

MINUTES of MEETING of Assington Parish Council
held in Village Hall on Monday, 27th September 1993 commencing 7.30pm
Present: Mr S S Thorogood (*Chairman*), Mr J Gould, Mr C Heseltine,
Mrs M Jerrold, Mr E Nichols
also Mr N Miller (*Footpath Warden*)

Apologies for absence were received from Dr J Symons.

The Minutes of the 26th July meeting were approved & signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

1. MATTERS ARISING

- a) **STREET NAMEPLATES** (Barracks area/Marshalls Green). After some discussion, it was resolved that the Barracks area would remain as at present i.e. no street nameplate. The PC would however request BDC to reinstate the Marshalls Green nameplate at the A134 Sudbury/Colchester Road end (pr. CH,scd MJ) & hopefully this would assist motorists locating Springfield Autos.
- b) **SOCIAL HOUSING** The Clerk advised Seamans (Bldg Contractors) were to meet the Architect & Cty Surveyor that week. The development as yet had not been officially taken over by the CC.
- c) **HIGHWAYS** Road Narrow & Bend signs were now in place on the Bures Road. There had been little progress on remedial road repairs to prevent flooding on certain sections within the parish. Whilst July had been intimated by the CC, the Area Surveyor now mentioned the second half budget which commenced in October.
- d) **STREET LIGHTING** New fittings had been installed. The revised agreement summary re energy & maintenance charges had been received & confirmed 16 lamps. The appropriate adjustment in respect of the account from April to Sept had resulted in a credit of £32.
- e) **TELEPHONE BOX.** No further developments.
- f) **PLAYING FIELD.** Draft order returned to Charity Commissioners on 7/7, sealed order awaited. There had been further reorganisation at the Charity Commission.
- g) **DOG FOULING.** Overall not a great response from the village. The Clerk read letter from Mrs L Fisher (Celandine) on this topic which councillors endorsed. Problem areas of path leading to Assington Thicks (Footpath 16) & Footpath 20 by Vicary Estate had been highlighted to BDC & these were being assessed.
- h) **VILLAGE OF THE YEAR COMPETITION.** Following on from last PC meeting, the Clerk had ascertained via BDC that the next Village of Year Competition for areas with an electoral population below 400 would not be until 1995.
- i) **VILLAGE SHOP.** The Clerk had spoken with Derek Rixon re PC support & rate reduction/BDC scheme & had been advised that this would be assessed with auditors at the end of financial year (which was approaching) & a decision made.
2. **PARISH TREE WARDEN** This was a new scheme to be launched by BDC on 6 Oct with wardens to be nominated by parish councils. A copy of the respective leaflet had been circulated to all councillors. JC & N Miller (Footpath Warden) would represent Assington at the meeting to assess the scheme.
3. **DONATIONS** The NSPCC, East Anglia Child Protection Project were requesting a grant to help maintain services in E Anglia. The PC authorised the following expenditure under Section 137 - a donation of £10 to NSPCC (pr. CH,scd ST)
It was decided **not** to contribute to the leaving present for Peter Waterman who was retiring as Director of Suffolk ACRE.
4. The Clerk reported on **PLANNING** - The Planning Committee had dealt with *The Case is Altered/2 storey Granny Annexe & New Bay Window* Returned 27/7 No objection
BDC PERMISSION GRANTED 12/8.
Adams Well Barn - Wattle fence - Doe Appeal Received 3/8, returned 17/8 Approved existing wattle fence with modifications
9 *The Gurdons - Retention of Vehicular Access* **IN CIRCULATION**
FINANCE **CREDIT** balance of £640 on B.P.A (with 2nd ½ precept payment £850 due end Sept, this would increase total to £1490). Current account (after £198 VAT repayment) **CREDIT** balance of £218. Accounts approved for payment were EE (£60), Clerks salary/expenses to 30/9 (£107).

Signed *Marney Jerrold.*

Date *November 29th* 1993.