

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE THANINGTON WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL held at the Ashford Road Social Clubhouse, Ashford Road, on Monday, 13th November 1989 at 8 pm.

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

APOLOGIES: None.

CHAIRMAN: Councillor Mr. C. H. Church.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING:

STREET LIGHTING: Nothing further heard.

COCKERING ROAD STREET LIGHTING AND NAME PLATES: Nothing heard.

ASHFORD ROAD SAFETY BOLLARDS: A reply received that as at least 10 bollards would be needed it would be too costly. White lines had been put on the roadway and it was hoped that these would alleviate the problems.

A reply to be sent to this letter that the Parish Council regretted that it was considered too costly to put bollards on the footpath. It was also regretted that the white lines in the road are not satisfactory. The Council therefore asked for further consideration to be given to this problem.

PARISH SIGNS: Investigation to be made as to whether these have been placed.

GRAYS WAY, ONE WAY TRAFFIC: Nothing heard.

HATCHING OF THANINGTON ROAD ADJACENT TO BYPASS AND ST. NICHOLAS ROAD: Nothing heard.

ADDITIONAL LIGHTS IN BRAMLEY AVENUE: Councillor Mr. G. Furness reported that with the Clerk he had met a representative of Seeboard. Suggested sites for these additional lights made and estimates now awaited.

MOBILE LIBRARY: Councillor Mrs. P. Blackman reported that the W.I. members had talked to residents in Alfred Close etc., and it had been ascertained that the early hour of 9.30 am was not a suitable time. The matter to be dropped.

LOTTERY FUND: The Clerk reported that the Vicar had seen her to say that the GFS leaders were very pleased to learn that it might be possible for them to have a donation from the fund. It was then agreed that up to £80 be offered to the GFS for the provision of sports equipment.

No reply had been received from the Thanington Within Tenants Association. The Councillors were asked to give consideration to other possible donations being made to other organisations.

Provision of seats on the recreation ground was suggested, but it was generally considered that these would be soon vandalised as the other seats provided in the parish had been.

LOCAL CHARITIES NEWSLETTER: The Clerk had received information from Mr. A. R. Palmer, a Trustee of the Harris Pension Charity, to the effect that there would be no benefit in selling the Consols. Only £18 per £100 would be received and after commission was paid very little would be left. The bonds held in the Trust are non-date redeemable.

The Vicar had also spoken to the Clerk to say that investigations had been made on the possibility of selling bonds held by the church for the benefit of the churchyard. These investigations had proved useless.

DAMAGED CAR IN WINCHEAP: The Clerk had spoken to the City Police about this and had received the information that unless the registration number was available they could do nothing. It is now thought that this car has been removed.

SUPERMARKET TROLRIES: These had been removed.

WAYMARKING AND REPLACEMENT OF STILES: Nothing further heard.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS:

K.A.P.C. Representatives to AGM lunch £8.50
Proposed by Councillor Mr. C. H. Church, seconded by Councillor Mrs. L. New and carried, that this payment be confirmed.

Councillor Mrs. F. Hughes, travel claim to AGM £11.00
Proposed by Councillor Mr. C. H. Church, seconded by Councillor Mrs. L. New and carried, that this be paid.

Seeboard: Timeswitch charges £14.04
Proposed by Councillor Mr. G. Page, seconded by Councillor Mrs. P. Blackman and carried, that this be paid.

K.C.C. Supplies: Photocopier rental £108.34
Proposed by Councillor Mr. R. Eden, seconded by Councillor Mrs. F. Hughes and carried, that this be paid.

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FINANCE: The Clerk reported VAT refund of £154.16, Bank Interest HICA £168.65 had been received and £37 had been paid into the bank from photocopying.

CLERK'S RESIGNATION: Councillor Mr. C. H. Church reported that four candidates had been interviewed, some of which had lived outside the Parish. It had been agreed that the post be offered to Mr. D. Gould, 85 Thanington Road, Thanington Without and Mr. Gould had accepted. He would take office as from 1st February 1990 after a transition period. The Model Contract was considered and agreed to be suitable, and so could be given to Mr. Gould on taking office. It was proposed by Councillor Mr. R. Eden, seconded by Councillor Mr. C. H. Day and carried, that the Contract be adopted. It was agreed that the item on the Parish Precept for Clerk's gratuity should be increased to £350 per annum.

CORRESPONDENCE:

K.A.A.P.C. Annual Report. Circulating to Councillors.

Thanington Without Neighbourhood Watch: A letter had been received from the secretary regarding lighting in Thanington Road between St. Nicholas Road and Strangers Lane. The Clerk reported that immediately the street lighting had failed she had contacted Canterbury City Council and had received the information that the small sub-station at St. Nicholas Road had been vandalised, the entire sub-station being wrecked. Temporary repairs had been made to ensure that there were some lights in the area until new equipment could be obtained for a complete renewal. This information had been given to the Secretary of the Neighbourhood Watch. The Clerk was asked to also inform them that the lights on the main A28 are not administered by the Parish Council. The Canterbury City Council acts for Kent County Council as agents in this instance.

COUNTRYSIDE STRATEGY AND RIGHTS OF WAY: Booklets circulated to Councillors.

JOINT COMMITTEE FOR RAIL ACTION: This was studied and agreed that the questionnaire be completed and returned.

REPORTS: Councillor Mr. G. Page reported on the KAPC Annual General Meeting which was a good and interesting meeting. Councillor Mrs. F. Hughes had acted as 'microphone steward' most efficiently.

Councillor Mr. C. H. Church reported on the Kent KAPC Area Committee meeting at which Mr. H. Nuttall, City Treasurer, had spoken on the Community Charge. This was estimated to be in the region of £300 per head. He explained the procedure for Parish Expenses, i.e. Parish Precept and Parish Contributions. The City Council had, under the latter item, resolved to contribute to certain concurrent functions as follows:- Footway lighting, Footpaths, Burial Grounds, Parks, and Pleasure grounds, Community Hall, if the Parish so wished.

Councillor Mr. C. H. Church asked Councillors to think about the concurrent contributions as it might be a savings on the local taxpayers. It would be possible to change back if necessary.

It was proposed by Councillor Mr. C. H. Day, seconded by Councillor Mr. R. Eden and carried, that this should be considered as in theory it was logical to use the concurrent powers. The City Treasurer would be sending a leaflet on this to all Parish Councils.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

CA/89/1495/THA - Erection of agricultural dwelling, Whitegates, Tonford Lane.

CA/89/1511/THA - Dormer window at side of dwelling, 199 Ashford Road.

It was proposed by Councillor Mr. C. H. Church, seconded by Councillor Mr. G. Page and carried, that the action taken for no objections should be confirmed.

CA/89/1549/THA - Single storey rear extension with balcony over and single storey side extension, 156 Ashford Road.

This was considered in detail. Councillor Mr. C. H. Day reported that the majority of neighbours had written to the City Council with objections. It was proposed by Councillor Mr. C. H. Church, seconded by Councillor Mr. C. H. Day and carried, that objections should be made on the grounds that this application would lead to intrusion on the privacy of the neighbours.

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ST. AUGUSTINES HOSPITAL: No further information available.

DEANERY FARM, CHARTHAM: Excavation for Durite. Councillor Mr. C. H. Church reported on the site meeting and was impressed on the amount of information available. Traffic problems would not be as bad as was first thought, it would only be lorries carrying infilling materials travelling from Fordwich. The Clerk had attended the Open Meeting and reported on the amount of feeling against the project from residents in Chartham. Only one speaker had spoken in favour, the remainder were very much against it, on the grounds of loss of environment, it being the Structure Plan and was not essential to industry, and safety for the child population as it would be near the local school. It was proposed by Councillor Mr. C. H. Day, seconded by Councillor Mr. G. Page and carried, that the Parish Council should support the Parish Council of Chartham. There was one abstention to this proposal.

ASHFORD ROAD SOCIAL CLUB: The Clerk reported that the first meeting on the new Constitution had been held and it was agreed that the final meeting on implementing the new Constitution was to be held early in the new year. The present committee, Trustees and members were in agreement that the Parish Council be Custodian Trustee.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

COUNCILLOR MR. C. H. Day reported on the improvement in the local post office/store. Councillor Mr. R. Eden reported that while doing business in the post office a notice asking him not to park his care in the forecourt was placed on his windscreen. He had, therefore, taken his business elsewhere. The Clerk was asked to have a word with the postmaster on this.

COUNCILLOR MISS S. KNOTT reported that when the weather improved she would clean the seat at the bus stop in New House Lane.

COUNCILLOR MR. G. FURNESS reported that the fence at the rear of Manor Close had still not been repaired.

COUNCILLOR MRS. P. BLACKMAN reported that complaints were being received on the traffic noise from the Ashford Road when the lorries passed over the humps in the road.

COUNCILLOR MRS. F. HUGHES asked that the storm water which collected at the layby at 171a to 171d Ashford Road could be dealt with. The residents concerned that it would be dangerous when the really bad weather comes.

COUNCILLOR MR. G. PAGE reported that the next meeting of the Larkey Valley Committee was to be held on the 23rd November 1989. It has been reported that motor bikes using the wood as a speed track were again causing a nuisance. He also reported that the street light at 179 Ashford Road was not working. Finally he reported that residents are concerned about the cars parked outside No. 134 Ashford Road causing a nuisance, some being parked on the footpath and others parked haphazardly along the road and at the bus stop layby. The Police to be asked if this parking can be stopped.

COUNCILLOR MR. C. H. CHURCH asked Councillors to give thought on a speaker for the Annual Assembly. Suggestions made were: Mr. Barry Andrews, the new secretary at KAPC; Mr. Martin Vye, the new County Councillor for the area. Councillor Mr. C. H. Church also reported that a suggestion had been made at the KAPC Area Committee meeting that Parish Councils should form Groups with adjoining Parishes. Suggested Group for this area: Thanington Without, Chartham, Petham, Upper Hardres, Lower Hardres.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday, 11th December 1989 at 8 pm.
There being no other business, the meeting closed at 10.15 pm.

G. S. B. Page.

DAY Peacefully on
 December 3, 1989.
 Charles Herbert, of Can-
 terbury. He will be sadly
 missed by all his family
 and many friends.
 Funeral service takes
 place at Thanington
 Church on Saturday,
 December 9, at 10.00am.
 Followed by committal
 at Charing Crematorium.
 Family flowers only,
 donations if desired to
 the British Heart
 Foundation, 102
 Gloucester Place, Lon-
 don W1H 4DH.

CHARLES DAY

It is with great sadness that the Parish Council learnt of the death of Charles Day. He was one of the longest serving Councillors and served one term as Chairman between 1983 and 1987. Throughout his years with us we had all come to delight in and draw strength from his concern for the Parish, his integrity and sense of principle, and his unfailing charm and humour. He will be greatly missed. Yet it was symbolic that on the day of his death the Vicar should light the first Advent candle in his memory. For not only will his memory remain bright in our hearts but his history of the Parish will also continue to shed light for all those who like him, knew and loved Thanington Without.

C. H. CHURCH

Music lover and history teacher dies

A DEDICATED teacher who was head of the history department at Canterbury's Archbishop School for 27 years has died.

Mr Charles Day, who was 69, was born in Eversham and educated, along with his twin brother Peter, at Canterbury's Simon Langton Boys' School.

From there, he worked in local government at St Augustine's Hospital, Chatham, before joining the RAF in 1940.

He was drafted to Java and held prisoner by the Japanese for four years.

On his return his first teaching post was at Wanchap School, Canterbury, and from there he went to the city's St Dunstan's School.

Mr Day became head of the history department at Archbishop's where he remained until his retirement in 1982.

Mr Day, a bachelor, lived in Thanington and was keen on American and Canadian history, making several teaching trips to the USA.

He belonged to Canterbury Tennis Club and Canterbury and Chestfield Golf Clubs.

A keen member of Thanington Church, Mr

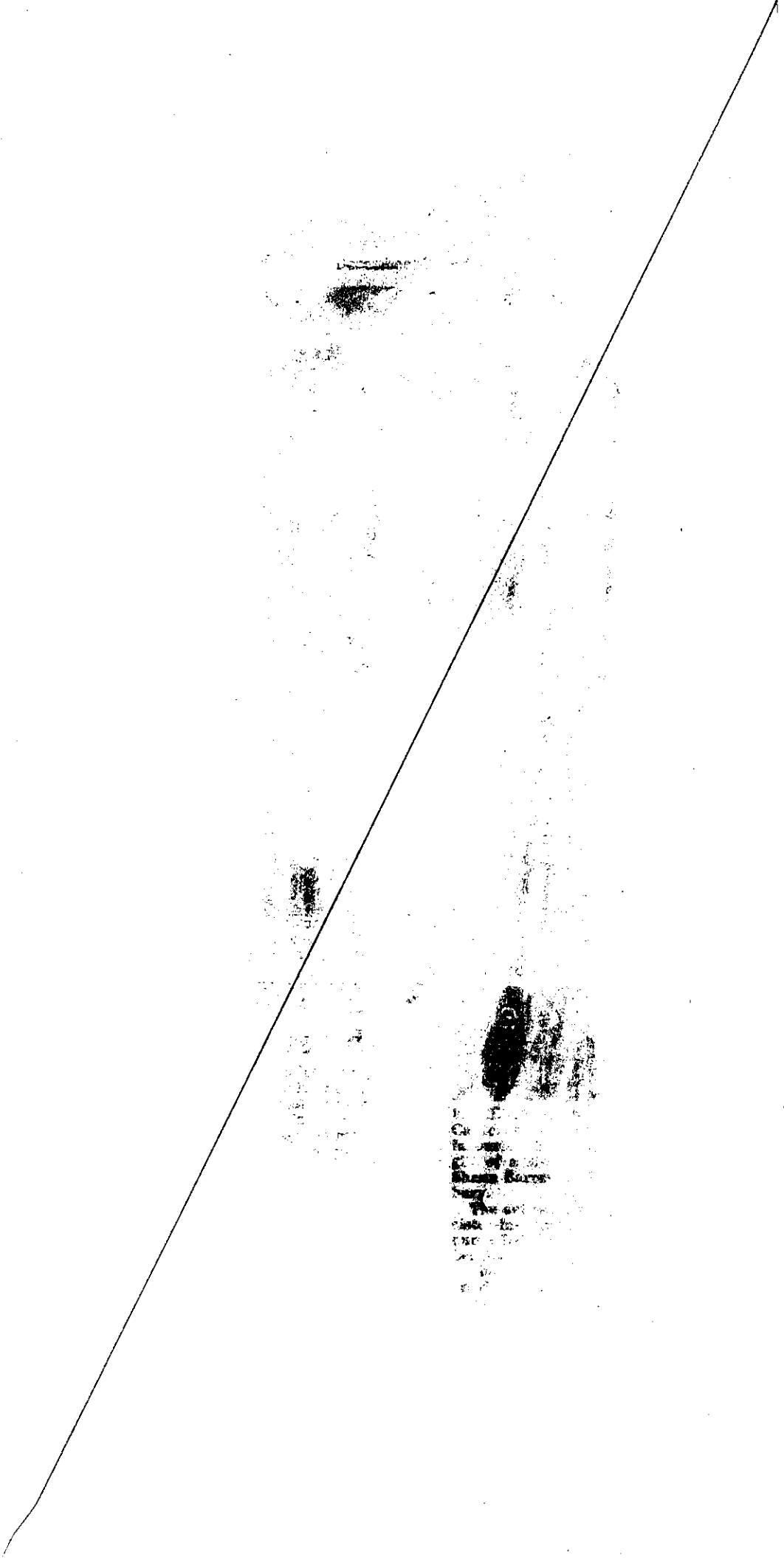


Mr Charles Day, a dedicated teacher.

Day loved music and was vice-president of Whitstable Choral Society.

He was also a past chairman of Thanington Parish Council.

His twin brother Peter said: "He was a dedicated teacher who loved his work." Mr Day died at home and the funeral service took place at Thanington Church, followed by cremation at Charing.



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