

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE THANINGTON WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL held at the Ashford Road Social Clubhouse, Ashford Road, on Monday, 5th June 1989 at 8 pm.

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

APOLOGIES: Councillor Mr. R. Eden due to a previous engagement. Apology accepted.

CHAIRMAN: Councillor Mr. C. H. Church.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING:

FOOTPATH SIGNS: The Clerk had obtained samples of waymarkers which were considered, but it was agreed that they were not suitable. The man who has recently dealt with the notice board has an employees who will make waymark signs.

BRIDGE OVER THE RIVER STOUR AT TONFORD: Work on the treads not completed. A further reminder to be sent.

STREET LIGHTING. Nothing heard.

COCKERING ROAD STREET LIGHTING AND NAME PLATES: Nothing heard. A further letter to be sent.

ASHFORD ROAD SAFETY BOLLARDS: Nothing heard and a further letter to be sent.

WHEELED LITTER BINS: Nothing further heard.

NOTICE BOARD AT TELEPHONE KIOSK, THANINGTON ROAD: The Clerk reported that this had been placed in position today.

PARISH SIGNS: Nothing heard and a further letter to be written.

ASHFORD ROAD SOCIAL CLUB: Entertainments Licence not yet received.

Constitution: Mr. E. C. Hobday coming to a meeting on 20th June 1989 at 7 pm to commence work on the new constitution. The present Trustees to be invited to attend also the Chairman of the Parish Council.

MR. LAWRENCE SHIRLEY: The Chairman reported that he had met Mr. Shirley who had expressed his appreciation on receiving the letter from the Parish Council. He had received a gratifying number of letters.

STRANGERS LANE: Fence at Manor Close: Tilbury Homes investigating.

COCKERING ROAD AND TONFORD LANE POTHOLES: Noted.

GRAYS WAY: Wheelie bin and litter: No reply received.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS:

K.C.C. SUPPLIES: Hiring charge of photocopier plus VAT £124.59
Proposed by Councillor Mr. C. H. Church, seconded by Councillor Mrs. L. New and carried, that this be paid. A srrong letter to be sent regarding the incompetence of K.C.C. Supplies regarding the likely cost of the machine.

D. PROCTOR & SONS: Repairing and siting of notice board £33.04
Proposed by Councillor Mr. G. Page, seconded by Councillor Miss S. Knott and carried, that this be paid.

It was agreed that the Clerk could undertake photocopying provided a charge was made.

FINANCE: No reports this month.

CORRESPONDENCE:

CANTERBURY CITY COUNCIL: Lottery Fund. Balance standing is £450. This balance has already been reduced by the £275 allowed to the Ashford Road Social Club for storage shed. The Clerk reported that she had reminded the Social Club that this must be dealt with without more delay.

SEEBOARD: Charges for switchding units; Timeswitches £14.04. Noted.
Maintenance schédule. Noted.

W.M.SMITH. Waymark signs; Dealt with under Matters arising.

Moat House Information pack: Noted.

New Homes Marketing review. Noted.

K.C.C. KENT STRUCTURE PLAN: Second Review and Alterations. The Clerk to study this document at the Council Office and report before the next meeting.

OTFORD SOCIETY: Tunnel Traffic. Talis recommending the route. Noted.

REPORTS: There were none.

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS: CA/89/076/THA - 4 New House Lane: detached house with integral garage. It was agreed that this be accepted having already been given in principle and subject to there being no objections from neighbours. CA/89/0803/THA - 17 Manor Close: Sittingroom extension at rear.

Councillor Mr. G. Furness recorded an interest and withdrew from discussion. It was agreed that the Parish Council had no objection, provided there was none from neighbours.

PARISH APPRAISAL: The Clerk reported that the 40 copies prepared had been disposed of and five more printed. Expenses of production approximately £78.00 and sixteen copies had been sold so far at £1 each.

A letter received from Mrs. Bertram expressing her thanks for the copy sent to her. She had enjoyed reading it and found it interesting and it would be kept for future generations to see. A letter also received from the Public Library and an item had appears in 'Extra' newspaper.

ST. AUGUSTINES HOSPITAL: No news of further developments.

ITEMS FROM ANNUAL ASSEMBLY:

THE CHAIRMAN reported that he had taken gifts to Mr. & Mrs. A. R. Palmer on the occasion of their Golden Wedding anniversary.

He also thanked those who had provided the refreshments for the Annual Assembly.

It was agreed to revise the agenda of the Assembly and also to provide a fuller breakdown of expenditure on the Parish Council accounts. This would be looked at at the next Council meeting.

DR. NASH criticized the bad surface on the Post Office forecourt. Advice had been taken and it was agreed that the Parish Council had no jurisdiction over this as it is private property.

MR. R. ANDERSON complained about the surface of the layby at 143/149 Ashford Road. The Clerk to endeavour to ascertain whether this is K.C.C. property or that of the local householders.

MR. J. ROMER asked whether it would be possible to make Grays Way restricted to one way only for traffic. This to be investigated.

DR. NASH queried the hatching on the A28 between the bypass bridge and St. Nicholas Road. He considered if the hatching was made wider, so that traffic turning into St. Nicholas Road was obliged to keep to the inside lane to turn into St. Nicholas Road, the second lane would be freed for traffic proceeding along the A28. Investigations to be made.

BRAMLEY AVENUE: MR. M. EDENS asked whether more lights could be put in Bramley Avenue to improve the lighting. The Chairman suggested that up to four lights could be installed, but he was unconvinced that people would be willing to pay for them. Councillor Mr. G. Furness was therefore asked to make a survey to see whether the residents would be prepared to pay a further increase in rating to enable this to be done. On obtaining this information an approach would be made to Seeboard for costing on additional four lights.

MR. J. ROMER reported much loose tarmac at the corner of Grays Way/Tonford Lane. Work now being done on the road surface at this point.

WHEELIE BINS: Some concern expressed on the difficulty of aged or infirm residents ability to get these to the foot way. Councillor Mr. F. Whitmore had advised those concerned to write to the City Council.

MRS. N. BURTON asked whether it would be possible for the Mobile Library to stop at the Thanington Road in the vicinity of the bus stop and St. Nicholas Road. Enquiries to be made.

MRS. A. MARTIN reported that the builders at the corner of Strangers Lane were parking their vans on the footpath. This had subsequently been rectified.

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

COUNCILLOR MR. G. FURNESS reported an overhanging hedge at 1 Bramley Avenue. As this is an empty house awaiting completion of sale, this to be left for now.

COUNCILLOR MRS. P. BLACKMAN reported that there were now squatters in a house in Tonford Lane.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday, 10th July 1989 at 8 pm. The Chairman gave his apologies as he will be on holiday. This had already been approved. The Vice-Chairman would act for him in his absence.

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

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