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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE THANINGTON WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL held at the Ashford Road Social Clubhouse, Ashford Road, on Monday, 11th December 1989 at 8 pm.

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs. P. Blackman, Mr. R. Eden, Mr. G. Furness, Mrs. F. Hughes, Miss S. Knott, Mrs. L. New, Mr. G. Page and Mr. D. Gould the newly appointed Clerk.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Mr. C. H. Church due to a business engagement. This apology accepted.

CHAIRMAN: Councillor Mr. G. Page, in the absence of the Chairman, Councillor Mr. C.H. Church.

IN MEMORIAM: Councillor Mr. C. H. Day. Councillor Mr. G. Page spoke of the sad loss to the Council in the death of Councillor Mr. C. H. Day on Sunday, 3rd December 1989. He then read the notice which Councillor Mr. C. H. Church had written for inclusion in the Parish Magazine. It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. L. New, seconded by Councillor Miss S. Knott and carried, that a donation of £25 be sent to the British Heart Foundation.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING were confirmed and signed as correct.

MATTERS ARISING:

STREET LIGHTING: Nothing heard. This now to be in Item 10.

COCKERING ROAD STREET LIGHTING AND NAME PLATES. Nothing heard.

ASHFORD ROAD SAFETY BOLLARDS. Nothing heard.

PARISH SIGNS: Councillor Miss S. Knott kindly agreed to see if these had been sited in the South Ward.

GRAYS WAY, ONE WAY TRAFFIC: Nothing heard.

LOTTERY FUND: The Thanington Without GFS had now sent a claim for £75 for provision of table games etc. This to be supported by the Parish Council.

DAMAGED CAR IN WINCHEAP: This had now been removed.

CARS ON POST OFFICE FORECOURT: Councillor Mr. G. Page reported that he had spoken to someone who had parked on the forecourt while she attended to business in the Post Office, leaving her husband who is an invalid in the car. The Post Mistress had gone out and asked that the car be removed as it was not a car park. These people have moved their Post Office business elsewhere. It would appear that this request had been made to customers on other occasions.

CARS PARKED OUTSIDE No.134 ASHFORD ROAD: Nothing heard regarding this problem.

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY: Suggestions for speaker. After consideration it was agreed that Mr. Tony Free, The Countryside Officer in the Conservation Dept., Canterbury City Council, should be invited when the date of the meeting is fixed.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS: It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. L. New, seconded by Councillor Miss S. Knott and carried, that a cheque for £25 be drawn in favour of the British Heart Foundation, in memory of the late Mr. C. H. Day.

FINANCE: The Clerk reported that K.C.C. Supplies would be increasing the photocopier rental by 8% as from May 1990.

Clerk's salary: It was agreed that the salary for the newly appointed Clerk should be on the recommended scale.

PARISH PRECEPT: The draft Precept was studied in detail and consideration given on whether or not this Council should take advantage of the Concurrent Powers being offered, as this would possibly reduce the amounts paid by electors. The City Council has power to contribute to the expenses of a Parish Council for concurrent functions only such as:- Footway lighting, Footpaths, Burial Grounds, Parks and Pleasure Grounds, Community Halls, Bus Shelters, Litter Clearance/Road Sweeping. This was considered in detail. It was then proposed by Councillor Mr. G. Furness, seconded by Councillor Miss S. Knott and carried, that this Council should wait a further year before making a firm decision.

It was agreed that the Parish Precept for 1990/91 should be £7,500 and the Precept made and signed.

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CORRESPONDENCE:

- K.A.P.C. Parish News No.165. Two year part time course for Parish Clerks. Mr. D. Gould, who is to take office as Clerk on 1st February 1990 reported that he had made enquiries regarding this. He regretted that it would not be possible for him to attend courses in Maidstone, but should a correspondence course be arranged he would be pleased to consider it.
- Toxacara risks. Attention drawn to risks in village halls and grounds.
- N.A.P.C. Community Charge seminar, 13th January 1990 at Charing Parish Hall. Councillor Mr. G. Page agreed to attend this. Cost £10.35.
- Efficient Planning. Canterbury City Council to be asked for a copy.
- K.C.C. Clean Kent Campaign. Noted.
- Waste Age Kent. Noted.
- Glasdon Passenger Shelters. Noted.

New Homes Marketing Board. Noted.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Focus. Item that Councillor Dolby was demanding the dangerous St. Nicholas Rd/ Cockerling Road junction needs better line markings and signs. Noted. It was commented that an acknowledgement that the Thanington Without Parish Council pressing for this for some time would have been appreciated.

NEWS from N.A.L.C. Defeat litter bugs leaflet. Noted.
Information of Local Councils. Noted.

SEEBOARD: Maintenance shedule. Noted.

HARRIS PENSION CHARITY: Mr. A. R. Palmer, Trustee, had telephoned the Clerk with his resignation as Trustee as from 31st December 1989. He regretted that he was unable to write to confirm this. A letter also received from the Revd. Len Cox who had taken charge of the paper work, stating his reluctance to be nominated as the Controlling Trustee. As the Parish Council now in office has no knowledge of the procedure for nominating Trustees, the Revd. Len Cox is to consult Mr. E. Kite, a former Clerk to the Parish Council, on this point.

REPORTS: Councillor Mr. G. Page reported that he had set out to attend the meeting of the Larkey Valley Wood Committee but found on arriving that the date of the meeting had been changed but he had not been notified.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- CA/89/1688/THA - Land rear of 75 New House Lane, One dwelling. Councillor Mr. C. H. Church declared an interest. He did, however, note that the plan attached was an old one and his house was not shown on it. It was agreed that this application should again be refused.
- CA/89/1511/T HA - 199 Ashford Rd. Revised plan for dressing room. This application has been granted.
- CA/89/1549/THA - 156 Ashford Road. Revised plan. It was agreed that the original reasons for refusal for this application should be adhered to, although the idea of a balcony had been abandoned.

PARISH AFFAIRS: It was agreed that this item should deal with complaints etc., in order to relieve the 'Any other business' item at the close of the meeting.

Nothing to deal with this time.

DEANERY FARM, CHARTHAM AND ROUNDABOUT AT MILTON BRIDGE. It was noted in the C.C.C. Minutes that the application for excavation of flint had been refused. Councillor Mr. C. H. Day attended the site meeting at Milton when the roundabout was discussed. He had re-iterated all the points made in the letter which the Parish Council had sent to the Planning Dept. The site of the old barn was visited and photographs etc. looked at.

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STREET LIGHTING, BRAMLEY AVENUE. No estimated received as yet.

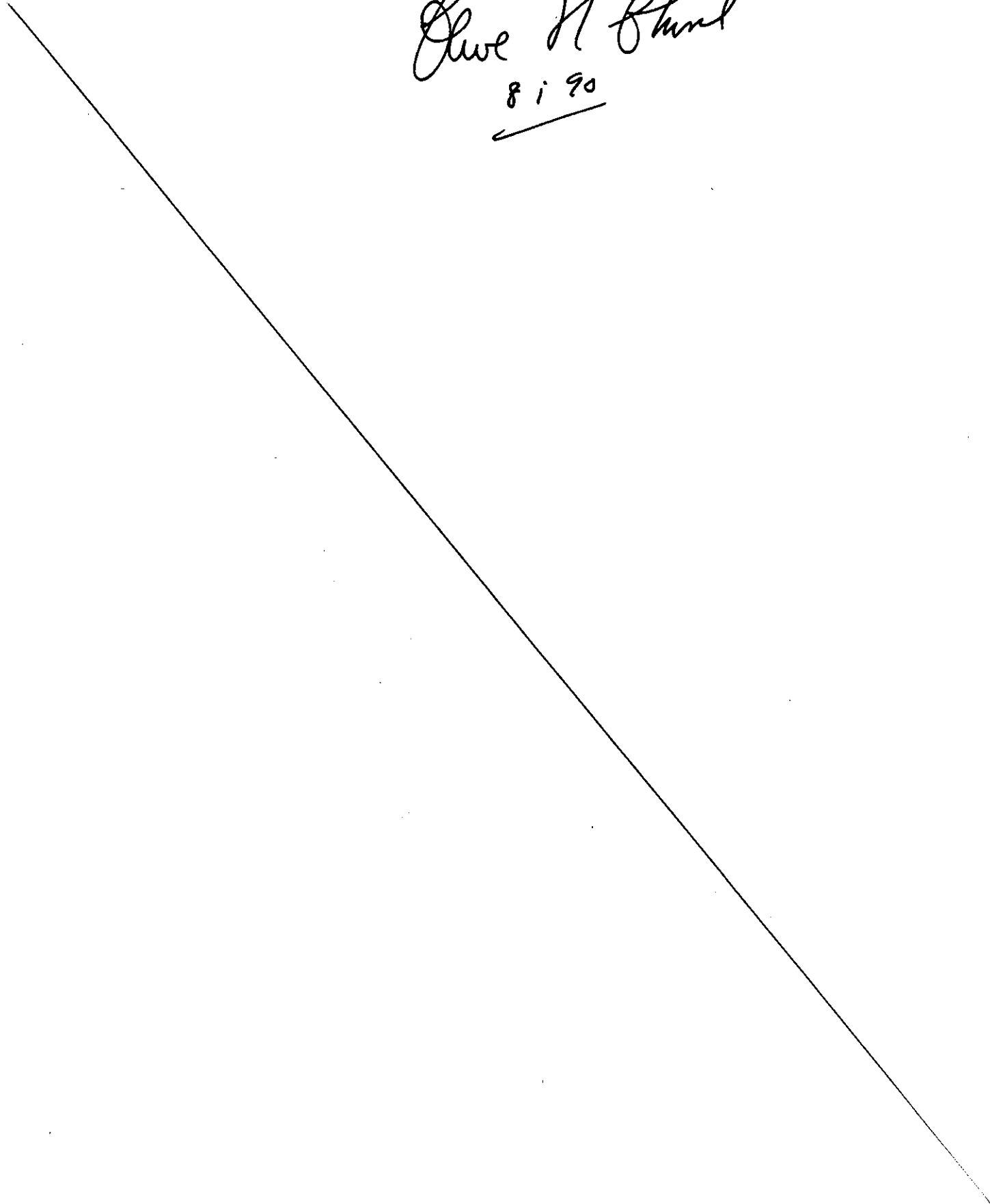
ASHFORD ROAD SOCIAL CLUB: The final meeting for the change of constitution to take place on Tuesday, 6th February 1990 at 7.30 pm. at the Clubhouse. Councillor Mr. G. Page kindly agreed to attend.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: There was nothing.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday, 8th January 1990 at 8 pm. Councillor Mr. R. Eden gave his apologies due to a previous engagement. Apologies accepted.

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

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REPORT FROM THE CIVIL PARISH COUNCIL

The fact that it has been some time since the Civil Parish Council last reported through the columns of the Parish Magazine is a reflection of the fact that many of the major issues with which the Council is concerned have yet to come to fruition. Thus although it now looks very likely that we shall not be given responsibility for street lights in the new part of the Parish it has proved almost impossible to get a clear decision from the County and the District. Equally, there has been a long wait for a decision on the proposals to develop the St. Augustine's site although the eventual planning brief did show some evidence that the strong arguments advanced by the Parish Council had been taken into account. The traffic implications, however, still remain unclear particularly where their inter-relation with any development of the Bretts side at the junction of Wincheap and the A2 are concerned. It does appear, on the other hand, that should the Deanery Farm gravel extraction application go through there should be no extra traffic within the Parish.

In some ways this report also marks the end of an era. This is because our long serving Clerk, Esther Eyles, has announced her decision to retire from the end of January 1990. I am sure that all those many parishioners who have benefitted from her unfailing helpful availability and efficiency will wish to join with Councillors in recording their gratitude to her for her many years of service to the Parish. The Council will greatly miss her friendly and good humoured support of all their ventures and wishes her well in her retirement. We are pleased that her experience will not be wholly lost to local government since she has offered to serve as Secretary to the Canterbury District Committee of the KAPC.

In her place we are very pleased to welcome another resident of the Parish, Mr. Dennis E. Gould of 85 Thanington Road, Canterbury, CT1 3XD, (telephone 768796) who will be taking up office from the 1st February. Mr. Gould has recently returned to the Canterbury area after a career spent in education in Britain and Africa. We are delighted to have obtained his services and look forward to having him as part of our team. The change in Clerk also comes at the time when we are changing from finance by rates to financing by the Community Charge. The new system will make it much clearer than in the past the exact amount of money raised and spent by the Parish Council and we hope to ensure that we raise only the sum strictly necessary when we set out our first precept. However, as the Parish Council is likely both to become the permanent trustee for the Ashford Road Social Club and to have to install new lights in Bramley Avenue, at the request of residents, there will continue to be demands on our funds.

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The Clerk

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Miss Esther Eyles has retired as Clerk to Thanington Without Parish Council after 13 years service. She has been succeeded by Mr D. Gould.