

MINUTES of MEETING of Assington Parish Council

held in New Village Hall on Monday, 29th November 1993 commencing 7.00pm

Present: Mrs M Jerrold (*Vice-Chairman*), Mr C Heseltine, Mr J Gould

+ PC Hearn + 1 member of public

also for part of mtg - Mr N Miller (*Footpath Warden*) Rev. A George & Mrs G Willer

Apologies for absence were received from Mr S S Thorogood (business) & Mr E Nichols (ill). In the absence of Mr Thorogood, Mrs M Jerrold (*Vice-Chairman*) chaired the meeting.

The Minutes of the 27th September meeting were approved & signed by the Vice-Chairman as a correct record.

Under Section 85 of LGA 1972 for failure to attend meetings for a period of 6 consecutive months & approval of absence by the Council, Mr M Kneill ceased to be a member of the Parish Council & a casual vacancy was declared. (CH/JG).

MATTERS ARISING

- SOCIAL HOUSING:** The Clerk advised no official notification of CC adopting the development had been received to date.
- HIGHWAYS:** To date no signs of commencement of remedial works. If situation continued it was suggested the PC contact C Councillor, Mr Selwyn Pryor, to assist in the matter. (CH/JG)
- TELEPHONE BOX:** The Secretary of State's decision was still awaited.
- PLAYING FIELD:** Further delay & the sealed order was not to hand. The Clerk had ascertained the document was now in Taunton & had been assured the matter was to be concluded within 2 weeks.

Some discussion followed on Dog Fouling & legislation.

PARISH TREE WARDEN SCHEME

JG reported on his attendance with N Miller at the October launch meeting of this scheme by BDC [Mr Miller (*Footpath Warden*) joined the meeting at this point]. CH proposed that should Mr Miller be keen to take on the role of Parish Tree Warden, the PC would support & nominate accordingly Mr Miller was not keen to fulfil this role & the PC resolved that Assington would **not** join the scheme. (CH/JG)

1994/95 PARISH PRECEPT. IT WAS RESOLVED a Precept be issued on Babergh District Council for the sum of £1850 (CH/MJ). Councillors felt this amount would not put too great a burden on residents & give scope to continue street lighting improvements within the parish.

DONATIONS. The PC authorised the following expenditure under Section 137 - a donation of £20 to Sudbury & District Citizens Advice Bureau (MJ/JG) & also £20 to The Quay, Sudbury. Whilst it was unanimously agreed that the Quay brought valued entertainment to the community, due to PC's limited funds, a larger amount was not possible but it was suggested a note appear in the village magazine 'Assington News' detailing The Quay's plight. The Clerk would convey this information to The Quay. (CH/MJ)

Mrs G Willer & Rev A George joined the meeting at this point (approx. 8.00pm)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW. The Clerk advised the meeting that this had now been accelerated & the Commissioner (Miss Mary Leigh) was to visit Suffolk on 30 November. Babergh sought more informed opinion & had arranged meetings with PCs & District Councillors. It was planned the Clerk /Chairman would attend Central area meeting on 2 December. In the interim DCr, Mr A Boram, was interested to learn Assington's opinion. It had been intimated 2 options were for Babergh to unite with Forest Heath or Mid Suffolk, with Ipswich remaining a separate unitary authority. Whilst the PC unanimously agreed they identified with Sudbury as the nearest town, comment was made that any review or change should be aimed at saving substantial money in the short term as well as the long term & previous changes had been somewhat ill conceived & this objective not seen to have been achieved.

The Clerk reported on **FINANCE** with a **CREDIT** balance of £1495 on B.P.A (after 2nd 1/2 Precept £850 & interest £5 and Current account showing a **CREDIT** balance of £40. Accounts for payment £82 (EE) and Transfer of £100 from BPA to Current a/c unanimously approved.

On **PLANNING** matters, the Committee had dealt with 9 The Gurdons/Retention of Vehicular Access received 18/9, returned 1/10 PC approved but to be in accordance with Highway & Planning requirements. BDC Permission Granted 14/10 with conditions that existing access to be modified in accordance with Highway Authority requirements & complied with within 1 month. Mr Price (BDC/Planning) also had advised PC by letter 21/10 that if problems, he would pursue.

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