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MINUTES of MEETING of Assington Parish Council
held in Village Hall on Monday, 26th July 1993 commencing 7.30pm
Present: Mr S S Thorogood (Chairman)

Mrs M Jerrold, Mr C Heseltine, Mr E Nichols (*also Mr J Gould*)

No apologies for absence were received.

The Minutes of 24th May 1993 mtg were approved & signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

1. MATTERS ARISING

- a) *Vice-Chairman:* Mrs M Jerrold duly confirmed acceptance of her nomination.
 - b) *Councillor vacancy:* This was to be filled by co-option. A nomination by MJ for John Gould had been received in writing on 28/6 & a late proposal by CH was for Roger Britcher. After some debate & in view of the late proposal of the second candidate, it was unanimously agreed John Gould be elected (Pr M) scd ST). JG, who had left the meeting whilst the issue was under debate, returned & duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.
 - c) *Social Housing:* Huggins & Bromage had been approached on 29/5 re the grassed area in The St & 'neglected' hedge area rear of Meadow Way. The Clerk had been advised by 'phone 23/7 that the landscapers were surveying same. EN confirmed the hedge area had in fact been cut that day (26/7). It was hoped for the future the contractor also attend to the grassed area in The St.
 - d) *Highways:* SCC by 14/7 letter had confirmed sign for Arger Fen would be erected at Rose Green though there was some delays on signs. Remedial road repairs/signs for other areas were still awaited for which SCC had intimated July would be the month.
 - e) *Street Lighting:* New lights had been installed, the account was awaited. Computer print-out of locations of summary of PC lighting listing 18 (previously 15) to date not received. The Clerk had spoken with SCC/Highways direct & run a check on their data base which appeared to determine number to be charged was 16 - the lighting for Meadow Way/Vicary Rd was due to be taken over by SCC. The Agreement/Summary was thus in dispute which could reflect in an amended monthly a/c.
 - f) *Telephone Box:* Dept of National Heritage (26/5) were seeking advice from their advisers at English Heritage & when received would notify the PC of the Secretary of State's decision.
 - g) *Street Nameplates:* BDC (13/7) were anxious for a response. The vote in 'Assington News' on choice of variations in name 'Barracks' produced 40 for 'The Barracks', 2 for 'Barrack Road' & 1 for 'Barracks Road'. The matter however was not quite straightforward. Mrs K Fox had commented on her voting slip that The Barracks name originated from the first long row of joined up cottages built in a straight line. People had said it looked like a Barracks. Conversely, Mrs S Harvey at 57 Partridge Row was upset at the renaming of what she understood & knew as Partridge Row (The Clerk read her letter (12/6) to the PC on this matter). The PC were in agreement the matter should be investigated further. CH commented that it seemed inappropriate for a road to be known as 'Partridge Row' & in an attempt to resolve the road -v- row dilemma suggested a counter proposal be put forward for the road from Cootes Cottage to Three Ways to be officially named 'Barracks Road' and that residents in Partridge Row continue to use Partridge Row as part of their personal address e.g. Partridge Row, Barracks Road, Assington. Details of this again to be published in 'Assington News' inviting interested parties to contact the PC with their comments. There was no problem with Marshalls Green.
 - h) *Path Care/Parish Paths:* Following the last meeting, the Clerk had liaised with N Miller & applied to join on 25/6. SCC had replied 7/7 stating the quota for the current financial year was full & Assington was 3rd on waiting list to receive priority for 94/95 or fill 93/94 vacancy should it occur.
 - i) *Playing Field:* Clerk confirmed the Charity Commission had now located the missing file, the Draft order had been submitted to the PC & sealed Order was to follow.
- 2. DOG FOULING** BDC letter 29/6 advised they were reviewing current Byelaws with view to extending their applicability & requested information on problems areas in each Parish. PC agreed path to The Thicks (Footpath 16) & Footpath 20 by Vicary Estate be highlighted initially & a note published in AN inviting residents to comment further.(pr. CH, scd ST).
- 3. VILLAGE OF YEAR COMPETITION 1993** By 23/6 letter BDC had expressed their disappointment that from 42 eligible villages entries were received from only 6. In order to assess the future of the competition they were now requesting an explanation for non-entry since the objective of the new format was to attract more villages - (the 1993 competition had been aimed at villages with an electoral population below 400). The view was expressed by CH that as a working community & with building in progress it had been felt Assington did not fit the required

Signed

Date 27/9/93