

PRESENT: Councillors Mr. E. Epps, Mr. K. Goddard, Miss S. Knott, Mrs. J. McMillan, Mr. G. Page, Mr. K. Stokes, Miss S. Williams and the Clerk.  
One local elector was also present.

CHAIRMAN: Cllr. Mr. G. Page

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr. Mrs. Blackman was on holiday. Cllr. Mr. G. Furness was unable to attend. Both apologies were accepted.

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: The Clerk draw attention to his error on Page 5 Line 11, where "Cllr. Blackman" should read "Cllr. Knott". The Minutes were then unanimously agreed and signed

2. MATTERS ARISING:

The Chairman commenced by announcing that he had received a letter of resignation from Cllr. Williams, who is leaving the Parish. He expressed appreciation of her enthusiasm and commitment, especially for her efforts in the matter of Footpaths.

The Clerk undertook to inform the Returning Officer of this Casual Vacancy and post the required notices. The Chairman reminded that when the Clerk had replied to Mr. Potts, advising him of the appointment of Cllr. Epps, that he had informed him that any future application would receive due consideration.

- ( 1. ) The Clerk confirmed that he had informed the Returning Officer of Cllr. Epps' acceptance.
- ( 2. ) The Clerk confirmed that he had written to Canterbury Community Holiday Playchemes, as instructed.
- ( 3. ) The Clerk confirmed that a receipt for the payment to Solicitor Collings had been received. He had informed A.R.C.A. and their letter of appreciation was read.
- ( 4. ) The Clerk confirmed that he had sent the Account signifier Mandate update to Midland Bank
- ( 5. ) The Clerk confirmed that he had received the proposals for improvements for Street-lighting from Cllr. Goddard and had forwarded them to W.S.D. He had taken the opportunity to remind again about not having received the maintenance account.
- ( 6. ) The Clerk confirmed that he had written to CCC concerning the new Wincheap round-about, in the interests of road-safety.
- ( 7. ) The Clerk confirmed that he had written to ARCA regarding the possible sale of Footpath maps. ARCA had undertaken to do this and to contact KCC



The Chairman hoped to attend the CCC meeting.  
(ii) Comments on loss of Golf Course Appeal. by CCC.

CA/93/0717/THA 35 Cockerling Road. Single storey side extension dwelling. Details circulated, no objections & Clerk advised PL

CA/93/0784/0AM Land at Wincheap. Erection of local food store (50 000 sq. ft. gross) and non-food retail warehousing; associated parking, Park & Ride car park, residential development (between 088 Wincheap) residents' parking and vehicular access onto A28. The Clerk was instructed to recommend approval.

7. REPORTS: There are none.

8. STREET LIGHTING There were no comments.

9. ST. NICHOLAS CHURCHYARD

As Cllr. Knott had suggested further discussion, the Chairman had requested the Clerk to circulate Legal Topic Note 49 to all Councillors, which he had done.

The Chairman commented that this was a problem that would not go away. In his view there were two main considerations.

(i) Current maintenance. If support was decided upon, an amount need to be determined for the next budget. The Clerk confirmed that this would be an item for Precept.

(ii) The possibility of requesting District Council responsibility immediately after official closure. He pointed out that, as NALC recommended Parish responsibility, there were disadvantages to be considered.

Cllr. Knott referred to contacting Diocesan House. The Clerk explained that he had done so and elaborated upon his subsequent response from KRCC.

Cllr. Williams opined that perhaps Council Charge payers themselves should be given a chance to comment on making these payments. The Clerk suggested that such a procedure would allow for them to be made aware of the legal position.

The possibility of this being a matter for the Parish Meeting, the Vicar presenting his views, was agreed upon. It was decided to put this matter on next month's Agenda, when the Vicar may be present.

The Chairman expressed thanks to Cllr. Knott and to the Clerk, for their involvement in this matter.

10. NOTICE BOARD:

The Clerk reported a small hole in the Grays Way board's parapet. He could probably deal with it.

11. PARISH AFFAIRS:

The Clerk reported that trees had been planted in the Recreation

Ground in the spring. They were placed incorrectly and should have been parallel to the river. A future planting may be made there. Some of the new trees were already vandalised.

The Chairman has supplied the Clerk with a copy of his reply to the Director of Housing re: footway-St. Nicholas Rd. to Cockerling Rd.

copied to Mrs. Goldfarb. This letter and the CCC response were read. The Clerk confirmed that he had reported the light failure, notified to the Chairman by Mrs. Fennett at 15 Windsor Road.

The Clerk announced that he had requested and received copies of plans for the proposed allotment alternative site, for information. These had been circulated.

The Clerk reported that he had received a copy of a letter from CCC Environmental Health Officer to Mrs. Andrews (Public Rights of Way Officer) regarding Bridleway CB 358A. He had forwarded a copy to inform Mrs. Church, who had originally raised the matter.

The Clerk reported that Mr. Glen Sherman had been unable to accompany the The Man Of Trees competition judge (Mr. Smith). The Clerk had shown him the Parish, in the allotted 45 minutes and had managed to include South Ward, via Hollow Lane. This was in addition to Tonford Bridge, Recreation Ground, Link Road round-about, Lackey Valley Woods, Strangers Close corner and the Churchyard.

Cllr. Page reported that a light outside 179 Ashford Road was on all day. The Clerk undertook to inform WED.

Cllr. Page informed that previous Clerk, Miss Fator Eyles, had now completed her promised embroidery project. Framing should be completed in about two weeks at a cost of what he understood to be approximately £70. There appeared to be some questions about previous arrangements concerning commitment to payment. Some presentation ceremony and possible press involvement was discussed. The Clerk suggested a possible link with 1994 Parish Council's Centenary Year. Cllr. Page undertook to contact Miss Eyles and report back to the next meeting.

Cllr. Knott reported that traffic cones in Hollow Lane indicated the possibility of some form of road-works.

Cllr. Epps reported that lights between the Post Office and St. Nicholas Road were not on in the early morning. He also informed that the 40 mph sign, outside 72 Ashford Road, was in poor condition. The Clerk undertook to report both items.

Cllr. Goddard reminded that the double yellow lines in Strangers Lane, promised on September 13th 1992, had still not been provided. Nor had the trees in Strangers Close. The Clerk was asked to 'chase' the former.

Cllr. Stokes reported that he and Cllr. Furness had worked at improving the footpath behind Ashenden Close. He stated that Cllr.

Furness had said that he would contact the Clerk, but nothing had been brought to the Clerk's notice. He added that a new fence supply was required. When tools arrived this could be undertaken. He supplied the Clerk with details of the tools to be ordered.

## 12. FOOTPATHS:

The ESSO Community Footpath Awards had been forwarded to Cllr. Williams. She explained the scheme, adding that we had received a grant for the strimmer in a similar Shell Better Britain grant. In view of our KCC Parish Paths funding, she did not recommend entering unless we had a special project. Cllr. Stokes raised the possibility of linking a project of clearing the Cockering Road 'triangle' to this scheme. The Clerk undertook to bring information to the next meeting.

The Chairman of ARCA had informed the Clerk that she would be contacting KCC to accept the offer to sell footpath maps.

The Clerk referred to a telephone call from Mr. Hancock (KCC Footpaths) apologising for not having replied earlier to a July letter. (i) He commented on the proposed Strimmer Course, which Cllr. Stokes had agreed to attend. Mr. Dale would be contacting Cllr. Stokes with details. (ii) He commented on the finances for the coming year. In connection with the contemplated hinder across the 'golf course' footpath, he did not recommend that these be supplied by Mr. Andrews' department. Instead, he gave telephone numbers to contact concerning supply of materials and possible installation. He recommended claiming for these costs and that upon hearing of the amounts he would be able to make the next advance available. It would continue to include allowance for an administration fee. The Clerk confirmed that he had informed Cllrs. Williams & Stokes of Mr. Hancock's telephone call.

The Clerk added that he had received details from British Gates & Jacksons. The local Jackson's approved installer had telephoned and had suggested a squared kissing gate, to be installed at a cost of £225. This and other alternatives were discussed and it was recommended to consider going ahead with this suggestion. However, it was agreed to wait until the Clerk had contacted Mr. Tony, the land-owner about various matters connected with proposals for that corner, adjacent to the previous stile site. Cllr. Stokes reported that the existing footpath sign-post, there, was unstable.

*The Chairman was prepared to adjourn and invite comments from the local elector, but he had none to make.*

The Clerk informed that he would be away on Thursday September 16th and the following week.

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY OCTOBER 11TH 1993

CLOSE: There being no other business, the Chairman declared the Meeting closed, at 8.59 p.m.