

MINUTES of MEETING of Assington Parish Council

held in Village Hall on Monday, 25th January 1993 commencing 7.30pm

Present: Mrs G Derwent, Mr C Heseltine, Mrs M Jerrold, Mr E Nichols, Mr M Kneill (7.35pm)
also Mr N Miller (*Footpath Warden*)

Apologies for absence were received from Mr S S Thorogood (business commitments).
In the absence of Mr Thorogood, Mrs G Derwent (Vice-Chairman) chaired the meeting.
The Minutes of the 23rd November 1992 meeting were approved & signed by the Vice-Chairman as a correct record.

1. MATTERS ARISING

a) **SOCIAL HOUSING.** Following on from last meeting, EN had viewed the site and together with those present it was agreed there was room for improvement to same to bring into line with original specification. It was also felt the grassed footway area in The Street was unsatisfactory, large vehicles having misjudged the junction and driven over same leaving large unsightly identification tyre marks. A more solid surface or even a post at the corner was considered preferable to avoid future incidents. Clerk to contact Orbit Housing/SCC respectively on these matters. (MK/EN).

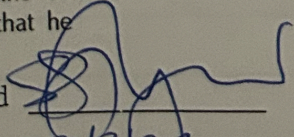
b) **HIGHWAYS.** No progress/evidence of any work being done notably to reported flooding areas. The Clerk advised in latest phone call SCC (Mr P Beatty) not very optimistic that Assington work would now be included in current financial year but rolled over to 93/94 budget. It was proposed GD, scd MJ that a further firm letter be sent to the Area Surveyor stressing the danger to road users should the areas of flooding (Cootes Cottage bend/Rose Green) freeze, in an attempt to ensure Assington roads received prompt attention.

c) **PARKING/THE GURDONS.** Following on from last meeting BDC (9/12) had been advised of the front garden unauthorised parking. The Clerk advised that the occupant of the property concerned (Mrs Mason, no. 9) had become very irate over the incident. It was considered PC keep a low profile until such time as BDC had sent definitive reply & suggested the Clerk send a further letter to BDC requesting same asap. (Pr. GD, scd CH).

The site meeting with BDC, SCC & tenants/owners at the Gurdons took place on 7/12 and there was no objection to vehicular access to front of properties. It was however likely to be a costly exercise for those interested (in view of gradients/drainage) which would have to be borne by the owner or tenant of property concerned. Visibility was considered acceptable & Holly Tree would be retained. It was emphasised by BDC individual planning application/appropriate fee would need to be submitted for each property.

d) **PLAYING FIELD.** Clerk reported instructions had been given to Steed & Steed to pursue though progress was slow, the Charity Commission initially being unable to trace the original registration of the field as a Charity. Having now resolved this, they had apparently mislaid the application form to vest in The Official Custodian signed by Mr L F Brooks as Trustee on 10 Dec 1992. Since a photocopy was not acceptable it was necessary to request Mr Brooks to complete a further application form which was in hand. Until this was concluded the Charity Commission had pointed out that strictly speaking Messrs Winship & Brooks were Trustees of the Charity. The Clerk had also mentioned to Steed & Steed (Mr Challacombe) that additional land was to be purchased by the VHMC and be amalgamated to form a united Playing Field site with the PC as Custodian. No problems were foreseen in accomplishing this.

2. **NEW VILLAGE HALL.** CH reported on behalf of the VHMC & confirmed planning permission had been granted, tenders were out (due back on 27th). Appropriate forms/documents for Grant Aid were being drawn up & due in at end of month. VHMC requested PC send letter of support signed by Chairman to accompany Grant application to Tim Mutum/BDC. PC wholeheartedly in agreement (Pr. MK, scd MJ). Additional land acquisition transaction was slow & drawn out & future of old (existing) hall/site was being discussed & CH had spoken with A Boram on this matter. An alternative use at this stage was to be considered. The fund raising scheme had commenced & details had been published in 'Assington News'. Tenders had been sent to J Bradshaw, Faiers, M D Mills, Younger, Percy Brown & Stour Valley Builders. MK enquired why local builder D Benton had not been included. CH advised he had spoken with D Benton & it was hoped he would be used on a sub-contract basis, but overall larger companies had been selected for the project. Additionally GD enquired why Huggins & Bromage were appointed as architects, CH advising the VHMC considered them best suited for the project. CH additionally advised the meeting that he

Signed 

Date 27/1/93