

COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE THANINGTON WITHOUT PARISH[^] held at the Ashford Road Social Clubhouse, Ashford Road, on Monday 12th FEBRUARY 1990 at 7.30 p.m.

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

The usual Parish Council Meeting was preceded by a talk, given by Mr. J. Bore, Canterbury City Council's Deputy Planning Officer, on the subject of the proposed St. Augustine Development and an associated link road to the A 28. He spoke to an assembly of approximately twenty local government electors, in addition to the councillors. Mr. Bore distributed copies of a Consultation Draft. He then explained the Draft and drew attention to its main features. This was followed by several questions which Mr. Bore answered at length. The Clerk took notes of the proceedings and these are available separately.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Bore for his contributions and expressed appreciation also to the Canterbury City Council. He invited all present to submit any pertinent comments to the Clerk, for discussion by the Council at its next meeting.

At 8.30 p.m. Mr. Bore and the public withdrew and the Parish Council Meeting continued. Miss E. Eyles remained by invitation.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Mr. G. Furness had a training course commitment. This apology was accepted.

CHAIRMAN: Councillor Mr. C. H. Church

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

MATTERS ARISING: ROAD NAME PLATES: It was confirmed that the Cocking Road and Alfred Road/Close new signs were in position. Additionally, a letter from the C.C.C. was read. It requested a list of road signs needing replacement. Councillors were asked to note any by the next meeting, when Parish signs would also be considered.

ASHFORD ROAD BOLLARDS: It was reported that a letter from the C.C.C., suggesting referral to our County Councillor, had been followed up.

GRAYS WAY, ONE-WAY TRAFFIC: A letter from C.C.C. indicated that it had been resolved that no further action should be taken currently, but that the situation would be regularly monitored.

CARS ON POST OFFICE FORECOURT: The Clerk was instructed (i) to reply to a letter received from the Folkestone & Hythe P.O. & Telecom Advisory Committee, pointing out that Miss Eyles had not previously intimated that she would represent the Parish Council on the POUNC and (ii) to write to the Counter Business District Office to explain the local Post Office problem and to seek advice.

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STREET LIGHTING, BRAMLEY AVENUE: Miss Eyles had reported that Mr. Bingham at Seeboard would contact the P.C. in due course. She also suggested that, in view of a problem in putting a light on the British Telecom pole, that the Parish Council should go ahead with 2 on the Seeboard poles and get estimates for 2 only. The Clerk was instructed to check with Cllr. Mr. G. Furness.

CASUAL VACANCY FOR COUNCILLOR: The Chairman reported that he had approached Mr. Kenneth Stokes, 35 Manor Close, who had expressed willingness. It was proposed by Cllr. Miss S. Knott, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. P. Blackman and unanimously agreed that he should be invited to join the Council at the next meeting.

CITY TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: The Clerk confirmed that the Council's appreciation of occasional explanation of planning refusals had been expressed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT: The Clerk confirmed that a letter had been written to express no objections to the Modifications of the Kent Structure Plan.

NETWORK S. E. TIMETABLE: The Clerk confirmed that receipt had been acknowledged.

WHEELED BINS: The Clerk confirmed that the C.C.C. had been advised that a note of the announced phase-in had been made.

PROTECTIVE BARRIER, HANGING BANKS: The Clerk announced that Miss Eyles had been informed by C.C.C. that K.C.C. had agreed to make a replacement immediately. A letter would be sent to confirm the telephone conversation.

TONFORD LANE FOOTBRIDGE: K.C.C. will deal with repair works in the near future. They advised that vehicular traffic (including motor-bikes) is not permitted and stated that the matter should be raised with the Police. Cllr. P. Blackman undertook to pass on the information to Tonford residents.

THE BRITISH HEART FOUNDATION: Acknowledgement of the donation in memory of Cllr. Mr. C. Day had been received by the Clerk.

COVER IN STRANGERS CLOSE: Mid-Kent Water Co. have advised that this matter has been attended to.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS: Speedprint: For headed notepaper £48, 13
 inc. VAT £6, 28
 Proposed by the Cllr. Mrs. L. New and seconded by Cllr. Mr. G. Page
 that this amount be paid.

KAPC: Councillor's Pack and posters £7, 23
 inc. VAT £0, 30
 Proposed by Cllr. Mr. C. Church and seconded by
 Cllr. Mrs. F. Hughes that this amount be paid.

Miss E. Eyles: Clerk's Salary (Jan. '90) & reimbursement £119, 35
 Proposed by Cllr. Mr. R. Eden and seconded by
 Cllr. Miss S. Knott, that this amount be paid

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PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS (continued)

Soc. of Local Council Clerks. Subscription '90. £25, 50
Proposed by Cllr. Mrs. P. Blackman and seconded by
Cllr. Mrs. F. Hughes that this amount be paid.

Mr. D. E. Gould: Travel to Mid-Kent College £5, 63
Proposed by Cllr. Mr. G. Page and seconded by
Cllr. Mrs. L. New that this amount be paid.

FINANCE: Parish Lottery Fund: C.C.C. have written to inform that the unallocated balance is now £586. The Clerk reported that, at the suggestion of the Chairman, he had written to obtain up-to-date details of recent credits and debits. Possible use of the funds was discussed. Miss Eyles was asked to submit details concerning the possibility of being assisted with the purchase of tables for the Ashford Road Social Club/Community Association. The Clerk was instructed to approach Thanington 87 to enquire if they could make use of a further small grant.

Ashford Road Community Association: It was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Cllr. Mr. G. Page that the Council should donate £100 to the Community Association, with which to open a bank account.

National Savings Account: Miss E. Eyles reported that the difficulties with signatures for The National Savings Account had been resolved and that the book had been made up, returned and passed to the Clerk..

CORRESPONDENCE: C.C.C. St. Augustine Development Brief. Copies were circulated. Initial comments were made, including hopes that building would not be restricted to large houses but encompass first homes and accommodation for the elderly. A fuller discussion is to be on the Agenda for next meeting.

C.C.C. Minutes: Attention was drawn to:-
P. 485 Roundabout A 28/ashford Road
P. 486 St. Augustine's Hospital.
P. 492 Countryside strategy and Rights of way.
P. 536 Parish Council contributions to be extended to allow inclusion bus shelters and litter clearance/road sweeping.
CCC A copy of a letter to Neighbourhood Watch was noted. Streetlighting controls in Thanington area have been removed from the sub-station.
KCC Landscape services were noted.
KCC Trees for Kent, Grant Aid, was noted.
KCC Railink was noted.
KAPC Parish Councillors Information Day, Hollingbourne, April 7th
It was suggested that the Clerk and possibly the newly elected councillor would like to attend.
KAPC Parish News 166 was noted, especially Item 9 on section 137-New limits and item 13 Centenary of Parish Councils. It was agreed to send a copy of the Parish Appraisal to NALC.
KAPC Tunnel Rail was noted.
KRCC Village Halls Conference, Hothfield, March 17th. It was agreed to invite representation from Ashford Road Community Association, at the Parish Council's expense.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH: Copy of letter to C.C.C regarding the sub-station referred to in reply from C.C.C. mentioned above.
 SEEBOARD: Annual Agreement of Public Lighting and reply confirming that it had been checked and found in order, noted.
 KENT POLICE AUTHORITY: Request to post notice of meeting, complied with.

REPORTS: Community Charge meeting at Charing. Cllr. Mr. G. Page had been indisposed and unable to attend.
Canterbury Area Committee Meeting attended by Cllr. Mr. C. Church, had dealt with the Local Plan. Minutes will be circulated, in due course.
Neighbourhood Watch meeting: Cllr. Mrs. P. Blackman reported that it was well attended. (see CORRESPONDENCE above).

PLANNING APPLICATIONS: CA/89/1729/THA. 67 New House Lane. This application has been granted
 CA/89/1688/THA. 75 New House Lane. This application has been refused.
 CA/90/0148/THA. Wistaria Cottage, Iffen Lane. Application received for erection of a single dwelling house. Whilst noting the infilling and possible traffic problems, it was agreed that, subject to no objections from neighbours, the Council did not object. The Clerk was instructed to report this.

PARISH AFFAIRS: Wincheap Relief Road. Attention was drawn to a Public Meeting at Jubilee Hall on February 20th at 7 p.m. Some councillors hoped to attend.
Street-light malfunction. The Clerk reported having informed about damaged light-protection in Godwin Road, a damaged traffic island light in Ashford Road, opposite St. Nicholas Church and an extinguished street light opposite 147 Ashford Road.
Street accidents: The Clerk reported a minor collision between two cars opposite St. Nicholas Church, on the Strangers Lane corner. There were no injuries. Cllr. Mr. R. Eden referred to two others along the A 28.
Hanging Banks Lay-by: The Clerk had reported three dumped mattresses, to the Cleansing Department.
Hollow Lane: Reported 'patching' damaged was already repaired again.
171 Ashford Road: Cllr. ~~Mrs. L. New~~ requested a reminder to be made in connection with pot-hole repair. *Mrs F. Hughes*
Cockering Road: The Clerk was informed that the drooping overhead cable, which he had recently reported, was actually a result of the 1987 storm.
Playground litter: When Cllr. Mrs. ~~L. Hughes~~^{New} referred to this, the Clerk reported that he had already mentioned this in a general letter to C.C.C.

CLERK'S TRAINING COURSE: The Chairman and the Clerk provided available information about this. Approximate possible costs were given. On the basis that this was a worthwhile undertaking, it was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Cllr. Mr. G. Page that a sum of £500, for expenses involved, be made available if the Clerk proceeded with this.

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY: A letter from C.C.C. was read, stating that Mr. Free would be pleased to speak, on April 30th, and suggesting "Wildlife of the Canterbury District" as a title. The Clerk was instructed to reply, expressing the hope that Larkey Valley Wood could be featured prominently.

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HARRIS PENSIONS CHARITY: The Chairman reported that since Mr. Bennet had died, the C. C. C. had been informed and invited to appoint another Trustee. Meanwhile Cllr. Mr. Church had studied the documentation which had been passed to him. He had written to the Charities Commission to seek advice, including the position regarding discontinuation of the Charity.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday, 12th March 1990 at 8 p. m.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

Esther Eyles retired as clerk to Thanington Without Parish Council, Kent, on 31 January after 13 years' service.

Her retirement comes after a year in which the council sadly bore the loss of three members.

Vera Sanders died in February 1989, having been a parish councillor for more than 21 years. In October, **John**

Bertram died after serving for just two years, during which he played a major part in launching the parish appraisal.

His death was followed in December by that of **Charles Day**, a former chairman who had been a parish councillor since 1980.

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CLLR. DR. C. H. CHURCH MAKING A PRESENTATION TO
MISS ESTHER EYLES, UPON HER RETIREMENT AS
PARISH CLERK.

WINCHEAP RELIEF ROAD

IMPROVEMENTS

The City Council has unveiled plans for a relief road for Wincheap Road and will be able to have extra Wincheap after a long and hard road and will be able to have extra fought campaign by local Liberal parking along its length because it will Democrat Councillors Simon Dolby become a minor road. Cllr Dolby, at and Martin Yye which included the last Public Works Committee, against the Council's original plans MENT SCHEME be operated in to make the Wincheap main road Wincheap. This was accepted by the Council and will mean cash will be made available for improvements for

Simon Dolby said "The Council's original both property and the street plans for the new road system, that appearance itself Cllr Dolby said "This will be needed when the land at Bretts will help transform Wincheap into one is developed, would have turned the of the best parts of the City and will residential area of Oxford Road and help increase business for the traders."

Zealand Road into an even worse rat run." "The plan they have now come up with Wincheap Liberal Democrat Councillors them. Your Liberal Focus Team are is almost exactly what the Liberal Simon Dolby and Martin Yye told pressing Officers to release full details."

ROUTE OF RELIEF ROAD

FOCUS that they had been pressing for

STORY BY COLIN WALKLIN

the relief road to travel along Cotton Road on the Industrial Estate. The Council's plans show that they will use Simmonds Road as the relief road instead.

Cllr Martin Yye said "Using Simmonds Road will mean residents on the Industrial Estate side of the Wincheap road will have traffic on both sides of their property, which we have always been opposed to. Council Officers say there are technical reasons as to why Simmonds Rd has to be used and that residents affected will get a number of perks" to make the situation better for them. Your Liberal Focus Team are pressing Officers to release full details."

TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES

Many traffic calming measures will be introduced throughout the residential area of Wincheap if the relief road scheme comes into force. Chicanes and road humps are just some of the measures being talked about to help slow traffic down. Contact your Focus Team and let them know what improvements you think ought to be incorporated into any Wincheap traffic plan (Addresses on back page).

The Wincheap Liberal Focus Team are holding a public meeting for residents of Wincheap and Framington to discuss the plans in full. The meeting will be at the Jubilee Hall Wincheap on Tuesday, February 20th at 7pm.

CHARTHAM - THE FUTURE

Chartham Parish Councillor, Brian Rowley, has told Focus Chartham faces many changes over the next ten years. The closure of Stour Valley School in 1990 and closure of St. Augustine's Hospital and subsequent redevelopment, as well as the possible excavation of Deanery Farm by Brett's, will all put enormous strains on the village community.

Brian Rowley said "At the age of eleven children will now have to move out of the village for their education. The Council is ripping the heart of the community by closing Stour Valley School. The closure of St. Augustine's are the

Road humps, or 'sleeping policemen' - low long humps in the road, that give traffic an uncomfortable ride if driven over above a certain speed.



ROAD HUMPS ARE

Chicanes - double bends put into otherwise straight roads. Below a certain speed traffic can pass through them comfortably enough but the higher the speed the more awkward they will be to pass through.

