

MINUTES Meeting 24th May 1993 ASSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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unfortunately must result in revised invoices. Assington were now to be charged for a total of 18 lights (previously this was 15). Computer print out of locations requested by the Clerk to date had not been received. It was also necessary to sign a new Agreement since the original Agreement was made with Eastern Electricity Board and this now had to be replaced by Eastern Electricity plc.

d) **TELEPHONE BOX.** In order to request same to be listed it had been necessary for the Clerk to take photographs of box plus surrounding areas & apply direct to Dept of National Heritage. The application had been made on 15/4 & an acknowledgement received 21/4 advising full reply was to follow asap.

e) **STREET NAMEPLATES.** Long standing Assington residents had commented 'The Barracks' to be the correct name. However Mr Wilson (who had originally applied to BDC) had remarked that if given choice & since 'Barracks' were no longer there, Barracks Rd would be preferable. It was pr. MK, scd JS & agreed that possibly the best way to resolve was to give parishioners the opportunity to vote on four names i.e. The Barracks, Barracks Road, Barrack Rd, Barrack St by a note to this effect being published in 'Assington News' & the largest vote would resolve the name to be put forward to the DC.

f) **SEWERAGE**

In MJ's absence, the Clerk had received an up-to-date report on this matter. Mr Schleip (BDC) had visited the Gurdons and thought the solution was to use a flood stop. The local expert in this field was a Mr Binder at Claydon (tele: 0473 830582) whom MJ had telephoned and had been very helpful. However, unless there was a proper land drain a flood stop would not be effective & therefore a flood return valve was not the answer. It was felt a pump was needed to pump excess water into the nearest land drain. For further advice/inspection however Mr Claydon would have to be engaged on a consultancy/fee paying basis.

Additionally BDC were concerned that there appeared to be a huge excess of water going to the holding tank & they proposed to now measure the water going in.

2. **PATH CARE**

Mr N Miller as Footpath Warden reported Mr A Hodge (Owner/Stantons Farm) had reinstated two footpaths i.e. Nos 3 & 10, both of which had been rolled & were now walkable. It was pr. JS, scd ST that a letter of thanks from the PC be sent.

Mr Miller continued with a resume on SCC & the promotion of the Parish Paths Partnership (formerly Path Care) & the small grants that were available which previously the PC had decided not to pursue. SCC using 'Corky' as Contractor had been persuaded to clear path from Woodthorpes to Mill Farm. Mrs Parry-Crooke had claimed there was an agreement with SCC to clear in perpetuity which was not correct - SCC in fact having agreed as a one-off. To carry out annually the Contractor had quoted approx. £40. It was felt the grant could be beneficial to keep that particular section clear & possibly others. The PC agreed to apply to join the Parish Paths Partnership scheme (pr. JS, scd GD). Clerk to liaise with N Miller.

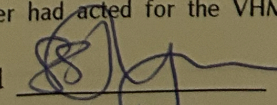
3. **NEW VILLAGE HALL**

CH (on behalf of VHMC) had t'phoned the Clerk prior to the mtg with an up-to-date report. The meeting were advised that the VHMC could now confirm that they would receive a £20,000 Grant from BDC & considerable assistance in this respect had been received from DC, A J Boreham. There was to be a mtg of the VHMC on Wednesday (26th) with the intention of deciding on the builder & to progress the whole project & refinements.

It was noted to date C Heseltine had not declared an interest to the PC in the matter in hand. Concerning the enlarged playing field, the PC had received draft contract from solicitors, Steed & Steed re purchase of the additional land at £18,000. Seller of the land on the contract was C R Heseltine and Steed & Steed had suggested Assington Parish Council (as Custodian Trustees) be named as Buyer. The Clerk had been advised VHMC was not a legal body to hold land & problems of named trustees which would not exist in perpetuity. The Clerk confirmed the VHMC was not a sub-committee of the PC. After referral by MK/GD to a typed copy of the official constitution document of the Village Hall/VHMC & a copy of the Will of the late Mrs D Wilson which stated the legacy was to the VHMC & a reference in a copy letter from Steed & Steed to the Charity Commission (11/12/92) that the VHMC (not the PC) 'will shortly be purchasing with funds provided for that purpose from the Estate of the late Dorothy Wilson', some discussion followed. GD questioned the valuation of the land, EN advising the District Valuer had acted for the VHMC &

Signed

Date


 26/7/93