

had been misled by the architect over the planning application fee. The £55 previously quoted & authorised for payment by the PC was incorrect. (The respective PC cheque had been cancelled). The actual fee submitted with the application was £220 (assessed on floor space & not domestic). Huggins & Bromage had in fact paid the fee in view of the urgency of the application & now issued an invoice for same. The VHMC hoped the PC would give consideration to the revised sum. Pr. CH, scd MJ & unanimously agreed the £220 revised fee in respect of the new village hall be authorised for payment from PC funds - LGA (Misc.Prov. Act 1976 s.19) - (NB: as previously motion carried with the option that the PC could reclaim from the VHMC if needs arose). It was hoped building of the new hall would commence in the Summer with Autumn completion, if there were no problems.

3. **STREET LIGHTING** Clerk commented some 14 faults at various locations had been reported to EE since beginning of November. Time switches appeared to be constantly not working correctly & The Street had not seen a complete system of lighting for several weeks. Maintenance had now been transferred from Bury St Edmunds to Ipswich and call out time was minimum of 1 week from reporting fault. PC felt some overall improvement to the lighting system would be beneficial to the village & whilst this was a costly exercise replacing existing fittings with the sensor type (on at dusk, off at dawn) as was recently installed at The Gurdons could be the solution but would have to be undertaken in stages. Clerk was requested to contact EE for costing/feasibility of initially replacing two fittings. The PC were in agreement that replacements should commence with the Post Office. (Pr. CH, scd EN).

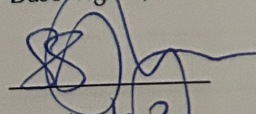
4. **TELEPHONE BOX** Pr.CH, scd MK & unanimously agreed by PC that the village be given the opportunity to voice its opinion via 'Assington News' to ascertain if there was a strong preference to retain the existing red box. In the affirmative it was understood it was necessary to write to the Chief Planning Officer/BDC to have same formally listed. Alternatively in due course it was presumed B.T. would replace with the new style/vandal-proof box

5. **SEWERAGE.** MJ enlightened the meeting on recent septic tank problems & foul smells at The Gurdons & identified the possible cause as a ditch at 'Meadowview' being blocked, having been filled in with rubble. Some discussion followed & the PC were in agreement that overall Assington has a major sewerage problem, is overloaded & for which at present there appears to be no easy solution CH recalled a conversation with BDC when 3 new houses in village were in course of construction mention was made of running a pipe to Gurdons & connecting to treatment plant. Clerk was requested to write to BDC to ascertain whether any proposals re sewerage were forthcoming. (Pr. CH, scd MJ).

6. The Clerk reported on **PLANNING - 22 THE STREET/LBC ERECTION FRONT PORCH.** The Planning Committee had reviewed the D.O.E. Appeal documentation, had reiterated no objection to application & correspondence returned 9/12.
NEW VILLAGE HALL received 3/12, returned 21/12. Overall no objection. (GD/MK had commented on diversion existing footpath, playing field, certificate B, parking spaces & rooms)
PERMISSION GRANTED 6/1/93.
15 THE STREET/LBC Replace Peg Tiles with Slate. Received 25/1/93. Initial comment out of character.

FINANCE CURRENT a/c after VAT refund (£36), donation payments (total of £28) payment of EE Dec/Jan (£85), Clerks salary/expenses to 31/12 (£128) **CREDIT** balance of £127.
BPA a/c after interest (£17) & £300 transfer to current a/c, **CREDIT** balance of £1722.
A further transfer to Current a/c (£200) would be required to meet the revised planning fee payment.

CORRESPONDENCE received included 1993 Draft Register of Electors, (19/11) BDC Timetable Committee Meetings, (26/11) Babergh Local Plan - Annual Monitoring Report 1992, (30/11) Letter Gardeners Glove (Kirk R Bradley) re tender for gardening in the parish, (5/12) Letter Mrs Hollis Flewelling/Maine (USA) endeavouring to trace history of FRENCH family who lived in Assington around 1585, (16/12) BDC re Meetings with Town & Parish Councils inviting representatives to evening meeting on 19/4, 26/4 or 5/5 at Council Offices, (22/12) Letter Melville Homes Ltd re Rural Areas Local Needs Housing, (23/12) BDC letter re New Council Tax meetings, (14/12) BDC Parish Precept/Council Tax re delay in determining Tax Base figure, also BDC Statement of Accounts 1991-92.

Signed 

Date 29/3/93