

COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE THANINGTON WITHOUT PARISH held at the Ashford Road Social Clubhouse, Ashford Road, on Monday 8th JANUARY 1990 at 8 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs. P. Blackman, Mr. C. Church, Mr. G. Furness, Miss S. Knott, Mrs. F. Hughes, Mr. G. Page. Miss E. Eyles acted in her capacity as Clerk but Mr. D.E. Gould (Clerk elect) took the Minutes.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Mr. R. Eden due to a previous engagement. This apology accepted at last meeting. Mrs. L. New due to late working commitment. This apology accepted.

CHAIRMAN: Councillor Mr. C.H. Church

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING. After the insertion of the actual sum of the Precept referred to (£7 500), they were confirmed and signed as correct.

MATTERS ARISING: -

The Chairman thanked Cllr. Mr. G. Page for acting as Chairman at the December meeting. He also expressed thanks to Cllr. Mrs. New for providing the refreshments after the December meeting. Attention was drawn to the Obituary notices which appeared in the Press and Parish Magazine upon the demise of Councillor Mr. C.H. Day.

COCKERING ROAD NAME PLATES: Miss Eyles said that she understood that some were now in position.

ASHFORD ROAD BOLLARDS: It was agreed that a letter from the Canterbury City Council, suggesting referral to our County Councillor, should be followed up.

PARISH SIGNS: Cllr. Miss S. Knott reported that she had not yet seen if these are in place.

GRAYS WAY, ONE-WAY TRAFFIC: Nothing heard

CARS ON POST OFFICE FORECOURT: It was agreed that this is a delicate matter and that it is probably best not to act directly at this stage. Reference was made to the POUNC (Post Office Users' National Council) [See CORRESPONDENCE]

CARS PARKED OUTSIDE 134 ASHFORD ROAD: Cllr. Mr. G. Page reported that that he had been visited by P.C. Hunt and that they had spoken on the matter of monitoring traffic speed. Regarding NO:134; as there are street lights, parking is permitted. However, P.C. Hunt would mention the matter of 'spreading' cars. Parking on the pavement would be unlawful. Attention was drawn to the fact that there are no markings at the Bus-stop lay-by.

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY: It was agreed to approach Mr. Tony Free to speak at the meeting, which was proposed for Monday April 30th at St. Faiths Hall. Cllr. Miss S. Knott was asked to arrange the booking for 7.30 p.m. She offered to organise the provision of tea and biscuits. The speaker would be given a free choice of topic; ideally connected with Larkey Valley Woods.

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PLANNING APPLICATION: CA/89/1729/THA. 67 New House Lane. Dormer windows on front and rear elevations. Recommend no objection, subject to none from neighbours.

PLANNING APPLICATION: CA/89/1688/THA Land at rear of 75 New House Lane, where the Council has recommended refusal. Concern has been noted over the possible use of the Lane by vehicles from the close-by farm.  
CA/891549/THA - 156 Ashford Road Revised plan. This application has been granted. (See CORRESPONDENCE).

DEANERY FARM, CHARTHAM AND ROUNDABOUT AT MILTON BRIDGE: Cllr. Mr. C.H. Church pointed out that, in the previous Minutes, the expression 'had been refused' would be more accurately stated as 'had recommended refusal by Kent County Council'.

STREET LIGHTING, BRAMLEY AVENUE: Miss Eyles reported that she had telephoned to Seeboard. She was also informed by British Telecom that they were waiting for a letter from the Parish Council. The one sent on October 24th 1989 could not, apparently, be traced. The Chairman asked the Clerk to send a copy.

ASHFORD ROAD SOCIAL CLUB: Cllr. Mr. C.H. Church announced that he would now be able to attend the final meeting for the change of constitution, on Tuesday, 6th February 1990 at 7.30 p.m. at the Clubhouse. He thanked Cllr. Mr. G. Page for having been willing to stand in and he invited all councillors interested to attend and show support.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS: Miss E. Eyles  
Clerk's salary Oct/Dec 1989..... £327.00  
Balance due July /Sept '89 underpayment 28.00  
Two-thirds telephone rental including VAT 19.05  
£374.05

Proposed by the Cllr. Mr. C.H. Church and seconded by Cllr. Mr. G. Page that this amount be paid.

Ashford Road Social Club for Hire of Hall..... £41.25

Proposed by Cllr. Miss S. Knott and seconded by Cllr. G. Furness that this amount be paid.

J. A. Stockley for overhaul of typewriter..... £38.00  
VAT 5.70  
£43.70

Proposed by Cllr. Mr. C.H. Church and seconded by Cllr. Mr. G. Page, that this amount be paid

FINANCE: The Chairman requested and obtained the Council's approval to initiate withdrawals, in order to make the payment of Miss E. Eyles' Gratuity. This was to be a matter on the Agenda of the next meeting.

Miss E. Eyles reported that The National Savings Bank Book had been sent in to be made up.

Miss Eyles confirmed that the Application for Precept for 1990/91 had been submitted, in the amount of £7 500.

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Cllr. Mr. C.H. Church proposed that the expenses involved by Cllr. Mr. G. Page attending the Community Charge seminar at Charing on 13th January 1990 be reimbursed. This was seconded by Cllr. Mrs. P. Blackman.

CORRESPONDENCE: The Chairman read a letter of appreciation from Mr. P. Day, following the death of his brother, Cllr. Mr. C. Day. It was agreed that the Clerk elect would write, after a respectful lapse of time, to enquire about the availability of any remaining historical notes about the Parish.

C. C. C. Refuse collection and wheeled bins. Noted.  
Annual Report. Circulating to Councillors.

K. C. C. Newsletter Autumn 1989. Noted.  
Railway timetable 1990 Circulating.

D. O. E Kent Structure Plan second review and alterations. Noted.

K. A. P. C. Area Committee Minutes. Noted. Miss Eyles had drawn the attention of the Social Club to Item 7, relating to possible sources of help in refurbishing Parish Halls.

POUNC Agenda & Minutes of THE FOLKESTONE, HYTHE AND S. E. KENT POST OFFICE AND BRITISH TELECOM ADVISORY COMMITTEE. Councillor Mr. C.H. Church's initial negative attitude to the contents of the covering letter from the Chairman, were somewhat tempered by the recognition of the fact that representation and access to POUNC (Post Office Users' National Council) may be beneficial, particularly in the light of existing problems at the local Post Office. He proposed drafting a more temperate reply.

HARRIS PENSIONS CHARITY (See PARISH AFFAIRS)

REPORTS: None

VACANCY FOR PARISH COUNCILOR: Miss E. Eyles reported that the City Council had been advised of the vacancy caused by the death of Councillor C. Day. Notices, dated 2nd. January 1990, have been posted in the Parish. Councillors were asked to give consideration to suggestions, considering the possible case of needing to co-opt a new member. Miss E. Eyles suggested the possibility of representation from Manor Close. The Chairman agreed to explore this.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS: Miss E. Eyles notified that permission for erection of an agricultural dwelling at Whitegates, Tonford Lane had been refused.

PARISH AFFAIRS: The Contract for the new Clerk, Mr. D. E. Gould, was signed by the Chairman.

A letter from the City Technical Director, at C.C.C., explaining why it was felt "unreasonable to withhold planning permission" for 156 Ashford Road was read. It was agreed that such letters of explanation are sometimes helpful and the Chairman requested the Clerk to acknowledge and express appreciation.

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Harris Pension Charity. Miss E. Eyles reported that Mr. Arthur Palmer had relinquished his position as a trustee and had passed the papers directly to the Vicar. On consulting Mr. E. Kite, the Clerk had established that it was for the Parish Council to nominate one trustee. The Vicar had canvassed the possibility of Cllr. C.H. Church taking on this responsibility (while the City Council would also be asked to make a further nomination in the event of Mr. L. Bennet also resigning). There were no objections to him so doing and it was consequently proposed by Cllr. Mrs P. Blackman and seconded by Cllr. F. Hughes, that Cllr. Church be the Parish Council's nominated Trustee. He said that he would study the documentation which has been passed to him.

Cllr. Mrs. F. Hughes reported having seen workmen examining the pot-hole in Ashford Road, which she had previously reported.

Cllr. Mr. G. Furness reported that an approximately 10 cm square metal cover (SV 4/12) is missing, near the corner of Strangers Close and Strangers Lane. Miss E. Eyles will report this to The Mid Kent Water Co.. Also, in Manor Close, cars are parking on the pavement. The fence at the rear of the Close has still not been repaired.

Cllr. Miss S. Knott reported that the lights in New House Lane are not coming on regularly. Miss E. Eyles would report.

Cllr. Mrs. P. Blackman reported the first damage to the new bridge over the Stour, from Tonford Lane. One wooden strut is broken; possibly by a motor-cycle. The question is raised regarding motor-cycles being permitted. Miss E. Eyles would investigate.

Mr. D. E. Gould drew attention to the damaged protective barrier along the pavement of Ashford Road, opposite the Hanging Banks layby.

Cllr. Mr. C. H. Church reported the dumping of rubbish on the corner of New House Lane and Upper Horton Farm.

DEANERY FARM, CHARTHAM: Nothing new.

STREET LIGHTING: Nothing heard.

ASHFORD SOCIAL CLUB: Cllr. Mr. C. H. Church obtained, from Miss E. Eyles confirmation of the fact that councillors would not be directly involved in the formalities at the meeting on February 6th. at the Ashford Road Social Club. He requested a copy of her proposed circular about the meeting.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: Cllr. C. H. Church mentioned that Miss E. Eyles had advised Local Council Review of the death of three councillors during 1989; her own retirement from the position of Clerk and the appointment of Mr. D. E. Gould.

The Chairman expressed a vote of thanks to Miss E. Eyles for her long and devoted service; he then welcomed Mr. D. E. Gould upon taking over her duties.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday, 12th February 1990 at 8 p. m. Cllr. Mr. G. Furness expressed his doubts and apologies concerning attendance at the next meeting, due to a training programme. His apologies were accepted. There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.00 p. m.

*Oliver H Church*  
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