOUR AT TONFORD: Councillor Mrs. P. Blackman reported that there had been no further work on the steps to the bridge. It has been reported to her that walkers wearing bifocal spectacles were finding it difficult to see the treads.

STREET LIGHTING: Still no information.

COCKERING ROAD STREET LIGHTING AND NAME PLATES:

ASHFORD ROAD SAFETY BOLLARDS: No information received as yet.

THANINGTON ROAD POTHoles AND CRUMBLING SURFACE: It was reported that repairs are now being made. Councillor Mr. R. Eden reported that the rubble is being dumped in St. Nicholas Road causing traffic problems. The Fire Service had found it difficult for one appliance to negotiate the rubble dump and parked cars. Beacons are now being placed at the site.

POST OFFICE USERS NATIONAL COUNCIL: Reply received that the Parish Council details had been passed to the Chairman, Mr. E. Whittlesea-Webster.

WHEELED LITTER BINS: No reply yet.

JUNCTION NEW HOUSE LANE/IFFIN LANE: Nothing had been done, but it was noted that the Social & Liberal Democrat group was taking this up with K.C.C. The Clerk to make a further approach.

NOTICE BOARD AT TELEPHONE KIOSK, THANINGTON ROAD: The Clerk reported that she had found a man who was willing to repair the re-instate this.

PARISH SIGNS: Nothing further heard.

JOYCE QUIN, EARLY DAY NOTICE: Letter of thanks received with further broadsheets on the Bill. She now asks the Council to write to Patrick Nicholls, MP, informing him of our support and also to Norman Fowler, MP, Secretary of State, asking him to support the Bill and withdraw his Department's objection. A letter received from the Employment Department in which it states that the Government carefully considered the provision of this Bill, but were unable to support it at a Second Reading. The Health and Safety Commission have been asked to study the Bill and consider whether any of its underlying ideas might be taken forward.

It was agreed that the Parish Council should take no further action.

DEMOLITION OF ROOFS AT 179/183 Ashford Road: Reply received from Mr. M. Jagger that demolition in itself is not a development and does not need planning permission. BUT consent is required to demolish a listed building, or, with some minor exceptions, a building within a Conservation area. Noted.

PARKED CARS ON PLAYING FIELDS: Nothing further heard. Councillor Mr. R. Eden reported that there is a long line of parked cars, including lorries, outside the Community Centre every Monday evening.

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MATTERS ARISING: cont:

ASHFORD ROAD SOCIAL CLUB: Entertainments Licence not yet received, but should come within a few days.
LARGE POTHLES IN STRANGERS LANE: Not yet attended to.
POTHLES ADJACENT TO 37 NEW HOUSE LANE: Not yet attended to, but a further approach to be made.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS:

S. T. HUGHES, Parish Appraisal £49.75.
Proposed by Councillor Mr. C. H. Day, seconded by Councillor Mrs. P. Blackman and carried, that this be paid.
MISS EYLES, Clerk: 3 months salary and telephone rental £393.05
Proposed by Councillor Mr. C. H. Church, seconded by Councillor Mr. R. Eden and carried, that this be paid.
PETTY CASH: Stamps etc., £20.00
Proposed by Councillor Mrs. L. New, seconded by Councillor Miss S. Knott and carried, that this be paid.
CLERK'S GRATUITY FUND: £250.00
Proposed by Councillor Mr. C. H. Church, seconded by Councillor Mrs. F. Hughes and carried, that this be transferred to the National Savings Investment A/C.
K.A.P.C. Councillors Pack £2.74
Proposed by Councillor Mr. R. Eden, Seconded by Councillor Mrs. L. New and carried, that this be paid.

FINANCE: Councillor Mrs. F. Hughes signed the Mandate at the Midland Bank plc as a signatory to the Bank accounts.
Canterbury City Council Lottery Fund: Allocation of funds for projects in the rural areas and the balances currently standing to the credit of Parish Councils discussed and it was recommended that a) no change be made to the present system whereby each Parish received an equal annual allocation from the proceeds of local lotteries. b) with effect from 1st July 1989, when the balance of funds allocated to any Parish Council from the proceeds of local lotteries, reached £1,000, such sum be reduced to £500, with the balance being transferred to a Rural Reserve Fund from which any Parish may apply for assistance with any large project. c) Where any Parish Council can clearly show the City Treasurer that they are accumulating funds for a project in excess of £1,000, the provision of recommendation b) above shall not apply. The date of 1st July 1989 has been selected in order to give parishes who have a higher balance, time to reduce it before the new system comes into effect.
The present balance in hand is £375 and it is anticipated that a further credit of £50 may be added between now and July.
The Council noted that, while this meant it would not immediately be affected given the existing recommendation, its previous policy of making annual suggestions was a wise one and should be continued.
Local Authority Publicity Accounts: It was resolved that the Parish Council would not have an expenditure of £3,000 or more, the proposition being made by Councillor Mr. C. H. Church, seconded by Councillor Mr. R. Eden and carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

K.C.C. Channel Tunnel Joint Consultative Committee Report. Noted.
" " Rail Route. Noted.
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C.C.C. Kent County Council elections 4th May 1989. Noted.
SEEBOARD: Public Lighting Maintenance charges excluding the lamp replacement charges have been increased by 8%. Noted.
MRS. BRYANT, Grays Way: Letter of complaint regarding litter. The Clerk had acknowledged this, explaining that she had been in touch with the City Council on many occasions on this point, asking them to take it up as a matter of urgency. She also asked Mrs. Bryant whether there is evidence of rats in the gardens.
K.A.P.C. Canterbury Area Committee report. Noted.
K.C.C. Copy of order to modify definitive map. Responsibility for public paths now transferred to the County Surveyor. Lists of names and telephone numbers given.
REPORTS: There were none.

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

CA/89/0439. Iffin Farm House. Alterations to existing building and addition of granny flat. It was agreed that there were no objections subject to there being none from neighbours.

CA/89/0377/THA: 13 Ashenden Close. Infilling of existing ground floor covered area to form porch/entrance hall and study extension over.

While the majority of Councillors had not recorded any objections due to the intrusive nature of this application, it was agreed to ask the Canterbury City Council Planning Committee to visit the site before any decision was made as it was considered that the plan may not give a true representation of this proposed development.

Councillor Mr. G. Furness had registered an interest.

Previous applications:

CA/89/0002/THA: Land at Whitegates, Tonford Lane. Permission granted subject to discontinuation and the land returned to its former condition on or before 31st March 1992 as the application is expressed to be for a temporary period only; that the mobile home shall not be used by anyone other than Miss S. M. Fox and permission having been granted having regard to the special circumstances of Miss S. M. Fox.

CA/88/1891/Tha: 179/183 Ashford Road. Erection of three houses.
Permission granted.

PARISH APPRAISAL. This is now completed subject to consent from the Ordnance Survey Dept., for inclusion on parish map. Thanks expressed to all who had worked to make this appraisal possible. Copies to be on sale at £1 each, with complimentary copies to those involved. The Clerk was thanked for her help in making this appraisal possible.

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY: 15th May 1989. Councillors Mrs. P. Blackman and Mr. C. H. Day gave their apologies as they would both be away on holiday, and Councillor Mr. G. Furness due to an other commitment. These were accepted.

ST. AUGUSTINES HOSPITAL: No further information.

PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS were studied and accepted to go forward to the Annual Assembly. The Account Book duly signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

HARRIS CHARITY ACCOUNT: These were studied and accepted to go forward to the Annual Assembly.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Councillor Mrs. L. New reported that the bank in Cockerling Road is subsiding and causing difficulties for traffic using the road. It was agreed that the Canterbury City Council should be asked to attend to this and also trim back the trees between St. Nicholas Road and Strangers Lane.

The Clerk reported that the street lights in Thanington Road and the housing estate had been out from 18th to 21st March 1989. This had been reported.

The Clerk also reported that swan shooting had again taken place on the Tonford Marshes. She had reported this to the Police who had attended.

Councillor Mrs. P. Blackman reported that she had investigated the encroachment of the road in Tonford Lane, and found that the fruit growers, Popes, had moved the fence to enclose the grass verge into their land. K.C.C. notified.

Councillor Mr. C. H. Church reported that Mr. & Mrs. A. R. Palmer would be celebrating their Golden Wedding anniversary at the end of May and he would be making the usual gift on behalf of the Parish Council.

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

Councillor Mr. C. H. Day gave his apologies as he would be away on holiday. This was accepted.

Councillor Mr. R. Eden gave his apologies due to another commitment. This was accepted.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

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