

MINUTES of ASSINGTON ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held in Village Hall on Monday, 24th May 1993 commencing 7.30pm

Present: Mrs G Derwent, Mr M Kneill, Mr E Nichols, Dr J Symons, Mr S S Thorogood
also Mr N Miller (Footpath Warden)

Apologies for absence were received from Mr C Heseltine (NFU Mtg) & Mrs M Jerrold (Personal).

Mr S S Thorogood was re-elected to office as Chairman (nominated by JS, scd MK) and unanimously approved. The newly elected Chairman signed the appropriate Declaration of Acceptance of Office form.

Mrs G Derwent was proposed as Vice-Chairman but announced she did not wish to stand for re-election since it was her intention to tender her resignation from the Parish Council to the Chairman at the end of the PC meeting. This decision had been reached since she planned to be moving from the village. The Chairman expressed sincere thanks on behalf of the PC for her invaluable contribution to proceedings over the years.

As successor GD proposed (scd JS) Mrs M Jerrold to office as Vice-Chairman which was unanimously agreed, though in MJ's absence would need to be subject to her acceptance/confirmation.

It was agreed previously elected officers/committee representatives would remain unchanged with the exception of the vacancy through GD's departure on the Planning Committee for which MJ was nominated (pr. JS, scd EN) again subject to her acceptance/confirmation.

M Jerrold also to replace G Derwent as cheque signatory.

Mrs G Derwent agreed to continue as Radio Suffolk Link until such time as she had left the village.

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

1. MATTERS ARISING

- a) **SOCIAL HOUSING.** The Clerk reported copy correspondence had been received from Architects, Huggins & Bromage also the Bldg Contractor, Seamans, who agreed some rubble had become apparent due to weathering & it was intended to clear and additionally re-seed the grassed pavement area in The Street. Comment was also made that the hedge section by the development appeared as somewhat neglected & the Clerk was requested to bring this to Orbit's attention.
- b) **HIGHWAYS.** Cdr Clinkard had passed PC a copy of his own (26/4) letter to SCC endeavouring to get the drainage problem at Pump Farm resolved. This had in fact prompted a reply (5/5) from Area Surveyor - cc also passed to PC - which advised a Works Instruction had been issued and the works should be carried out after the surface dressing programme was complete i.e. late July/early August. There had been no further news/developments on other outstanding road matters, though ST reported a meeting with SCC re the Pond at Rose Green, the outcome of which was that the Pond was to be dug out to its original depth.

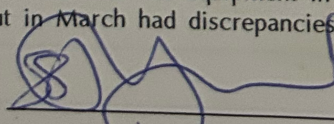
It was reported visitors (motorists) to Assington appeared to have difficulty locating Arger Fen, notably from Rose Green, & it was proposed a sign might be beneficial. Pr. ST, scd EN & agreed SCC be approached with this objective.

- c) **STREET LIGHTING** The Clerk had not proceeded with the new light fitting at P.O. location as approved at previous meeting since there had been a further anomaly. EE had now advised that since the existing fittings were old, to replace one only i.e. P.O. it would need an isolation box to comply with present day safety regulations for which the Contracting Department would be involved adding an additional cost (subject to firm quote, but could be £100). The quote for the lamp fitting only had been £193.10+ VAT with photocell or £175.00+VAT without. On this basis the previous quotation 9/3 to replace 4 light fittings i.e. Nos. 1, 3, 4, 5 (Hill Farm to Post Office) at total of £747.85 + VAT was more economic & would give greater security. The PC unanimously agreed to authorise expenditure of £747.85 on footway lighting (PC Act 1957 section 3) - pr JS, scd MK (i.e. EE to fit 4 x 80w MBFU lamps with photocells)

Additionally the Clerk reported letter dtd 21/4 had been received from EE Contracting advising they had been in discussion with SCC & had the opportunity to check records of all equipment in use from SCC computer data base. The previous agreement sent out in March had discrepancies which

Signed

Date


26/7/93