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MINUTES of MEETING of Assington Parish Council
held in New Village Hall on Monday, 24th January 1994 commencing 7.35pm
Present: Mr S S Thorogood (*Chairman*), Mr J Could, Mr C Heseltine, Mr E Nichols
also Mr N Miller (*Footpath Warden*) [7.40pm] + Mr R Britcher

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs M Jerrold (Prior commitment) & Dr J Symons (Business mtg Wales). [The PC approved reasons given by JS in respect of his absence from meetings for some 6 months+. Whilst keen JS should remain on PC it was recommended the Clerk ascertain JS's own plans for the future.]

The Minutes of the 29th November 1993 meeting were approved & signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Councillor Vacancy: This was to be filled by co-option. Mr Roger Britcher was proposed by CH, scd EN & unanimously elected to the Council. RB duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office & participated in the discussions which were to follow.

MATTERS ARISING:

a) **Highways:** SCC had completed the drainage project at Rose Green & the Bures Road was open. R Boucher for SCC advised Cootes Cottage drainage problem had now been allocated to the 1994/5 budget commencing April 1994. CH had advised the Clerk of a surplus water problem emanating from pond at rear of 1 Woodfield which overflowed to wood path. This had been reported to BDC (Surveyors Dept) who were to investigate & advise accordingly.

b) **Telephone Box:** As from 6 Dec 1993 Dept of National Heritage had listed as Grade II. It was also to be noted that the box was being refurbished.

c) **Playing Field:** The sealed Order (dtd 15 Nov 1993) vesting in the Official Custodian had been received. The Clerk reported the original document had been deposited with Title Deeds at solicitors, Steed & Steed/Sudbury. Concerning the matter of amalgamating playing field & additional land incorporating new village hall, solicitors had suggested PC apply direct to Charity Commission to avoid further fees. It was unanimously agreed the Clerk proceed with this course of action. (JG/CH). Additionally those present were advised CH (as Chairman of the VHMC) had arranged a meeting with Rachel Talbot/Suffolk ACRE to discuss new constitution for hall & amalgamation of playing field/additional land/new Village Hall with one overall management committee. The Clerk would also attend the meeting.

d) **Assington Charities:** Mr M Kneill confirmed he would continue as PC representative on Charities Committee & endeavour to conclude the matter.

e) **Local Government Review:** The PC would submit consensus of opinion to Local Commissioner, Mary Leigh, as recommended by SALC. PC unanimously supported Babergh DC's Option A (West/Central/East/Ipswich) - (CH/JG).

DONATIONS No contribution would be made to Sudbury District Volunteer Centre (Christopher Project) - (JG/EN)

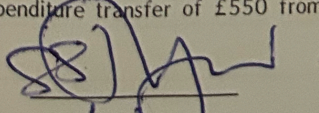
The Clerk reported on **PLANNING** 36 Hicks Lane/2 storey side extension BDC Permission Granted 2/12/93: **Enforcement of Planning Control Fence Adams Well Barn** Due to fire, BDC Notice Withdrawn 15/12/93: **Assington Hall/Extension to Outbuildings** BDC Permission Granted 16/12/93: **The Case is Altered/2 storey Granny Annexe to rear & New Bay Window to front (amendment)** returned 17/12/93 PC No Objection, BDC Permission Granted 4/1/94. Currently in circulation with the planning committee were **The Old Farmhouse/Further St LBC Internal Alterations** received 10/1/94 & **Meadowlea/The Street 2 storey side extension & construction 2nd vehicular access** received 14/1/94.

FINANCE Current account **CREDIT** balance of £18, BPA **CREDIT** balance of £1401 after £6 interest & £100 transfer. Accounts approved for payment were EE (£77), Clerks salary/expenses to 31/12/93 (£113) & Steed & Steed (£99). Invoices from EE had been received for repairs/replacement parts to 2 street lights (Orchard Cottage/The St & Perdon/Partridge Row locations) in the total sum of £166+VAT. This expenditure was considered not to be cost effective in the long term since the PC intended ultimately to upgrade fittings with Davis photocell units. It was suggested the Clerk enquire of EE the whereabouts of the 4 old fittings removed/replaced in July '93 which could provide a temporary solution/obtain quotation for 2 Davis fittings & agreed by those present a decision on the course of action to be followed be made by the Chairman (ST) & CH. (CH/JG)

To facilitate payment of accounts due & anticipated lighting expenditure transfer of £550 from BPA to Current was approved.

Signed

Date


28/1/94