

MINUTES of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the SWANSCOMBE AND GREENHITHE TOWN COUNCIL held at SWANSCOMBE CENTRE, CRAYLANDS LANE, SWANSCOMBE on THURSDAY, 14th MAY 1992 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr. Mrs D J Ash-Smith Cllr. T V Dixon
Cllr. R D Bartlett Cllr. Mrs S East
Cllr. L G Caller Cllr. B A Kemp
Cllr. M D Chater Cllr. V Openshaw
Cllr. D J Cowell Cllr. Mrs G M Prior
Cllr. M A Crosby Cllr. B E Read
Cllr. P S Crow Cllr. R Simmonds

1 ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR The Town Mayor requested nominations for the Town Mayor for the forthcoming year and it was,

Moved by Councillor B E Read and seconded by Councillor R Simmonds.

RESOLVED

That Councillor Philip Sydney Crow be elected Town Mayor of the Council for the ensuing year.

Councillor Crow thanked the Council for electing him and for their support.

2 ELECTION OF DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR The Town Mayor requested nominations for the Deputy Town Mayor and it was,

Moved by Councillor B E Read and seconded by Councillor V Openshaw

RESOLVED

That Councillor Mrs Sheila East be elected as Deputy Town Mayor for the ensuing year.

3 VOTE OF THANKS A vote of thanks was given by Councillor P S Crow to Councillor B E Read and Mrs I Read for their service during the previous year and wished them well.

Councillor M A Crosby wished Councillor Crow every success in the coming year and also gave a vote of thanks for the work by Councillor Read and Mrs Read during their year as Mayor and Mayoress.

Councillor B E Read thanked everyone for their assistance and support throughout the year.

4 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies for absence were received from Councillor's A C Ash-Smith and W G East.

5 APPOINTMENT AND CONSTITUTION OF STANDING AND OTHER COMMITTEES

RESOLVED

- a) That the Recreation and Amenities Committee be constituted of the whole of the Members of the Council.
- b) That the Allotment Sub-Committee be constituted of 7 Members, 4 from the Town Council, Councillors Mrs S East, B A Kemp, V Openshaw and Mrs G M Prior and the Town Clerk, plus 3 Members of the Swanscombe & Greenhithe Allotments and Gardens Association - Mr G Collar, Mr H Krief and Mr T V Dixon.
- c) That the Finance and General Purposes Committee be constituted of the whole of the Members of the Council.
- d) That the Executive Committee be comprised of 10 Members of the Council - Councillor P S Crow - Town Mayor, Mrs S East - Deputy Town Mayor, A C Ash-Smith, Mrs D J Ash-Smith, R D Bartlett, L G Caller, D J Cowell, M A Crosby, Mrs G M Prior and B E Read.
- e) That the Emergency Committee be comprised of 6 Members of the Council plus the Town Clerk or Assistant Town Clerk, Councillors D J Cowell - Chairman, R Simmonds - Vice Chairman A M Barham, M D Chater, P S Crow and Mrs S East.
- f) That the Leisure Centre Management Committee be comprised of 9 Members of the Council - Councillors P S Crow - Chairman, W G East - Vice Chairman, A C Ash-Smith, Mrs D J Ash-Smith, D J Cowell, T V Dixon, Mrs S East, V Openshaw and R Simmonds.
- g) That the Local Government Review Committee be comprised of 5 Members plus the Town Mayor and Town Clerk - Councillors R D Bartlett, M A Crosby, B A Kemp, V Openshaw and B E Read.

6 TO DEFINE POWERS AND DUTIES OF COMMITTEES AND SUB-COMMITTEES

The Powers and Duties of Committee's and Sub-Committee's were defined as follows:-

RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Delegated functions

To exercise the functions of the Council in expending any finances allocated to it by the Council within the annual estimates or otherwise in the area of recreation grounds, parks, open spaces, playgrounds, allotments, sporting facilities, recreational facilities and community halls.

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To exercise the functions of the Council in controlling the operation and provision of facilities in relation to recreation grounds, parks, allotments, sporting facilities, recreational facilities and community halls.

To exercise the functions of the Council by making representations to the relevant Planning Authority on development proposals which may be laid before it under provisions of the Town and Country Planning Acts.

Referred functions

To act as an advisory body considering any recommendations laid before it by other Committees of the Council which relate to facilities or areas within the scope of this Committee not contained within the delegated functions printed above.

ALLOTMENTS SUB-COMMITTEE

Delegated function

To exercise the functions of the Recreation and Amenities Committee with reference to the appointment of lay volunteer allotment managers as per the provisions of section 29 of the Small Holdings and Allotments Act 1908.

Referred functions

To report to the Recreation and Amenities Committee on any matter relating to the provision, management, maintenance, improvement and administration of all allotments under the control of the Recreation and Amenities Committee.

To report to the Recreation and Amenities Committee on any finances relating to the provision, management, improvement and administration of all allotments under the control of the Recreation and Amenities Committee inclusive of the right to report to the said Committee suggestions for finances to be included within annual estimates for specific schemes of improvement.

FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Delegated functions

To exercise the functions of the Council in expending any finances allocated to it by the Council in the annual estimates or otherwise in the area of footway and footpath lighting, footpaths, car parks and donations to local organisations or individuals or other bodies under section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

To exercise the functions of the Council in the examination of all accounts submitted for payment and the collection of sums due to the Council.

To exercise the functions of the Council in the examination of any parochial charity accounts submitted to the Council under those provisions contained within section 32 of the Charities Act 1960 as amended.

To exercise the functions of the Council by making representations to the relevant Planning Authority on development proposals which may be laid before it under the provisions of the Town and Country Planning Acts.

Referred functions

As an advisory body to consider and report to the Council on all finances not specifically allocated to other Committees including those finances contained within balances and investment accounts.

As an advisory body to consider and report to Council estimates for the making of the annual rate and precept issued, the raising of loans or borrowing on money and securing of any necessary loan sanctions, and the approval of schemes for local lotteries.

As an advisory body to consider any recommendations laid before it by other Committees or the Council which relate to facilities or areas within the scope of this Committee not contained within the delegated functions printed above.

As an advisory body to consider any recommendations specifically put to it by other Committees in relation to their expenditure and consider and report upon any matters not specifically allocated to other Committees.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Delegated functions

To exercise any functions of the Council on urgent issues or during the period of recess of the Council save those functions relating to the setting of an annual rate and issuing a precept, the raising of loans or borrowing of money and securing of any necessary loan sanctions, and the approval of schemes for local lotteries.

To exercise any functions of the Council on matters specifically delegated to it to decide save those exempted from delegation by statute and listed above.

To exercise any functions of the Council in relation to personnel matters save those reserved within Staff Disciplinary Procedures.

Referred functions

As an advisory body reporting to Council on any matters it has been specifically instructed to investigate.

As an advisory body reporting to Council on the questions of levels of pay and salary settlements.

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EMERGENCY COMMITTEE

Delegated function

To assist, in an emergency, the population of Swanscombe and Greenhithe in overcoming any extreme or unusual conditions caused by natural or accidental means.

To co-operate with other Agencies, statutory or voluntary, to assist in the above.

To enlist the support of any other Organisations or individuals to assist in the above, as may be necessary.

To prepare contingency plans to meet any of the situations as described above.

LEISURE CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Delegated functions

- a) To exercise the functions of the Council on expending any finances allocated to it by the Council within the annual estimates or otherwise, on the Leisure Centre.
- b) To exercise the functions of the Council on controlling and managing the operation and provision of facilities in relation to the Leisure Centre. To include the setting in fees, charges and opening times, taking into account local needs and within the guidelines set by the Council.
- c) To employ staff for the day to day management and operation of the Centre as allocated by the Committee.
- d) To make representations to the Finance and General Purposes Committee in relation to the annual estimates in respect of Centre expenditure.
- e) To liaise as required with other Committees and staff of the Council, outside bodies and persons on any aspects of joint responsibility.
- f) To liaise with the Town Clerk on aspects of Leisure Centre Management as they affect the general administration of the Town Council.
- g) To investigate and implement, if considered appropriate, a Committee of Users as an advisory body, in order to achieve a high level of democratisation at a local level.

Referred functions

- a) To act as an advisory body to consider any recommendations laid before it by other Committees or the Council which relate to facilities within its jurisdiction and to take instructions from the Council on any matters relating to delegated functions.



LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE

Delegated functions

- a) To exercise delegated powers on behalf of the Town Council to investigate and report on possible Local Government Re-organisation within the area.
- b) To be a Sub-Committee of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.
- c) To report and make recommendations for consideration by Members of the Finance and General Purposes Committee within a stipulated time scale.

7 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMEN AND VICE CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES

RESOLVED

That the Council appoint the following Chairmen and Vice Chairmen of Committees for the ensuing year:-

Recreation and Amenities Committee

Chairman - Councillor Mrs S East
Vice Chairman - Councillor Mrs G M Prior

Finance and General Purposes Committee

Chairman - Councillor B E Read
Vice Chairman - Councillor R D Bartlett

Executive Committee

Chairman - Councillor P S Crow
Vice Chairman - Councillor Mrs S East

Leisure Centre Management Committee

Chairman - Councillor P S Crow
Vice Chairman - Councillor W G East

8 DAY AND TIME OF MEETINGS

RESOLVED

That the Annual General Meeting, the Annual Town Meeting, the Recreation and Amenities Committee, the Finance and General Purposes Committee, the Executive Committee, the Allotments Sub-Committee, the Emergency Committee and the Leisure Centre Management Committee Meeting's be held at 7.30pm on the dates specified on the annexed list.



DATES OF MEETINGS 1992/93

R & A	F & G P	COUNCIL
28th May 1992	11th June 1992	25th June 1992
2nd July 1992	16th July 1992	30th July 1992
3rd September 1992	17th September 1992	1st October 1992
15th October 1992	22nd October 1992	5th November 1992
19th November 1992	3rd December 1992	17th December 1992
7th January 1993	14th January 1993*	28th January 1993
11th February 1993	25th February 1993	11th March 1993
25th March 1993	8th April 1993	22nd April 1993

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21st May 1992	12th November 1992
18th June 1992	10th December 1992
23rd July 1992	14th January 1993*
20th August 1992	18th February 1993
10th September 1992	18th March 1993
8th October 1992	15th April 1993

29th April 1993 - Annual Town Meeting

6th May 1993 - Annual General Meeting

Meetings of the Executive Committee as and when necessary



9 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES

RESOLVED

That the Council appoint the following representative's to serve upon the various Committee's for the ensuing year:-

- a) Swanscombe & Greenhithe Association of Sports Clubs:-
Councillor's A C Ash-Smith, D J Cowell and W G East.
- b) Senior Citizens Management Committee:-
Councillor's A M Barham, T V Dixon, V Openshaw and
Mrs G M Prior.
- c) Swanscombe & Greenhithe Old Peoples Welfare Committee:-
Councillor's A C Ash-Smith and R Simmonds.
- d) County Area Committee of Kent Association of Parish
Councils:-
Councillor's A M Barham and Mrs S East.
- e) Dartford Area Committee of Kent Association of Parish
Councils:-
Councillor's M A Crosby, P S Crow and Mrs S East and the
Town Clerk.
- f) Gravesend & District Society for Mentally Handicapped:-
Councillor Mrs D J Ash-Smith.
- g) Northfleet Landfill Liaison Committee:-
Councillor's M D Chater, Mrs G M Prior and R Simmonds.
- h) Knockhall Landfill Site Committee:-
Councillor's Mrs D J Ash-Smith, W G East and V Openshaw.
- i) Greenhithe Community Association Committee:-
Councillor's A C Ash-Smith and Mrs S East.
- j) Post Office Advisory Committee:-
Miss M J Lawrie.
- k) Rail Link Action Group:-
Councillor Mrs S East.
- l) Crime Prevention/ Traffic Working Party:-
Councillor's A C Ash-Smith, R D Bartlett, D J Cowell,
P S Crow, T V Dixon, R Simmonds and the Town Clerk.
- m) School Governors from 1st September 1992:-

Knockhall County Primary - V Openshaw
Sweyne County Junior - P French
County Primary - Manor Road - M Munn
- n) Body of Trustees for Senior Citizens Club - it was agreed
that this item be deferred to the next Town Council Meeting.

10 AUTHORITY FOR PAYMENT OF CHEQUES

RESOLVED

That the following Members be appointed as signatories to authorise payment of cheques:-

- a) Bank Account Barclays - Councillor's Mrs G M Prior, R Simmonds, P S Crow, B E Read, V Openshaw and Mrs S East.
- b) Town Mayor's Account - Councillor's P S Crow, Mrs S East and the Town Clerk.
- c) Town Mayor's Charity Account - the Town Clerk.

11 MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 23rd April 1992 be confirmed and signed.

12 AMENDMENTS TO STANDING ORDERS A proposal was made by Councillor P S Crow and seconded by Councillor B E Read and it was,

RESOLVED

That the Standing Orders be amended as follows:-

- (ix) Members of the Council shall be allowed to attend any Meeting of the Town Council's Committee's or Sub-Committee's as Substitute for an absent Member of such Committee or Sub-Committee.

13 SAXON HOMES Members received a copy of a letter from Saxon Homes, regarding the Childrens Playground and other land at Alkerden Lane, it was

RESOLVED

That the Town Council accept this land with immediate effect and purchase the necessary machinery.

14 ONE WORLD Members received a copy of a letter from Dartford Borough Council regarding events taking place on 30th May 1992 in aid of 'One World 92', it was agreed that this item be deferred to the Recreation and Amenities Committee to be held on 28th May 1992.

15 TOWN PLANNING The following Planning Applications were submitted for Members consideration:-

DA/92/0214 - Application for renewal of planning permission Ref No. DA87/0062 for the change of use of property to a residential nursing home.

Metraro, 33 Bean Road, Greenhithe.

OBSERVATIONS - No Observations.

DA/92/0215 - Installation of a new shop front.

Whitehill Service Station, 17a London Road, Swanscombe.

OBSERVATIONS - No Observations.

DA/92/0217 - Erection of a single storey rear extension.

71 Knockhall Road, Greenhithe.

OBSERVATIONS - No Objections - Provided neighbouring properties were informed.

DA/92/0218 - Erection of a single storey rear extension.

73 Knockhall Road, Greenhithe.

OBSERVATIONS - No Objections - Provided neighbouring properties were informed.

DA/92/0223 - Application under regulation 4 for change of use of property from residential (class C3) to use by police for vulnerable victim suite (class D1).

41a London Road, Greenhithe.

OBSERVATIONS - The Town Council support this application for change of use.

DA/92/0234 - Application for the deletion of condition (15) pursuant to planning ref No: DA/91/0301/OUT for the erection of the detached building comprising four No. 1 bedroom flats and two No. 1 bedroom houses with associated car parking and new access onto Valley View condition relating to provision of a play area.

Mount Cottage, Bean Road, Greenhithe.



OBSERVATIONS - It was agreed that the Town Mayor and Deputy Town Mayor would deal with this application.

The following decision notices had been received from Dartford Borough Council granting permission for development:-

DA/91/0655(Revised) - North Kent Commercials, Unit A1 Northfleet Industrial Estate, Lower Road, Northfleet.

DA/92/0127 - Haslington Nursing Home, 27 Bean Road, Greenhithe.

DA/92/0159 - 12 Lewis Road, Swanscombe.

16 QUESTIONS

A question was raised regarding dog fouling at Greenhithe Foreshore play area and of a broken swing.

Members were asked if they were aware of an art and craft exhibition being held at Sweyne Junior School from 23rd to 25th June 1992.

Members were reminded of the Dedication Service to be held at the Heritage Park on Sunday, 17th May 1992 at 3pm.

Councillor P S Crow thanked Members for attending and invited them to join him for refreshments.



TOWN MAYOR

MINUTES of the MEETING of the LEISURE CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE held at the GROVE HALL, THE GROVE, SWANSCOMBE on THURSDAY, 21st MAY 1992 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr. P S Crow - Chairman
Cllr. T V Dixon
Cllr. Mrs S East
Cllr. W G East
Cllr. V Openshaw
Cllr. R Simmonds

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor's A C Ash-Smith, Mrs D J Ash-Smith and D J Cowell.

17 MINUTES The Minutes of the Meetings held on 19th March and 16th April 1992 were confirmed and signed.

18 CENTRE REPORT Members had received a copy of the report from the Centre Manager.

19 LIVE MUSIC NIGHT A live music evening was to be arranged for 26th June 1992 and it was agreed that this event would need to be well advertised.

20 AMATEUR BOXING Arrangements were to be made for an amateur boxing event to be staged.

21 FAMILY DISCO A request had been made for Members to consider reducing the hire charge for this event - which was being held to raise funds to form a local under 16's Football Club,

RECOMMENDED

That £70 be charged for hire of the hall for this event.

22 HYGIENE COURSE Details of a Food and Health Hygiene Course had been received from Kent Rural Community Council to be held at Tonbridge on Saturday, 13th June 1992 at a cost of £55,

RECOMMENDED

That arrangements be made for the Centre Manager to attend the Course.

23 ADVANCE OF DISCOUNT Members were advised of the amount outstanding to 31st March 1992.

24 STOCKTAKE Members had received copies of the stocktakers reports for 36 days to 8th April 1992 and 27 days to 5th May 1992.

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25 STORAGE EXTENSION Copies of the approved drawings and notice of planning permission for the extension had been received from Dartford Borough Council.

26 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC Due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, it was

RESOLVED

That the Press and Public be excluded from the next item on the agenda.

27 RECEPTIONIST After consideration, it was

RECOMMENDED

That the vacancy for the receptionist be advertised on the notice board and in the Job Centres and the interviews be dealt with by the Town Clerk and the Centre Manager and the Chairman be advised of the decision.

28 BAR STEWARD Members were advised that the Steward's period of probation would end on 28th May 1992 and after consideration it was

RECOMMENDED

That a permanent contract be offered.

29 LEISURE CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE It was

RECOMMENDED

That 2 named members of the public be invited to attend Meetings of the Leisure Centre Management Committee, to air their views, for a trial period of 6 months.



CHAIRMAN

MINUTES of the MEETING of the RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE
held at THE GROVE HALL, THE GROVE, SWANSCOMBE on THURSDAY, 28th
MAY 1992 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr. Mrs S East - Chairman Cllr. M A Crosby
Cllr. A C Ash-Smith Cllr. P S Crow
Cllr. Mrs D J Ash-Smith Cllr. T V Dixon
Cllr. R D Bartlett Cllr. V Openshaw
Cllr. L G Caller Cllr. Mrs G M Prior
Cllr. M D Chater Cllr. B E Read

Also in attendance Mr G Cresswell - Parks Foreman.

30 MINUTES The Minutes held on 26th March 1992 were confirmed and signed.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor's D J Cowell, W G East and R Simmonds.

31 DECLARATION OF INTEREST Councillor V Openshaw declared a pecuniary interest with reference to the Sports Pavilion.

Councillor's M A Crosby, P S Crow, Mrs S East and B E Read declared a non-pecuniary interest with reference to the Sports Pavilion.

32 PARKS FOREMAN'S REPORT Members were advised that the public toilets had been vandalised, ceilings removed and tiles taken off the walls. The toilets had been repaired to make them usable.

Litter bins had been vandalised in the childrens play area in Swanscombe Park, and park staff had tried to refix them.

Park staff were receiving verbal abuse from children in the area.

Members were also advised of motor cyclists riding through the park and children riding bikes across the Bowling Greens.

The hydraulic gang mowers had been sent away and the Foreman was to be advised if they were repairable.

The roundabout at Cobham Terrace and Knockhall Road playground were in need of repair or should be removed.

Members were advised by Councillor P S Crow that a request had been made for the developers to install the playground at Cobham Terrace until the site was sold and the playground sited at Valley View.

The Kissing gate surface leading to the Sports Pavilion was in bad condition, it was suggested that new concrete be laid

RECOMMENDED

That the gang mowers have new motors fitted if needed at a cost of £400 to £500.

33 FOOTBALL PITCH ALLOCATION Members received a copy of the 1992/93 Football Pitch Allocation.

Councillor's M A Crosby and V Openshaw declared a non-pecuniary interest with reference to the Swans Football Club and Greenhithe United Football Club respectively.

It was agreed that the pitches be allocated as per list with Greenhithe United and The Swans Football Clubs playing on Sunday on pitch no. 3 on alternate weeks and that teams be charged at 50% of the normal charge if players were in full time education.

34 TOP HOUSE FOOTBALL CLUB Members were advised of a request from the Top House Football Club for an additional pitch.

35 KNOCKHALL FOOTBALL PITCH Members were advised of a Meeting held with representatives of the Top House Football Club regarding problems caused by cars driving on the pitch.

NOTED

36 CRICKET PITCH Members were advised of a Meeting with Cricket Club regarding the condition of the Cricket pitch.

NOTED

37 KNOCKHALL FOOTBALL PITCH - RENOVATION It was agreed that this item, which was deferred from the Town Council Meeting held on 23rd April 1992, be referred to the next Recreation and Amenities Committee Meeting.

38 RECYCLING PROGRAMME Members were advised of a verbal request from Dartford Borough Council to erect bottle cans and textile banks in the area. It was suggested that bottle banks be erected in Eagles Road car park and a letter be sent to Dartford Borough Council suggesting they write to the Landlord of the Railway Tavern and the British Legion Club. It was also suggested that Dartford Borough Council write to the Swanscombe Business Centre asking for permission to erect a bottle bank.

39 HERITAGE PARK Members were advised of a Meeting held on 4th April 1992 regarding the wooden fence at Heritage Park. It was agreed that another Meeting be held on Wednesday, 10th June 1992 at 7pm with the Heritage Park Working Party.

40 GROVE HALL FENCING Members received copies of estimates for the erection of fencing at the Grove Hall, it was agreed that this item be deferred to the next Recreation and Amenities Committee.

41 PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT Members were advised that the engineers report had been received following the six monthly inspection.

42 PESTICIDES Members were advised of a publication which was available at a cost of £13.50 entitled 'Pesticides'.

43 CHARITY CRICKET MATCH Members were advised of the Charity Cricket Match to be held on 1st July 1992 at Broomfield Sports Ground, when Swanscombe and Greenhithe Cricket Club were to play the Mayors XI.

44 NEW BURIAL GROUND ALLOTMENTS Members were advised of a letter received from Dartford Borough Council regarding the renewal of the Lease which expired on 14th September 1991 and proposing that the rent be increased to £50 per annum for 7 years

RECOMMENDED

That a letter be sent to Dartford Borough Council asking that they reconsider as the Council were already paying a Licence fee of £75.00.

45 'ONE WORLD 92' Members had received a copy of a letter from Dartford Borough Council at the Annual General Meeting, when it was referred to this Committee for consideration. It was agreed that Dartford Borough Council be advised that the Town Council regarded this as a long term scheme and were in the process of arranging for additional recycling banks being installed.

46 LITTER AND DOG FOULING Members received a copy of a letter from a local resident regarding the lack of litter baskets and dog fouling on Greenhithe Foreshore, it was

RECOMMENDED

That a litter bin and a 'No Dogs' sign be erected.

47 STATION ROAD CAR PARK Members were advised of a reply received from Kent County Council confirming that the main scheme contract works for the TIR stage 1 would incorporate the requirement to provide the new car park before the existing one could be closed.

NOTED

48 MANOR PARK Members were advised that a letter had been received from Crest Homes advising that their Planning Manager and Eric Davis of Dartford Borough Council were adamant that the fencing should remain as originally proposed, it was

RECOMMENDED

That a Meeting be arranged with Crest Homes and Eric Davis to discuss the issue of fencing open space areas.

49 ALKERDEN LANE Members received a copy of a letter from a resident of Saxon Court regarding problems with footballs being kicked into her garden. It was agreed that this item be deferred and prices for fencing be obtained. The Clerk to enquire about planning permission requirements from Dartford Borough Council.

50 KENT STRUCTURE PLAN Members received a copy of a letter from Kent County Council regarding the Structure Plan Third Review, which was to be held on Tuesday, 7th July 1992 at 2pm at County Hall, Maidstone, it was

RECOMMENDED

That Councillor R D Bartlett attend and expenses be paid.

51 KENT UNDER 11's Members were advised that the Annual General Meeting was to be held at County Hall on Friday, 5th June 1992.

NOTED

52 CIVIC SERVICE Members were advised of an invitation that had been received from Councillor and Mrs Huxley to attend the Civic Service at St Nicholas Church, Southfleet on Sunday, 14th June 1992.

Councillor B E Read declared a pecuniary interest with reference to the next item and left the Meeting.

53 SWANSCOMBE PARK Members were advised of a letter received from the Swanscombe and Greenhithe Residents Association requesting permission to use Swanscombe Park on Sunday, 28th June 1992 for their Annual Fete

RECOMMENDED

That this be agreed subject to the usual conditions.

54 MANOR PARK - STREET NAMES Members were advised of a letter received from Dartford Borough Council regarding names for two new estate roads and it was

RECOMMENDED

That the Town Council accept St Peters, St Pauls and Manor Close - and recommended Stopes, Erasmus or Weldon Close instead of Park Close.

55 TOWN PLANNING

The following planning applications had been received from Dartford Borough Council for Members consideration:-

DA/92/0253 - Erection of a single storey rear extension.

51 Knockhall Road, Greenhithe.

OBSERVATIONS - No Objections - Providing neighbouring properties were informed.

DA/92/0254 - Erection of a single storey rear extension for storage use.

102-104 Knockhall Road, Greenhithe.

OBSERVATIONS - No Objections - Providing neighbouring properties were informed.

DA/92/0262 - Erection of a single storey rear extension.

25 Church Road, Swanscombe.

OBSERVATIONS - No Objections - Providing neighbouring properties were informed.

The following Decision Notices had been received granting permission for development:-

- DA/92/0153 - Swanscombe Sports Centre, Craylands Lane, Swanscombe.
- DA/92/0096 - The Arches, Mounts Road, Greenhithe.
- DA/92/0087 - 35 Knockhall Chase, Greenhithe.
- DA/92/0084 - 31 The Grove, Swanscombe.
- DA/88/1015/B - Land at the junction of London Road and Knockhall Road, Greenhithe.

56 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC Due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, it was

RESOLVED

That the Press and Public be excluded from the remainder of the Meeting.

57 CHURCH ROAD HALL A report on the usage of the halls had been circulated and after a lengthy discussion it was

RECOMMENDED

By a recorded vote of 6 for, 5 against and 1 abstention, that the Church Road Hall would not be sold at the present time.

CHAIRMAN



RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE - 28th MAY 1992

Agenda
Ref 4

Clerk's Report - Football Allocation

Broomfield Road

Pitch 1	Saturday	am	No Play	
		pm	Swanscombe United + Reserve side (every week)	

Pitch 2	Saturday	am	No Play	
		pm	Fort F C Swanscombe Athletic) alternate weeks

Pitch 3	Saturday	am	No Play	
		pm	No Play	

Pitch 1	Sunday	am	No Play	
		pm	Swanscombe Tigers	

Pitch 2	Sunday	am	Springvale - every week (2 teams)	
		pm	No Play	

Pitch 3	Sunday	am	Alma House Swanscombe Sun) alternate weeks
		pm	Swanscombe Tigers	<i>G. G. Utd. The Swans.</i>

Knockhall road

Saturday	am	No Play	
	pm	Rising Sun Joyce Green) alternate weeks

Sunday	am	Top House Eastgate) alternate weeks
	pm	No Play	<i>Sw. Tigers every week</i>

MINUTES of a MEETING of the FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE held at THE GROVE HALL, THE GROVE, SWANSCOMBE on THURSDAY, 11th JUNE 1992 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr. B E Read - Chairman
Cllr. Mrs D J Ash-Smith Cllr. P S Crow
Cllr. R D Bartlett Cllr. T V Dixon
Cllr. L G Caller Cllr. Mrs S East
Cllr. M D Chater Cllr. V Openshaw
Cllr. M A Crosby Cllr. R Simmonds

58 MINUTES The Minutes of the Meeting held on 8th April 1992 were confirmed and signed.

Councillor's Mrs D J Ash-Smith and Mrs S East entered Committee Room.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor's A C Ash-Smith, D J Cowell and Mrs G M Prior.

59 INCOME FOR MARCH 1992 The income for March amounting to £15,067.75 was received as set out in the annexed list.

60 ACCOUNTS PAID FOR MARCH 1992 The Clerk reported that accounts amounting to £27,804.47 had been paid during March.

61 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT Members were advised of the following accounts which had been received for payment:-

Groundwork Trust - £4,700.00
Dartford Borough Council - £1921.44

RECOMMENDED

That these accounts be paid. Members were also advised that the combined Council insurance and the motor vehicle insurance had been paid.

62 ANNUAL AUDIT Members received a copy of the reconciliation to 31st March 1992, and were advised that the annual audit had been completed.

RECOMMENDED

That the breakdown of £83,565.65 and the actual figures for 1991/92 be submitted for Members at the next Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting.

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63 WORLD WIDE FUND FOR NATURE Members were advised that the annual subscription in the sum of £33 was due for renewal, it was

RECOMMENDED

That this subscription be renewed.

64 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE Members received a report from the Local Government Review Committee including a questionnaire regarding current parish views, it was

RECOMMENDED

That the Sub-Committee's recommendations be accepted.

65 COUNCIL FOR THE PROTECTION OF RURAL ENGLAND Members were advised of correspondence received seeking financial assistance.

NOTED

66 COMMUNITY CARE PLAN Members were advised that the Area Community Care Plan 1992/93 -1994/95 had been received.

NOTED

67 COUNTY CONSTABULARY Members were advised that the Policing Charter for Kent had been received.

NOTED

68 BUS PASSENGER SHELTERS Members received a copy of a letter from Kent County Council regarding grants to Parish Councils.

NOTED

69 KENT TRUST FOR NATURE CONSERVATION Members were advised that correspondence had been received and the annual subscription was due for renewal in the sum of £25.00.

RECOMMENDED

That the subscription be renewed.

70 TRANSPORT FOR NURSING STAFF Members received a copy of a letter from Dartford and Gravesham Health Authority regarding the withdrawal of transport for nursing staff.

NOTED

MB

71 NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH Members were advised of a letter received from the Kent County Constabulary advising of 6 co-ordinators in the area, it was

RECOMMENDED

That an invitation be extended to a representative of the police to attend Meetings of the Crime Prevention/Traffic Working Party.

72 NATIONAL PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION Members were advised that a copy of the Annual Report and Accounts for 1991 had been received from the National Playing Fields Association.

NOTED

73 LOGIC Members were advised that the April issue of Logic had been received.

NOTED

74 AIR POLLUTION Members were advised of an invitation received to attend the National Conference on Wednesday, 8th July 1992 at the Orchard Theatre, Dartford.

NOTED

75 TRANSFER OF LICENCE Members were advised of a letter received from Licenced Properties Services notifying that Sheila Luke and Jason Lane were to apply for the Full Transfer of the Justices' Licence for the Blue Anchor Public House on 3rd July 1992.

NOTED

76 COMMISSION OF EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES Members were advised that Fact Sheets no 92/24 and 92/09, entitled Stride and Rechar regarding research and technology transfer and reconversion of coal mining areas had been received.

NOTED

77 TIDY BRITAIN GROUP Members were advised of the Summer 1992 leaflet entitled 'Litter Matters' which had been received.

NOTED

78 GYPSY POLICY IN KENT Members had received a copy of the Kent Community Gypsy Policy document and comments were requested by 31st July 1992.

NOTED



79 SOUTHERN WATER Members were advised that the Customer Report 1991/92 had been received for the Kent Division.

NOTED

80 BOUNDARIES OF LONDON Members received copies of correspondence from the Kent Association of Parish Councils regarding the boundaries of Greater London and a copy of report no 627 had also been obtained from the Boundary Commission.

NOTED

81 KENT ASSOCIATION OF PARISH COUNCILS - INSURANCE Members were advised that the professional indemnity insurance cover had been withdrawn from 31st May 1992, copies of the updated Constitution and Terms of Reference for Area Committee's had been received.

Members also received copies of the Parish New No's 188 and 189 and were advised that the Local Council Review had been received.

NOTED

82 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCIL Members were advised that the Direct Information Service Nos: 272, 273, 274, 275 and 276 had been received and were available in the office.

NOTED

83 KENT RURAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL Members were advised that the Kent Rural Community Council were to have a stand at the County Show from 16th to 18th July 1992.

Members were also advised that the Summer issue of Oast to Coast had been received alongwith a report on the Village Halls Conference and Village Halls Information Sheet.

NOTED

84 KENT ASSOCIATION FOR UNDER 11's Members were advised that Newsletter no. 9 had been received.

NOTED

85 KENT ASSOCIATION OF PARISH COUNCILS - PARISH NEWS Members had received a copy of issue 190 of the Parish News and were advised of a questionnaire that had been received concerning the Local Government Review, which was completed for return to Kent Association of Parish Councils.

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86 SPONSORED WALK Members were advised of a sponsored walk taking place along The Darenth Valley Path on Monday, 31st August 1992.

NOTED

87 ASSOCIATION OF KENTISH MEN Members were advised of a letter received regarding a Citation to be advertised regarding the Invicta Monument being erected in the Churchyard of St Peter and St Paul Church.

NOTED

88 DARTFORD LOCAL PLAN Members were advised of a letter received from Dartford Borough Council regarding the Dartford Local Plan Commended Changes, it was agreed that Councillor Mrs Ash-Smith hold a Meeting with the Chief Planning and Design Officer of Dartford Borough Council.

89 GREENHITHE QUAY DEVELOPMENT Members received a copy of a letter sent to Dartford Borough Council from Councillor M A Crosby regarding the Proposed Play Area at Greenhithe Quay Development.

NOTED

90 TOWN PLANNING The following planning application received from Dartford Borough Council was submitted for Members consideration:-

DA/92/0269 - Renewal of temporary planning permission ref no. DA/88/0883 for the retention of a temporary warehouse extension to existing unit for a further period of five years.

Regent Furniture - Unit A4 Kent Kraft Industrial Estate off Lower Road, Northfleet.

OBSERVATIONS - No Objections.

The following Decision Notices had been received granting permission for development:-

DA/92/0218 - 73 Knockhall Road, Greenhithe.
DA/92/0217 - 71 Knockhall Road, Greenhithe.
DA/92/0214 - Metraro, 33 Bean Road, Greenhithe.

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91 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC Due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, it was

RESOLVED

That the Press and Public be excluded from the remainder of the Meeting.

92 CHURCH ROAD HALL Members were advised of a letter received from CBHB & P Solicitors regarding the Church Road Hall.

Members agreed that a Meeting take place with the owners of 2 Church Road, the Chairman of the Recreation and Amenities Committee and the Town Clerk.

It was also suggested that a quote be obtained for a stud wall to be erected.

93 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was advised that the Footpath between Craylands Lane and Knockhall Road was overgrown.

The handrail leading to Ingress Gardens was in need of attention.

The diverted Footpath in Southfleet Road was overgrown.

Members were advised that Mrs Bassant and Mr Halford were leaving Swanscombe School in August, it was agreed that this item be discussed further at the next Town Council Meeting.

The Chairman reported that he would be holding a Presentation Evening on 22nd June 1992 at the Church Road Hall at 8pm for the proceeds of his Charity Fund to be distributed between local Organisations.

CHAIRMAN



INCOME FOR MARCH 1992

Administration	Use of Copier	7.18	
	Interest HIA	4748.46	
	Interest BPA	689.17	5444.81
Community Halls	Sports Pavilion	750.00	
	Grove Hall	156.68	
	Church Road	182.72	1089.40
Allotments	Garage Payment		474.00
Squash			389.29
Leisure Centre	Membership	435.66	
	Table Tennis	31.65	
	Badminton	375.83	
	5X5 Football	496.60	
	Bowls	16.34	
	Fitness Room	746.81	
	Short Tennis	5.10	
	Volleyball	68.94	
	Trampoline	107.99	
	Childs. Parties	33.53	
	Sale/Hire Equip.	44.60	
	Private Func.	985.27	
	Karate	85.11	
	Dancercise	8.52	
	Vend. m/c's	31.29	
	Telephone	62.30	
	Weigh. m/c	10.40	
	Reimburse. (DBC)	130.00	
	Tae Kwondo	47.66	
	Hairdryers	4.85	
	Old Tyme Music Hall	209.79	3938.24
Bar	Bar Takings	3178.40	
	Food	343.00	
	Gaming m/c's	210.61	3732.01
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ACCOUNTS PAID FOR MARCH 1992

<u>VOUCHER NO.</u>		<u>TOWN COUNCIL</u>	<u>LEISURE CENTRE</u>
629	Wages (WK 48)	981.82	
630	Advertising		350.56
631	Miscellaneous		64.45
632	Publication	5.00	
633	Equipment		28.17
634	Equipment Repair		168.08
635	Admin/Centre Supplies	8.83	8.22
636	Bar Food		10.50
637	Donation S137	30.00	
638	Advertising	19.39	19.39
639	Cleaning	416.00	
640	Subscription	44.00	
641	Glasswasher Lease		51.28
642	Entertainment (Old Tyme Music Hall)		630.00
643	Wages WK 49	862.88	23.77
644	Inland Revenue	2347.82	1643.71
645	Bar Supplies (Spirits)		76.16
646	Water Account	130.38	
647	Wages		164.50
648	Bar Supplies (Gas)		11.99
649	Equipment		50.94
650	Equipment Repair		24.00
651	Parks Equipment	49.35	
652	Repairs & Service (Park Machinery)	102.93	
653	Maintenance		81.42
654	Centre Equipment		48.18
655	Centre Maintenance		529.22
656	Bar Supplies (Soft Drinks)		171.41
657	Planning Application Fee		110.00
658	Equipment Hire		110.37
659	Wages WK 50	712.94	
660	Repairs	293.75	
661	Cleaning Equipment	127.76	5.95
662	Personal Hygiene		160.99
663	Bar Supplies (Food)		96.99
664	Bar Supplies (Tobacco)		150.61
665	Bar Supplies (Beer)		320.68
666	T V Hire (2 Months)		24.98
667	Stocktake Report		82.25
668	Bar Supplies (Beer)		678.97
669	Parks Vehicle	2.64	
670	Bar Cleaning Materials		92.02
671	Street Lighting	43.70	
672	Advertising	9.99	9.99
673	Centre Cleaning		15.74
674	Centre Equipment		31.14
675	Subscription	12.00	
676	Monthly Salaries	2670.42	4636.67
677	Wages WK 51	862.03	36.48
678	Allotment Rent	15.52	
679	Election Expenses	2881.45	
680	Park Materials	78.96	

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VOUCHER NO.TOWN COUNCILLEISURE CENTRE

681	Food Supplies		22.26
682	Food Miscellaneous		19.74
683	Centre Equipment		18.21
684	Centre Maintenance		168.07
685	Donation (GCA) S137	1428.75	
686	Taxi's (OAP) S137	32.00	
687	Wages		164.50
688	Photocopier Charges	298.80	
689	Town Mayors Reception (Catering)	365.00	
690	Town Mayors Reception (Table Decorations)	90.00	
691	Commission Charges	397.91	
692	Town Mayors Reception (Flowers)	15.00	
693	Admin Contract for Scribe	116.33	
694	Park Fuel & Repairs	479.41	
695	Taxi's (OAP) S137	36.00	
696	Signs (Centre)		24.00
697	Gaming m/c Rent		173.00
698	Casual Staff		44.00
699	Food Expenses		255.20
700	Casual Staff		91.70
701	Park Trucks Fuel & Repair	119.90	
702	Food Expenses		15.35
		<u>£16,088.66</u>	<u>£11,715.81</u>

GRAND TOTAL: £27,804.47

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MINUTES of a MEETING of the LEISURE CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
held at the LEISURE CENTRE, CRAYLANDS LANE, SWANSCOMBE on
THURSDAY, 18th JUNE 1992 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr. P S Crow - Chairman
Cllr. A C Ash-Smith
Cllr. Mrs D J Ash-Smith
Cllr. T V Dixon
Cllr. Mrs S East
Cllr. W G East
Cllr. V Openshaw

Also in attendance were Mr G Baker and Mr C Holt.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor R Simmonds.

94 CENTRE REPORT Members received a copy of the report from the Centre Manager.

Cllr's Mrs S East and W G East entered Committee Room

95 QUOTATIONS Members were advised that the Centre Manager had received a quotations from Sunlock Blinds regarding blinds being fitted to the hall side of the windows in the bar and the viewing gallery at a total cost of £365.74 plus VAT, it was

RECOMMENDED

That the blinds be purchased.

Members were also advised that a quotation had been received from Swift Clean regarding the cleaning of the main water tank at a cost of £317.00, it was agreed that this item be deferred to the next Leisure Centre Management Committee Meeting once further quotations had been obtained.

96 WRESTLING Members were advised that the next Wrestling Match was to be held on 31st October 1992.

97 AMATEUR BOXING Members were advised that the Chairman had been in touch with the South East Regional Boxing Coach, and was hoping to hold an Amateur Boxing event before Christmas.

98 FIRE INSPECTION Members were advised that the local Fire Officer had recently inspected the Centre, it was pointed out that there was no emergency lighting in the disabled toilets and it was agreed that this could only be introduced once recommendations had been received from the Fire Officer.

Cllr. P S Crow declared an interest in the next item and the Meeting was chaired by Councillor W G East.

99 TOWN MAYOR'S FAMILY EVENING Members were advised of a family evening to be held on 5th September 1992 for the Mayor's Charity and that the band would play free of charge, it was

RECOMMENDED

That the hall be donated free of charge.

Cllr. P S Crow resumed the chair

100 CHILDREN'S SUMMER ACTIVITIES Members were advised that the Duty Officer and Recreation Assistant were organising the childrens summer activities for the school holidays.

101 STOCKTAKE REPORT Members had received copies of the stocktake report, and it was

RECOMMENDED

That as the Bar Stewards probationary period has been completed, future stocktakes be extended to a 60 day period.

102 COMPULSORY COMPETITIVE TENDERING Members received a copy of a letter from the Department of the Environment advising that the Town Council should seek legal advice but it would seem that, as the Leisure Centre was not used predominately for sport, it could therefore be exempt from the provisions of the Act.

103 INSURANCE Members received a copy of a letter from Municipal Mutual Insurance alongwith copies of alternative safes, it was agreed that this item be deferred to the next Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting.

104 BLOCK BOOKINGS It was suggested that the Centre Manager look into future block bookings.

105 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC Due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, it was

RESOLVED

That the Press and Public be excluded from the remainder of the Meeting.

106 RECEPTIONIST Members were advised that the chosen applicant had declined the position as Receptionist and the Centre Manager would be looking into other applicants.

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107 POT BOYS Members were asked to consider the minimum age regarding Pot Boys and it was agreed that no person under the age of 16 would be employed.

108 CASUAL STAFF Members were asked to consider clothing for casual staff, it was agreed that the staff wear a white blouse with identity badge and a dark coloured skirt or trousers, with effect from 1st July 1992, it was also suggested that the Bar Steward consider wearing a white shirt.



CHAIRMAN

MINUTES of a MEETING of the SWANSCOMBE & GREENHITHE TOWN COUNCIL,
held at THE GROVE HALL, THE GROVE, SWANSCOMBE on THURSDAY,
25th JUNE 1992 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr. P S Crow - Town Mayor
Cllr. Mrs D J Ash-Smith Cllr. W G East
Cllr. L G Caller Cllr. V Openshaw
Cllr. D J Cowell Cllr. Mrs G M Prior
Cllr. T V Dixon Cllr. B E Read
Cllr. R Simmonds

Prayers were read by Reverend T Mercer.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor's
A C Ash-Smith, R D Bartlett, M D Chater, M A Crosby and
Mrs S East.

109 DECLARATION OF INTEREST Councillor V Openshaw declared a
non-pecuniary interest with reference to the Swanscombe Tigers
and a pecuniary interest with reference to the Sports Pavilion.

Councillor's D J Cowell and B E Read declared a non-pecuniary
interest with reference to the Sports Pavilion.

110 MINUTES The Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th May 1992
were confirmed and signed.

111 LEASE' Members were advised that the Lease' for the land at
Swanscombe Street and Children's Playground and Other Land at
Alkerden Lane had been received.

112 EXECUTIVE MEETING Moved by Councillor B E Read and seconded
by Councillor Mrs D J Ash-Smith

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Executive Meeting held on 6th May 1992 be
confirmed and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

113 LEISURE CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE Moved by
Councillor P S Crow and seconded by Councillor V Openshaw

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Leisure Centre Management Committee held
on 21st May 1992 be confirmed and the recommendations contained
therein be adopted.



114 RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE Moved by
Councillor R Simmonds and seconded by Councillor T V Dixon

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Recreation and Amenities Committee held on 28th May 1992 be confirmed and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

115 SWANS FOOTBALL CLUB Reference Minute 33 - Members agreed that this be amended regarding Councillor V Openshaw declaring a non-pecuniary interest with Greenhithe United and that this be amended to Swanscombe Tigers Youth Football Club.

116 LITTER AND DOG FOULING Reference Minute 46 - Members were advised that the 'No Dogs' sign erected at Greenhithe Foreshore had been taken down and thrown into the river. It was agreed that this be discussed further at the next Recreation and Amenities Committee Meeting.

117 FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE Moved by
Councillor B E Read and seconded by Councillor L G Caller

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 11th June 1992 be confirmed and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

118 DARTFORD LOCAL PLAN Reference Minute 88 -
Councillor Mrs D J Ash-Smith advised Members of a Meeting with Adrian Penfold regarding the Dartford Local Plan, and it was agreed that a joint Meeting be arranged.

119 GREENHITHE QUAY DEVELOPMENT Reference Minute 89 -
Councillor Mrs D J Ash-Smith advised Members of a Meeting with Dartford Borough Council regarding the proposed play area at Greenhithe Quay Development. The play area was to be installed and Members voiced their concern about possible vandalism - should the Town Council take on the responsibility for this area in the future.

120 BODY OF TRUSTEES - SENIOR CITIZENS Members received copies of the Constitution of the Senior Citizens Club, it was agreed that this item be deferred to the next Town Council Meeting.



121 REPORTS OF COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

Councillor V Openshaw reported that the Senior Citizens Committee would prefer to hold Meetings in the afternoons.

Councillor Mrs D J Ash-Smith reported that the Gravesend and District Society for the Mentally Handicapped had held Jumble Sales, Barbecues and Outings - 2 Annual Meetings had been held including one with the Social Services.

It was asked if the Town Mayor would visit the Centre for Mentally Handicapped.

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Governors of Manor Road Infants School held on Monday, 18th May 1992 had been received alongwith a report of the Meeting held on 1st June 1992 of the Building and Ground Maintenance Sub-Committee.

Councillor R Simmonds advised Members that the Age Concern Annual General Meeting had been held and their main project was to obtain a satellite for the Oast House.

122 TOWN MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Town Mayor informed Members of his Charity Cricket Match being held on Wednesday, 1st July 1992 at Broomfield Sports Ground at 6.00pm.

The Swanscombe Skull Display was to be unveiled on Tuesday, 30th June 1992 at 1pm.

Members were also advised that the Town Mayor was to visit Russia on 31st July 1992 and it was suggested that a gift be presented from the people of Swanscombe.

The Town Mayor's Civic Reception would be held on 20th March 1993.

The Annual Bowls Match of the Town Council versus the Swanscombe and Greenhithe Bowls Club was to be held on Sunday, 26th July 1992 at 3.00pm.

123 TOWN PLANNING The following Planning Application was submitted for Members consideration:-

DA/92/0297 - Erection of a Porch.

15 Church Road, Swanscombe.

OBSERVATIONS - No Objections - Providing neighbouring properties were informed.



The following Planning Application received from Dartford Borough Council had been withdrawn:-

DA/91/0599 - Erection of a single storey rear extension.
60 Sun Road, Swanscombe.

Members received a copy of a letter from Dartford Borough Council regarding the following planning application:-

DA/92/0095/OUT - Redevelopment of the site to provide 24 No. houses, 75 No. flats 14,902 Sq M of B1 conversion of existing training college buildings into hotel and conference centre, change of use and extension of existing Ingress Abbey to form offices, associated car parking, roadways and improved vehicular access from London Road.

Ingress Park, London Road, Greenhithe.

It was agreed that a letter be sent to Dartford Borough Council advising Members feel that the area is of natural beauty and and of their concern over vehicular access.

124 QUESTIONS

It was advised that a presentation would be given to Mrs Bassant of Swanscombe County Infants School.

Members were concerned regarding the closure of Swanscombe High School and reports that Kent County Council were looking to house Infants in a section of the School.

The over-usage of football pitches were questioned as parts of the pitches were bare.

Enquiries had been made to Kent County Council regarding the football pitches at Swanscombe School which the Town Council could lease on a yearly basis for recreational use.

125 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC Due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted it was

RESOLVED

That the Press and Public be excluded from the remainder of the Meeting.

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126 CHURCH ROAD HALL Members were advised of correspondence received regarding Church Road Land, after discussion it was agreed that the Town Council seek advice from the Solicitors and report back to the next Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R.S. Green". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the printed name "TOWN MAYOR".

TOWN MAYOR

MINUTES of the MEETING of the RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE
held at THE GROVE HALL, THE GROVE, SWANSCOMBE on THURSDAY,
2nd JULY 1992

Present: Cllr. Mrs S East - Chairman Cllr. P S Crow
Cllr. R D Bartlett Cllr. T V Dixon
Cllr. L G Caller Cllr. V Openshaw
Cllr. D J Cowell Cllr. B E Read
Cllr. M A Crosby Cllr. R Simmonds

Also in attendance Mr G Cresswell - Parks Foreman.

127 MINUTES The Minutes of the Meeting held on 28th May 1992 were confirmed and signed.

Apologies for Absence were received from Councillor's W G East and Mrs G M Prior.

128 DECLARATION OF INTEREST Councillors V Openshaw and M A Crosby declared a non-pecuniary interest with reference to the Swanscombe Tigers pitch allocation.

Councillors Mrs S East, D J Cowell, B E Read and M A Crosby declared a non-pecuniary interest with reference to the Sports Pavilion.

Councillor V Openshaw declared a pecuniary interest with reference to the Sports Pavilion.

129 PARKS FOREMAN REPORT

The Park Foreman reported that a price was being obtained for the window grill at the Church Road Hall to be welded into position.

Cars and bikes were still being driven through the Park and bricks and concrete were being thrown at Park staff.

It was suggested that a Meeting be arranged with the Bowling Club to discuss the use of the rink at weekends.

Members were also advised that the 'No Dogs' sign at Greenhithe Foreshore had been removed and thrown in the river, it was

RECOMMENDED

That a letter be sent to the residents near Ingress Park advising that the Council intend to replace the sign and would not hesitate to take legal action against any person removing the sign or destroying Council property.

Members were advised that the safety surface in the Park was in poor condition and was in need of replacing, it was agreed that this item be discussed at the next Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting.

J Kent

The Roundabout in Swanscombe Park was to be taken out of use until the surfacing had been improved.

Members received a copy of the list of Parks equipment from the Foreman.

130 KNOCKHALL ROAD FOOTBALL GROUND Members were advised that it would be possible to have a 3/4 pitch at Knockhall Road, but in the opinion of the Groundsman it would be water-logged.

131 SWANSCOMBE TIGERS Members received a copy of a letter from the Swanscombe Tigers regarding pitch allocation for 1992/93 season, it was

RECOMMENDED

That the Swanscombe Tigers be allowed to have use of Knockhall pitch on Sunday afternoons for the 1992/93 season.

The Clerk was asked to make enquiries to Kent County Council regarding the possibility of leasing the pitches at Swanscombe High School.

132 TREE AND CONSERVATION GRANTS Members were advised that a Tree and Conservation Agreement had been received from Kent County Council to be signed and returned, it was agreed that the Council proceed with this.

133 THE DOWNS BOWLS CLUB Members had received a copy of a letter from the Downs Bowls Club asking the Council to reconsider a mobile unit being installed in Swanscombe Park, it was

RECOMMENDED

That the previous decision not be changed and the Downs Club be advised that Members hoped that sometime in the future an amicable arrangement could be made with the Swanscombe Bowls Club.

134 KNOCKHALL CHANGING ROOMS Members were advised of a verbal quote from Bergas to install automatic drain valves, lower water pipes, electrics and shower heads descale shower units and water heater and install magnetic scale reducers - in the sum of £585 plus VAT

RECOMMENDED

That quote be accepted.



135 GRASS MOWING Members were advised of a Quotation received from Gravesham Services for gang-mowing services.

NOTED

136 KISSING GATE - THE GROVE Members were advised of an estimate received to move the Kissing gate and posts in The Grove in the sum of £135.00 plus VAT, it was

RECOMMENDED

That the Sports Association be approached regarding the cost involved.

137 SAXON HOMES Members were advised that a site meeting was to be held on Friday, 10th July 1992 at 2.30pm with Saxon Homes.

138 RECYCLING BANKS Members received a copy of a letter from Dartford Borough Council regarding the siting of recycling banks in the Swanscombe and Greenhithe area, it was

RECOMMENDED

That a paper bank be installed in the Grove car park on a trial basis.

139 GROVE HALL FENCING It was agreed that this item be added to the agenda for the next Town Council Meeting.

140 KENT STRUCTURE PLAN Members were advised that the Kent Structure Plan Third Review Consultation Document had been received from Kent County Council.

NOTED

141 PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP Members received copies of the Parish Paths Partnership Initiative from Kent County Council.

NOTED

142 KENT TRUST FOR NATURE CONSERVATION Members received copies of information regarding sites for Nature Conservation informing of additions and amendments.

NOTED

143 COUNCIL FOR THE PROTECTION OF RURAL ENGLAND Members were advised that the Campaign for the Countryside 1992 Annual Report had been received alongwith the Summer Edition of the Countryside Campaigner and tickets for the CPRE Grand Draw.

NOTED

144 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS Members were advised that the Direct Information Service Issue No. 277 had been received alongwith the local Charity Newsletter and an invitation to attend a Local Council Law and Procedure Training Course.

NOTED



145 TOWN PLANNING The following Planning Applications had been received from Dartford Borough Council for Members consideration:-

DA/92/0331/OUT - Outline application for 4100 Sq.M Retail supermarket, 4100 Sq.M office space, 470 Sq.M Fast Food Restaurant and 2.65 acres of residential development, associated car parking estate road including details of means of access.

Land to the West of Station Road, Greenhithe.

OBSERVATIONS - Members do not feel that road structure is able to cope with more development until TIR route has been completed.

As Representatives of Greenhithe and Swanscombe, Members feel these areas will become snarled up with traffic within a few years, and Greenhithe Village will be completely destroyed.

DA/92/0332/OUT - Outline application for residential development including means of access.

Land to West of Station Road, Greenhithe.

OBSERVATIONS - Members do not feel that road structure is able to cope with more development until TIR route has been completed.

As Representatives of Greenhithe and Swanscombe, Members feel these areas will become snarled up with traffic within a few years and Greenhithe Village will be completely destroyed.

DA/92/0312 - Erection of a Conservatory.

1 Ivy Bower Close, Greenhithe.

OBSERVATIONS - No Objections - Providing Neighbouring properties are informed.

DA/88/1144A - Modification to gas control system under condition 2 of planning permission DA/88/1144A.

Greenhithe Landfill.

OBSERVATIONS - No Observations.



146 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Members were thanked for taking part in the Charity Cricket Match on 1st July 1992.

The No Cycling sign between Abbey Road and Knockhall Road would need replacing.

A Meeting of the Allotment Sub-Committee was to be arranged sometime after 1st September 1992.

CHAIRMAN

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. Hart", followed by a period.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES
COMMITTEE HELD AT THE GROVE HALL, THE GROVE, SWANSCOMBE ON
THURSDAY, 16TH JULY 1992.

Present: Cllr. R D Bartlett - Chairman
Cllr. L G Caller Cllr. T V Dixon
Cllr. P S Crow Cllr. Mrs. S East
Cllr. M A Crosby Cllr. Mrs. G M Prior

147 MINUTES The Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th June 1992 were confirmed and signed.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A C Ash-Smith, Mrs D J Ash-Smith, M D Chater, V Openshaw, B E Read and R Simmonds.

Councillor Mrs East entered the Committee Room.

148 INCOME FOR APRIL AND MAY 1992 The income for April and May amounting to £132,554.76 was received as set out in the annexed list.

149 ACCOUNTS PAID FOR APRIL AND MAY 1992 The Clerk reported that accounts amounting to £57,284.24 had been paid during April and May.

150 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT Members were advised of the following account which had been received for payment:

Price Waterhouse - £506.40 plus VAT.

RECOMMENDED

That this account be paid.

151 SAFETY SURFACING The quotations had not been received and this was deferred to the Meeting of the Town Council.

152 ANNUAL AUDIT Members were advised that the signed Certificate had been received for the Audit that had been completed to 31st March 1992.

153 VISIT TO RUSSIA Reference Minute 122, Members discussed the gift that Councillor Crow would take on his visit to Tallin from the people of this area and it was,

RECOMMENDED

That the Town Mayor, Councillor Crow be allowed to spend up to £50, under Section 176 of the Local Government Act 1972, to provide memorabilia and some low cost commodities as a gift to the people of Tallin.

Councillors Bartlett and Crosby requested their votes be recorded against the above recommendation.

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154 MANOR PARK Members had received a copy of the letter from Crest Homes concerning the fencing of the site - this item was deferred until the documents, which had been returned to the Solicitor, were received.

155 COUNCIL FOR THE PROTECTION OF RURAL ENGLAND Members were advised of a letter received seeking financial assistance towards the preservation of woodland landscapes.

RECOMMENDED

That a letter be sent advising that, although sympathetic to this appeal, the Town Council were endeavouring to improve woodlands in this area.

156 RAILINK The Clerk reported that issue no 18 of the Railink Update had been received from KCC. NOTED

157 EAST THAMES CORRIDOR Members had received a copy of the leaflet from KCC. NOTED

158 KENT TRUST FOR NATURE CONSERVATION A letter had been received seeking financial assistance towards the cost of equipment for the Tyland Barn Conservation Centre.

RECOMMENDED

That a letter be sent advising that, unfortunately the Town Council were unable to assist, as they were committed to improving areas of woodland in this locality.

159 WALKWAYS Members were advised of an information pack that had been received from the Pedestrian Association and it was suggested that this should be passed to the Traffic Working Party.

160 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW Members had received copies of the press release' which the Kent Association of District Councils had circulated. NOTED

161 LOGIC The Clerk reported that issues 5 & 6 of LOGIC had been received from KCC and were available in the office. NOTED

162 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS Issue no 278 of the Direct Information Service had been received and was available in the office. NOTED

163 URBAN PILOT PROJECTS Members were advised that information background had been received from the Commission of the European Communities. NOTED

164 WORLD WIDE FUND Members were advised of a letter that had been received seeking financial assistance with the campaign to save Africa's wildlife. The latest copy of the Wildlife magazine had also been received alongwith a gift catalogue and the newsletter. NOTED

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165 TOWN PLANNING The following decision notices had been received from Dartford Borough Council granting permission for development:

DA/92/0269 - Regent Furniture Unit A4, Kent Kraft Industrial Estate, Lower Road, Northfleet.

DA/92/0253 - 51 Knockhall Road, Greenhithe.

DA/92/0297 - 15 Church Road, Swanscombe.

166 ANY OTHER BUSINESS Councillor Mrs East suggested that a meeting of the Heritage Park Working Party be arranged and it was agreed that this be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 22nd July.

Members were reminded of the bowls match which was to be held at Swanscombe Park on Sunday, 26th July.

Questions were raised regarding the responsibilities of Estate Wardens in relation to getting vehicles removed from grass verges and pavements.

167 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC Due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted it was

RESOLVED

That the Press and Public be excluded from the remainder of the Meeting.

168 CHURCH ROAD HALL Members were advised of the letter that had been sent by the Town Council's Solicitor.



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ACCOUNTS PAID APRIL 1992

Wages 2/4/92	818.36	
Lease - kitchen equip.- glasswasher		51.28
Wages 9/4/92	725.51	
Wages 15/4/92 & petty cash	804.10	28.64
Donation to flower festival	40.00	
Bar supplies		129.25
Bar supplies		144.36
Bar supplies		730.56
Bar supplies		1175.93
Lift maintenance		137.48
Superannuation	1198.25	
Tax & national insurance	1272.02	1318.51
Electrical testing	55.86	87.41
Deisel A/c	20.00	
Electricity A/c	429.48	2878.42
Insurance - engineering policy	283.20	
Legal fees - change of licence		264.37
Gas A/c		2311.20
Water A/c - Thames	57.02	
Subscription - NALC	65.00	
Water A/c - Southern	448.60	202.23
Lease - kitchen equipment		110.37
Salaries	2488.78	4868.45
Wages 23/4/92	850.61	190.00
Business rates	412.39	590.40
Repairs - Grove Hall & Parks	45.78	
Stationary & supplies	225.42	
Allotment rent	117.50	
Cleaning maintenance		434.54
Television rental		12.49
Cleaning materials		38.61
Repairs - parks equip.	87.50	
Cleaning materials		24.95
Skip hire	49.35	
Bar supplies		36.66
Maintenance		20.73
Street lighting	46.60	
Advertising		87.98
Maintenance - fire alarm		49.35
Parks equipment	50.57	
Stationary		14.33
Alterations to foyer		428.64
Wages 30/4/92	834.53	
Gas a/c Church Road	114.73	
Children's Christmas entertainer		10.00
Telephone a/c's	251.62	643.89
Advertising	64.23	
Wages		140.00
Wages & cleaning maintenance		74.25
Wages		137.00
Cleaning maintenance		16.00
Rent & licence - gaming m/c's		306.50
Food expenses		151.13

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£11857.01

£17845.91

INCOME FOR APRIL 1992

Parks	Tennis	11.74	
	Bowls	225.00	236.74
Administration	Use of copier	86	
	Refund of commission charge	397.91	398.77
Community Halls	Grove Hall	123.05	
	Church Road	138.01	261.06
Allotments	Rents		399.70
Squash	Hire fees		419.90
Leisure Centre	Income		3358.19
Bar	Income		4687.27
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INCOME FOR MAY 1992

Parks	Cricket	375.00	
	Tennis	58.30	
	Bowls	1856.17	
	Re-imbursed - Bowls Club	62.45	2351.92
Administration	Use of copier	6.12	
	VAT refund	601.33	
	Sale of tie	4.26	
	Precept	111576.00	112187.71
Community Halls	Grove	108.40	
	Church Road	353.50	461.90
Allotments	Rents		45.66
Squash	Hire fees		27.02
Leisure Centre	Income		2848.87
Centre Bar	Income		4870.05
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			£122793.13
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ACCOUNTS PAID - MAY 1992

Lease of bar equipment		51.28
Wages - week 5	790.48	241.63
Licence fee		8.00
Electric a/c	24.07	
Tickets - wrestling		28.82
Stocktake		82.25
Subscription KAPC	362.16	
Allotment rent	28.02	
Food supplies		29.50
Repairs parks vehicles & machinery	522.39	
Subscription NPFA	25.00	
Advertising		233.71
Subscription - S E Emp. Assoc.	176.26	
Clerk's course	17.63	
Subscription KRCC	20.00	
Tax & national insurance	1978.56	1788.34
Licence fee		8.00
Diesel a/c	30.00	
Petrol a/c	93.50	
Stationary	44.10	
Bar supplies		60.12
Repairs Grove & Church Road Hall	182.13	
Kissing gate - Broomfield	700.30	
Repairs fitness equipment		235.00
Bar supplies		61.10
Water a/c		142.50
Wages - week 6 & work to Centre foyer	836.87	270.53
Wages week 7 & refurbishment to foyer	848.54	185.52
Salaries	2580.53	4479.93
Street lighting a/c	46.60	
TV hire		12.49
Car hire Senior Citizens S 137	16.00	
Bar supplies		90.51
Bar supplies		790.04
Skip hire	49.35	
Bar supplies		140.77
Bar supplies		760.01
Bar supplies		42.13
Repairs	61.92	30.96
Insurance premium	2693.63	1300.26
Hire of kitchen equipment		110.37
Wrestling event		630.00
Wages week 8	877.04	19.43
Business rates	313.35	591.00
Security services	59.75	119.52
Stocktake report		82.25
Wages		140.00
Hygiene course fee		55.00
Wages		201.00
Food expenses		124.12
Rent & licence - gaming m/c's		267.00
Wages		91.50
Refurbishment to foyer		108.55
Town Mayor's a/c.	590.00	
	<u>13968.18</u>	<u>13613.14</u>

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Total £27,581.32

MINUTES of the MEETING of the LEISURE CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE held at THE GROVE HALL, THE GROVE, SWANSCOMBE on THURSDAY, 23rd JULY 1992 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr. P S Crow - Chairman
Cllr. T V Dixon
Cllr. Mrs S East
Cllr. W G East
Cllr. R Simmonds

Also in attendance Mr G Baker and Mr C Holt.

Apologies for Absence were received from Councillor's A C Ash-Smith, Mrs D J Ash-Smith and V Openshaw.

Councillor Mrs S East entered the Committee Room.

169 WATER TANK Members were advised the 2 quotes had been obtained for the tank to be cleaned and chlorinated, after consideration it was,

RECOMMENDED

That the Centre Manager seek advice from the Environmental Health Officer and then accept the appropriate quotation.

170 RECEPTIONIST On behalf of Members, the Chairman wished the new member of staff a warm welcome and hoped she enjoyed a long and happy stay as a Receptionist at the Centre.

171 ATTENDANCE AND INCOME Figures for April, May and June were circulated as attached. Questions were raised regarding the reduced income for the fitness room. There was a need for an air flow through the fitness room and the Manager was arranging for fans to be installed.

172 FIRE OFFICER'S REPORT One quotation for the necessary work had been obtained and a further two were awaited. After consideration it was,

RECOMMENDED

That either the Chairman or Vice Chairman alongwith the Centre Manager have delegated powers to accept the most suitable quote and have the work completed.

173 PAY PHONE Members were advised of pay phones which were available and it was agreed that the Manager obtain more details to enable a decision to be made at the next Meeting.

174 SPORTS HALL LIGHTING Members were advised that the fluorescent tubes were beginning to fail and quotes were being obtained for all the lights to be replaced,

RECOMMENDED

That either the Chairman or Vice Chairman have delegated powers alongwith the Centre Manager to accept one of the quotes and have the work carried out as soon as possible.

175 FAX MACHINE Discussion took place regarding the purchase of a fax machine and it was

RECOMMENDED

That a machine be purchased for the use of the Town Council and the Leisure Centre contribute towards this expenditure.

176 BAR FOOD Members had received a report of the income and expenditure of food supplies during the trial period and it was agreed that these arrangements continue.

177 FIRE SAFETY A letter had been received from the Kent Fire Liaison Panel advising that 2 Meetings were to be held to promote awareness of the new requirements, it was

RECOMMENDED

That the Centre Manager attend at the Crest Hotel, Rochester on Wednesday, 21st October 1992.

178 ADVANCE OF DISCOUNT Members were advised that the statement had been received to June 1992.

179 COMPULSORY COMPETITIVE TENDERING Discussion took place regarding the recent letter that had been received from the Department of the Environment.

NOTED

180 HELPING THE EARTH A letter had been received from the Department of Energy seeking to promote the campaign to preserve energy resources and it was agreed that leaflets should be circulated.

181 LIGHTING Discussion took place regarding the improvements required to the lighting for events in the Sports Hall to be successful.

182 PAVEMENT PARKING A suggestion was made for bollards and railing to be erected.

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183 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC Due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, it was

RECOMMENDED

That the Press and Public be excluded from the remainder of the Meeting.

184 STAFFING Members confirmed the increase in salary for the Bar Steward with effect from 1st June 1992.



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MINUTES of a MEETING of the SWANSCOMBE AND GREENHITHE TOWN COUNCIL held at THE GROVE HALL, THE GROVE, SWANSCOMBE on THURSDAY, 30th JULY 1992 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr. P S Crow - Town Mayor
Cllr. Mrs D J Ash-Smith Cllr. T V Dixon
Cllr. A M Barham Cllr. Mrs S East
Cllr. R D Bartlett Cllr. W G East
Cllr. L G Caller Cllr. B E Read
Cllr. M A Crosby Cllr. R Simmonds

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs G M Prior.

185 DECLARATION OF INTEREST Councillor B E Read declared a non-pecuniary interest with reference to the Sports Pavilion.

186 MINUTES The Minutes of the Meeting held on 25th June 1992 were confirmed and signed.

187 SALVATION ARMY PRESENTATION Major Clive Bishop was welcomed to the Meeting by the Town Mayor.

Major Bishop advised Members that the Salvation Army had been active in the Swanscombe area up to 15 years ago when they eventually pulled out due to not owning their own property - Members were also advised that the Salvation Army worked amongst children, youth and old age pensioners. There was also a Girls Brigade and Youth Clubs in the Gravesend area.

Councillor Mrs D J Ash-Smith entered Committee Room.

It was asked if the Town Council would consider the Salvation Army being based in Swanscombe and look to providing premises with a small kitchen and it was

RESOLVED

That this item be included for discussion at the next Recreation and Amenities Committee.

188 TOWN MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Town Mayor asked that a vote of thanks be recorded for Justin Prior for the picture of St Peter and St Paul Church which had been given to the people of Talin.

Members were advised that the Crime Prevention Committee would be held on Thursday, 13th August 1992 and Substitutes were invited to attend.

The Allotment Sub-Committee Meeting would be held on 2nd or 9th September 1992.

A Meeting of the Heritage Park Working Party would be held on Monday, 17th August 1992 at 6pm at the Leisure Centre and Geraldine Moon - Groundwork Trust, and Steve Clark - English Nature, be invited to attend.

Members were also advised that an enjoyable afternoon had been spent on the bowling green on the day of the annual match and were reminded of the Charity Disco to be held on 5th September 1992.

189 PRESENTATION FROM SWANSCOMBE SCHOOL The Crest from Swanscombe High School was presented by Mr Dennis Dunn to the Town Council on behalf of Mr Halford and the School.

It was suggested that a Meeting be arranged with Officers from Kent County Council Education Department and the local MP

RESOLVED

That a letter be sent to Mr Lattimore of the Kent County Council Education Department requesting a Meeting.

190 NEW BURIAL GROUND - RENT Members were advised of a letter received from Dartford Borough Council informing that the increased rent would be £25.00 per annum.

191 TWINNING ASSOCIATION Members were advised of a letter received from Kent Association of Twinning Organisations regarding extending Twinning in the County alongwith a Questionnaire.

NOTED

192 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS Members were advised that the Direct Information Service Issue No. 279 had been received alongwith a sponsorship form for the NALC Centenary Appeal Fund.

193 KENT FEDERATION OF AMENITY SOCIETIES Members were advised of a pamphlet received from the Kent Federation of Amenities Societies and Local Government advising that their Twentieth Annual Conference was to be held at Wye College, Ashford on 12th and 13th September 1992.

194 KENT STRUCTURE PLAN Members were advised that an Information Day of the Kent Structure Plan Third Review would be held on 5th September 1992 at the County Hall, Maidstone.

195 CENTENARY WOODLANDS PROJECT Members were advised of a letter received from Kent Rural Community Council regarding the Centenary Community Woodland Project, it was agreed that more information be obtained with reference to the Heritage Park.

196 COBHAM TERRACE PLAYGROUND Members were advised of a letter received from Dartford Borough Council regarding the replacement of the play equipment, it was agreed that this item be deferred to the next Recreation and Amenities Committee Meeting.

197 LEISURE CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE Moved by Councillor P S Crow and seconded by Councillor T V Dixon

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Leisure Centre Management Committee held on 18th June 1992 be confirmed and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

198 RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE Moved by Councillor Mrs S East and seconded by Councillor L G Caller

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Recreation and Amenities Committee held on 2nd July 1992 be confirmed and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

199 FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE Moved by Councillor R D Bartlett and seconded by Councillor L G Caller

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 16th July 1992 be confirmed and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

200 LEISURE CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE Excluding Minute 175 - Moved by Councillor P S Crow and seconded by Councillor Mrs S East

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Leisure Centre Management Committee held on 23rd July 1992 be confirmed and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

201 FAX MACHINE Reference Minute 175 - Proposed by Councillor B E Read and seconded by Councillor R D Bartlett

RESOLVED

That this be accepted and a fax machine be purchased with the Leisure Centre contributing £50.00 towards this expenditure.

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202 TRUSTEES - SENIOR CITIZENS It was

RESOLVED

That Councilor M A Crosby be nominated as Trustee for the Senior Citizens Club.

203 GROVE HALL FENCING It was

RESOLVED

That the Executive Committee have delegated powers to deal with this item.

204 SAFETY SURFACE Due to vandalism of the safety surface, Members were asked to visit the site and the situation be reviewed at the next Recreation and Amenities Committee Meeting.

205 DELEGATION OF POWERS It was

RESOLVED

That the Town Mayor and the Executive Committee have delegated powers to take the necessary action during the August recess.

206 REPORTS OF COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

Councillor Mrs D J Ash-Smith advised Members that the Gravesend and District Society for the Mentally Handicapped welcomed a visit by the Town Mayor and Mayoress. The Society were hoping to build an extension and discussions were taking place regarding the new logo for the Centre.

207 NORTHFLEET LANDFILL COMMITTEE Mrs Ash-Smith advised Members that complaints had been made by local residents and it was suggested that a Meeting be arranged with Kent County Council, Blue Circle, Dartford Borough Council and local Councillors.

208 ALKERDEN LANE PLAYGROUND Members were advised of possible problems concerning the playground in Alkerden Lane, it was

RESOLVED

That the Executive Committee have delegated powers to deal and sign the documents.

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209 MANOR PARK Members were advised of concern that was felt about the agreement regarding the installation of play equipment, it was

RESOLVED

That the Executive Committee have delegated powers to deal and sign the documents.

210 TOWN PLANNING The following planning applications were submitted for Members consideration:-

DA/92/0368 - Formation of ten parking bays with associated landscaping.

Land bounded by 98-118 Broomfield Road, Swanscombe.

OBSERVATIONS - Members approve this application.

DA/92/0370 - Change of use of ground floor property from retail shop (class A1) to hot food takeaway (class A3) alteration to shop front and provision of customers parking area.

100 Church Road, Swanscombe.

OBSERVATIONS - Members are opposed to this application as the area is already well served with these type of premises. The vehicular access is not suitable and the generation of traffic would cause more problems.

DA/92/0372 - Continued use of extension to garage for office, store and treatment room for use in connection with the funeral trade.

39 The Grove, Swanscombe.

OBSERVATIONS - Members approve this application.

The following Decision Notices were received granting permission for development:-

DA/92/0312 - 1 Ivy Bower Close, Greenhithe.

DA/92/0215(Revised) - Whitehill Service Station, 17a London Road, Swanscombe.

DA/91/0423/A(Revised) - Land at Manor House, Swanscombe Street, Swanscombe.

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211 QUESTIONS

It was asked that a letter be sent to Dartford Borough Council regarding caravans being parked on the highways.

Questions were raised regarding the swings at Cobham Terrace playground.

It was also reported that the concrete pathway leading to the childrens play area on Broomfield Road sports ground was slippery.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'P. J. O'Connell', written over a horizontal line.

TOWN MAYOR

MINUTES of a MEETING of the LEISURE CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE held at the GROVE HALL, THE GROVE, SWANSCOMBE on THURSDAY, 20th AUGUST 1992 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr. P S Crow - Chairman
Cllr. A C Ash-Smith
Cllr. Mrs D J Ash-Smith
Cllr. T V Dixon
Cllr. Mrs S East
Cllr. V Openshaw

Mr G Baker
Mr C Holt

Also in attendance Councillor M A Crosby.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor's D J Cowell, W G East, R Simmonds and Mr R Bartholomew - Centre Manager.

212 SUBSTITUTES Councillor Crosby was elected to attend as substitute for Councillor Simmonds.

213 MINUTES The Minutes of the Meetings held on 21st May, 18th June and 23rd July 1992 were confirmed and signed.

214 CENTRE REPORT Members had received a copy of the report from the Centre Manager advising that membership was now 665 and enclosing usage figures - as attached.

Councillor V Openshaw entered the Committee Room.

215 STOCKTAKE REPORT Members had received a copy of the stocktake report for the 55 days to 29th July 1992.

216 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC Due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, it was

RESOLVED

That the Press and Public be excluded from the remainder of the Meeting.

217 STAFFING Members were advised of correspondence concerning a former member of staff.

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BAR RECEIPTS 1992|93

	BAR	FOOD	GAMING. MISC.	POOL TABLE	MISC	TOTAL	ACC TOTAL
APRIL	4064.22	230.91	262.10	138.72	-	4695.95	4695.95
MAY	4195.28	281.11	194.05	183.83	15.78	4870.05	9566.00
JUNE	3764.19	114.02	223.61	130.64	5.0	4237.46	13803.46
JULY	2727.54	364.77	196.85	85.10	-	3374.26	17177.72

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APRIL MAY JUNE JULY

	April		May		June		July		Weekly Att	Total Amt
	Att	Amt	Att	Amt	Att	Amt	Att	Amt		
ADMISSION ADULT		266.00		132.64		131.15		118.49		
ADMISSION JUNIOR		12.51		13.88		2.18		10.29		
ADMISSION SEN-CIT		—		2.72		1.70		9.43		
MEMBERSHIP FAMILY		7.66		7.66		7.66		15.31		
MEMBERSHIP ADULT		133.57		136.17		91.42		78.30		
MEMBERSHIP JUNIOR		6.31		5.10		3.40		10.23		
MEMBERSHIP SEN-CIT		—		—		—		1.29		
PHOTOGRAPH		13.61		9.61		5.45		11.08		
BOWLS OFF PEAK		1.53		9.18		8.83		3.06		
BOWLS PEAK	6	2.40	12	—	3	—	4	—		
T.T. OFF PEAK		—		1.02		—		2.01		
T.T. PEAK		—		1.53		2.59	6	3.05		
5-V-5 OFF PEAK		116.86		133.20		57.24		114.86		
5-V-5 PEAK	610	436.18	487	342.13	564	358.71	524	361.65		
SHORT.T. OFF PEAK		2.04		—		—		5.09		
SHORT.T. PEAK	4	3.06	0	—	4	—	13	19.17		
BADMINTON OFF PEAK		56.17		36.77		26.56		42.84		
BADMINTON PEAK	235	274.72	330	423.94	503	481.35	401	379.98		
WEIGHTS INDUCTION		36.17		55.32		36.17		24.75		
WEIGHTS OFF PEAK	228	134.81	199	178.72	273	112.55	239	114.17		
WEIGHTS PEAK		416.18		434.55		324.26		400.86		
AEROBICS	106	123.40	189	—	150	246.80	86	—		
JUNIOR FUN CLUB		—		—		—	77	39.34		
T.T. BALLS		—		—		—		—		
SHUTTLECOCKS		5.37		3.59		2.96		7.14		
TELEPHONE		46.04		75.74		62.21		40.58		
HAIR DRYERS		0.51		0.60		—		—		
WEIGHING MACHINE		—		8.32		6.40		—		
VENDING MACHINE		—		82.07		—		—		
COMMITTEE ROOM		10.75		—		—		—		
CHILDRENS PARTY	40	22.98	42	60.50	30	25.87	40	41.27		
SOCIAL EVENTS		4.26		263.82		—		225.01		
P & T TRAMP	27	20.50	8	11.23	20	3.74	10	6.95		
P & T ADD CHILD		0.86		1.71		0.35		2.56		
KARATE	170	85.11	90	255.32	120	85.11	92	85.09		
VOLLEY BALL	20	101.36	0	—	25	63.83	20	102.12		
CON HALL		—		—		—		—		
CON COURT		16.84		4.59		9.19		14.89		
CON BOWLS		—		—		—		—		
CON T.T		0.77		—		—		0.76		
CON FITNESS		7.67		16.59		32.43		8.93		
RAQUET & BAT HIRE		9.79		14.06		9.36		11.94		
F/BALL HIRE		35.59		22.78		23.84		23.05		
LOST DEPOSIT		—		—		—		—		
U.16 TRAMP		34.30		67.43		52.11		49.4		
ADULT TRAMP	31	39.32	64	27.11	64	14.05	15	—		
JUNIOR F/BALL		25.45		5.55		—		—		
REPLACEMENT CARD		—		—		—		—		
MISC	9	64.27	6	465.12	11	10.65		21.24		
TOTAL ATTENDING	1477		1347		1712		1527			
TOTAL INCOME		2567.70		3366.88		2255.25		2471.23		

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MINUTES of a MEETING of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held at the GROVE HALL, THE GROVE, SWANSCOMBE on THURSDAY, 20th AUGUST 1992 at 8.30pm

Present: Cllr. P S Crow - Town Mayor
Cllr. A C Ash-Smith
Cllr. Mrs D J Ash-Smith
Cllr. L G Caller
Cllr. M A Crosby
Cllr. Mrs S East
Cllr. B E Read

Also in attendance Councillor V Openshaw.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor D J Cowell.

218 SUBSTITUTES Councillor Openshaw was elected to attend as substitute for Councillor Cowell.

219 BOROUGH PRIDE Members were asked for their comments on proposals that had been put forward to improve the area of the A226 at the junction of London Road/Pilgrims Way.

Members were in agreement with the suggestions put forward for block paving, seat and litter bin but felt that the posts or railings should be made of metal.

The Clerk was to ask if the bus shelter could be improved and possibly a shelter installed near to the George and Dragon PH.

220 KENT STRUCTURE PLAN Members had received a copy of the correspondence received from the Kent Association of Parish Councils advising that comments on the Third Review of the Structure Plan should be made to Kent County Council by 25th September and asking for copies of this correspondence to be sent to Kent Association of Parish Councils by 11th September 1992

RECOMMENDED

That Councillor Bartlett be asked to respond and advise Members at the next Meeting of the Town Council.

221 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT Members were asked to approve the following accounts that had been received for payment:-

Bergas - £585.00 plus VAT
Groundwork Trust - £1887.87 plus VAT
CBHB & P Solicitors - £553.85 plus VAT

RECOMMENDED

That the above accounts be paid.

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222 CLERKS COURSE Members were advised of a letter that had been received regarding the training course for the Clerk and Councillors.

NOTED

223 MANOR PARK Members were advised of a letter that had been received suggesting that the 'condition date' should now be 31st March 1994, and of a telephone conversation suggesting a compromise date, being 30th September 1993.

After consideration it was,

RECOMMENDED

That a letter be sent advising that Members were not willing to sign these documents and request a Meeting with the person who would authorise the final decision for further discussion to take place. Members were also concerned about the lack of general maintenance of the area.

224 SAXON HOMES Members were advised that the Transfer Documents had been received and were ready for to be completed, and it was

RESOLVED

That the Documents be Sealed and Signed by the Town Mayor and the Deputy Town Mayor - as authorised at the previous Meeting of the Town Council.

225 GROVE HALL FENCING Members considered the estimates that had been obtained and it was

RECOMMENDED

That the estimate received from B R Stacey be accepted for 45.2 metres of 1.8m high galvanised chain link fencing and the Clerk to obtain an additional quote for an extra gate, an extra length of fence and increased height to take barbed wire.

226 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC Due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted it was

RESOLVED

That the Press and Public be excluded from the remainder of the Meeting.

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227 SALARIES The Clerk reported that the National Joint Council had advised the annual cost of living increase had been accepted for the Administrative, Professional, Technical and Clerical staff with an increase from 4.01 to 4.43% being agreed. After discussion it was

RECOMMENDED

That the annual increase be accepted and the percentages be rounded up to the next decimal point with the exception of the Assistant Town Clerk who should be awarded an increase of 6%.

228 CHURCH ROAD HALL Members had received a copy of the letter from the Council's Solicitor and after a lengthy discussion, it was

RECOMMENDED

That the Clerk contact the Solicitor as instructed.

229 CHRISTMAS LIGHTING Members were advised of the need to change the format of the Christmas Lighting due to some old lighting columns having been moved. It was agreed that Councillor Read, as Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee would look into this and advise the Clerk of what would be required.

230 SCHOOL TRANSPORT Members were advised of the withdrawal of the transport that was provided for children travelling from Swanscombe and Greenhithe to school at Wilmington in favour of free bus pass', it was

RECOMMENDED

That letters be sent to Kent County Council's Education Department, the Chairman of the Kent County Council Education Committee, R Dunn MP and County Councillor Marion Lawrie protesting in the strongest terms over the removal of this transport - which was provided when it was decided to close Swanscombe High School.

Councillor M A Crosby left the Committee Room.

231 TOWN PLANNING The following planning applications had been received from Dartford Borough Council and were submitted for Members consideration:-

DA/92/0426 - Erection of a light industrial unit with associated car parking.

70a High Street, Swanscombe.

OBSERVATIONS - Members are opposed to this application due to the generation of traffic through a very congested area.

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DA/92/0425 - Erection of a single storey rear extension and change of use of property to form Doctors Surgery on ground floor and a self contained flat on first floor with associated car parking.

32 London Road, Greenhithe.

OBSERVATIONS - No Objections.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'P. C. Crow', written over a large, loopy oval scribble.

TOWN MAYOR

MINUTES of a MEETING of the RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE
held at the GROVE HALL, THE GROVE, SWANSCOMBE on THURSDAY,
3rd SEPTEMBER 1992 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr. Mrs S East - Chairman
Cllr. Mrs D J Ash-Smith Cllr. T V Dixon
Cllr. A M Barham Cllr. W G East
Cllr. R D Bartlett Cllr. V Openshaw
Cllr. M D Chater Cllr. Mrs G M Prior
Cllr. D J Cowell Cllr. B E Read

Mr G Cresswell - Parks Foreman.

232 MINUTES The Minutes of the Meeting held on 2nd July 1992 were confirmed and signed.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor's A C Ash-Smith, L G Caller, P S Crow and R Simmonds.

233 DECLARATION OF INTEREST Councillor V Openshaw declared a pecuniary interest with reference to the Sports Pavilion.

Councillor's D J Cowell, Mrs S East and B E Read declared a non-pecuniary interest with reference to the Sports Pavilion.

234 PARKS FOREMAN REPORT The Parks Foreman reported of vandalism becoming more frequent in Swanscombe Park and the Cemetary brick wall had been vandalised and damage caused to the Headstones in the Cemetary.

It was suggested that a list be compiled of the names and addresses of the people involved with a list of the incidents.

It was also suggested that a letter be sent to the parents advising of the problems caused and that legal action would be taken if necessary and hold them responsible for the damage caused by their children.

Councillor M D Chater entered Committee Room.

235 ALLOTMENT SUB-COMMITTEE Members were advised that a Meeting of the Allotment Sub-Committee would be held on Wednesday, 9th September 1992 at 7.30pm at the Leisure Centre.

236 SPORTS PAVILION Members were asked to consider the use of an area to provide parking facilities for the Sports Pavilion, it was

RECOMMENDED

That the Sports Association be asked what response had been received from Blue Circle regarding land being available for parking purposes, also ask if Trustees had been arranged for the Lease.

Members were also advised of a letter received from the Sports Association informing that they were unable to assist with the cost of having the kissing gate moved.

NOTED

A letter had been received from the Solicitor informing that the delay in preparing the Lease had been caused by the Sports Association.

NOTED

237 CHURCH ROAD HALL Members were advised of an estimate that had been received with reference to wall cladding at the Church Road Hall in the sum of £911.80 plus VAT.

Members were also advised of a Meeting held with the tenants of 2 Church Road and of an inspection that had been carried out

RECOMMENDED

That a letter be sent to the residents of 2 Church Road asking that, although the Town Council were sympathetic, the shelter should be moved as it was the cause of the damp problems.

238 HERITAGE PARK Members received copies of the Report of the Meetings of the Working Party held on 10th June and 17th August 1992 alongwith copies of estimates from B R Stacey and Graham Laws for fencing at the Heritage Park and it was

RECOMMENDED

That the Graham Laws estimate be accepted and that 3 picnic benches be purchased, including one to accommodate wheelchairs.

Members were advised of a letter received from the Groundwork Trust advising that a 50% grant may be available towards the cost of fencing and picnic tables, it was agreed that the Town Council liaise with the Groundwork Trust regarding this.

239 SCHOOL TRANSPORT MEETING Members were advised of a Meeting to be held on Wednesday, 16th September 1992 at the Leisure Centre at 7.30pm to discuss the School Transport problems to Wilmington High School.

240 SWANSCOMBE SKULL SITE Members received a copy of the revised Heads of Terms for the Lease from English Nature, it was agreed that the Town Clerk query item C - To pay all outgoings and item 16 - Voluntary Wardening and that a copy be sent to the Solicitor for their advice.

Councillor's Mrs D J Ash-Smith and A M Barham entered Committee Room.

241 SWANSCOMBE BOWLING CLUB Members received a copy of the draft Lease with the Swanscombe Bowling Club, it was agreed that the Solicitor be asked to proceed with this document.

242 SWANSCOMBE SCHOOL PITCHES Members were advised of a reply received from Kent County Council regarding the leasing arrangements for the school pitches. There would not be any changing facilities and the all-weather pitch was barely usable due to poor maintenance, but discussion could be arranged.

NOTED

243 COBHAM TERRACE PLAYGROUND Members received a copy of a letter from Dartford Borough Council advising that Saxon Development would not be willing to install the equipment at Cobham Terrace Playground.

NOTED

244 SWANSCOMBE PARK Members received a copy of a letter from 3 residents of Ames Road complaining that tennis balls and footballs were being kicked into their gardens from the Park, it was

RECOMMENDED

That a letter be sent advising that Members would be looking into what this area could be used for.

245 SAFETY SURFACING Members had been asked to look at the safety surface area at Swanscombe Park and were advised that Levercrest had now been asked to inspect the surfacing under the guarantee.

246 OAST HOUSE SUMMER FETE A letter had been received asking if a donation or raffle prize could be given for their Summer Fete and it was

RECOMMENDED

That the Clerk arrange for a raffle prize to be donated.

247 SALVATION ARMY Members were asked to discuss this item, previously presented at the Town Council Meeting held on 30th July 1992, it was

RECOMMENDED

That the Salvation Army be offered use of one of the halls at a reduced rate for regular use, if available.

248 MANOR PARK Members were advised of a letter received from Crest Homes advising that the long-stop-date would be September 1993, it was also suggested a Meeting with the Working Party and Peter Bowden be set up to discuss the fencing.

249 TOWN PLANNING The following Planning Applications had been received from Dartford Borough Council for Members consideration:-

DA/92/0434 - Change of use of property from Club premises to residential to provide 2 No. three bedroom and 3 No. two bedroom flats with associated car parking.

9 High Street, Greenhithe.

OBSERVATIONS - No Objections.

DA/92/0422 - Application under section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for variation of condition (1) of planning permission Ref No. DA/88/0336/OUT for the redevelopment of site as shopping centre to allow extension of time for the submission of reserved matters.

Bluewater (Western Quarry) and Adjacent Land Watling Street, Stone.

OBSERVATIONS - No Observations.

DA/92/0426/REV - Erection of a light industrial unit with associated car parking.

70A High Street, Swanscombe.

OBSERVATIONS - Members object to this planning application as before.

Councillor R D Bartlett left Meeting.

DA/92/0452 - Retention of replacement bathroom window and installation of 2 cellar windows in front elevation.

Beach Brow, Ingress Park, Greenhithe.

OBSERVATIONS - No Objections providing neighbouring properties were informed.

Members were informed that the following Planning Applications had been dealt with during the recess under delegated powers:-

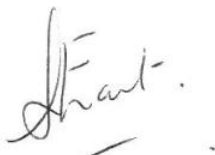
- DA/92/0421 - Erection of a single storey rear extension.
73 Leonard Avenue, Swanscombe.
- OBSERVATIONS - No Objections providing neighbouring properties were informed.
- DA/92/0396 - Erection of a double garage.
14 Manor Road, Swanscombe.
- OBSERVATIONS - No Objections providing neighbouring properties were informed.
- DA/92/0385 - Erection of a two storey side and single storey front extension to provide a double garage on ground floor with a bedroom and bathroom on first floor.
39 Ames Road, Swanscombe.
- OBSERVATIONS - The Town Council would like neighbours to be consulted but feel this extension to be out of character for the area.
- DA/92/0386 - Erection of a part single/part first floor and part two storey side extension to garage and additional bedroom and study and alterations to form habitable room in existing garage.
21 Beaton Close, Greenhithe.
- OBSERVATIONS - No Objections providing neighbouring properties have no objections.

250 QUESTIONS

It was asked that the grass be cut at the Senior Citizens Club.

It was suggested that a letter be sent to Dartford Borough Council asking why the Town Council had not been consulted and asked for their opinions about parking problems which had resulted in posts being installed on grass verges in the area.

CHAIRMAN



MINUTES of a MEETING of the LEISURE CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE held at THE GROVE HALL, THE GROVE, SWANSCOMBE on THURSDAY, 10th SEPTEMBER 1992 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr. P S Crow - Chairman
Cllr. A C Ash-Smith
Cllr. Mrs D J Ash-Smith
Cllr. D J Cowell
Cllr. T V Dixon
Cllr. Mrs S East
Cllr. W G East
Cllr. V Openshaw
Cllr. R Simmonds

The Centre Manager - Richard Bartholomew and Colin Holt were in attendance.

251 DECLARATION OF INTEREST Councillor Crow declared a non-pecuniary interest in part 1 and a pecuniary interest in part 2 of Agenda item 6.

252 CENTRE REPORT Members had received a copy of the report presented by the Centre Manager and it was

RECOMMENDED

That a letter of appreciation should be sent to the staff who covered the Children's Summer Activities and any additional hours worked should be paid at the normal rate to cover these activities during the Summer of 1993.

Colin Holt entered the Committee Room.

253 BLOCK BOOKINGS Councillor Crow felt that a new approach should be made and consideration should be given to activities being run by Centre Staff on a block booking basis. Suggestions were made for five-a-side football on Wednesday evenings and the feasibility of indoor cricket being investigated.

Members were asked to consider these items at the next Meeting when the Manager was to provide details of available courses.

254 BAR PRICES After consideration it was

RECOMMENDED

That bottles of soft drinks be sold at family events and bar prices be held for the next 6 months with a review in the event of budget changes.

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255 MEMBERSHIP Following a lengthy discussion, it was

RECOMMENDED

That Membership fees remain at £4 but with effect from 1st January 1993 the entrance fee be withdrawn and the cost of activities be increased by 60p for non-members.

256 ADVERTISING Discussion took place regarding the advertising of events and it was agreed that posters for the wrestling event should be circulated to Members of the Committee.

Councillor Mrs Ash-Smith entered the Committee Room.

257 POOL TABLE The Centre Manager advised that the pool table was not proving successful and damage had been caused by darts being thrown into walls etc and he suggested that this room be used for table tennis.

RECOMMENDED

That the pool table and darts board be removed and the room be used for table tennis - with effect from Friday, 11th September 1992.

The person who was responsible for damaging the table tennis table to have a letter from the Committee asking for costs of the damage to be paid or legal action would be taken to recover these expenses.

258 INCOME & USAGE FIGURES Members had received a copy of the figures for income for the Centre and the Bar to July 1992.

259 SCHOOL TRANSPORT Members were advised of a Public Meeting that had been arranged for 7.45pm on Wednesday, 16th September 1992 at the Leisure Centre to discuss the transport problems for students attending Wilmington High School.

260 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC Due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, it was

RESOLVED

That the Press and Public be excluded from the remainder of the Meeting.

Councillor Crow declared a non-pecuniary interest in part A of the following item and a pecuniary interest in part B of the same item.

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261 STAFFING Councillor Crow read a statement proposing the policy for Y T S Programme and then, having previously declared an interest, he left the Committee Room.

Councillor W G East took the Chair and the Meeting continued.

Item A

Councillor W G East suggested that each Member should have a copy of the proposal, alongwith details of the training agreement and the information sheet regarding Sports and Leisure that had been obtained from Thameside Training, to enable them to make a decision at the next Meeting,

RECOMMENDED

That working arrangement for the Y T S Trainee remain as normal until a decision was made at the Meeting to be held on Tuesday, 15th September 1992.

Future changes of Policy to be presented to Leisure Centre Management Committee for consideration.

Item B

The Centre Manager put forward a suggestion for the Y T S Trainee to be paid an allowance on top of his current wages and it was

RECOMMENDED

That an increase be made with immediate effect and a review be made in 6 months.

CHAIRMAN



MINUTES of a MEETING of the LEISURE CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE held at the GROVE HALL, THE GROVE, SWANSCOMBE on TUESDAY, 15th SEPTEMBER 1992 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr. W G East - Chairman
Cllr. A C Ash-Smith
Cllr. Mrs D J Ash-Smith
Cllr. D J Cowell
Cllr. Mrs S East
Cllr. V Openshaw
Cllr. R Simmonds
Cllr. T V Dixon

The Centre Manager, Richard Bartholomew was also present.

Councillor W East advised Members of Councillor Crow's illness and wished him a speedy recovery.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor P S Crow.

262 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC Due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, it was

RESOLVED

That the Press and Public be excluded from the remainder of the Meeting.

263 STAFFING Members discussed at length the proposals that had been put forward for persons employed through the Youth Training Scheme and it was then

RECOMMENDED

That these proposals be rejected and the training for Youth Training employee's be governed by the guidelines as already laid down by Thameside Training.

264 ANNUAL LEAVE Members considered a statement that had been received regarding an employee's annual leave, and it was

RECOMMENDED

That this should be left to the discretion of the Centre Manager, with 2 weeks notice being given unless prior agreement had been reached with the Manager.

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265 UNIFORM BLOUSES Members were advised that to have the Council's logo embroidered on the blouses would cost an additional £60. It was therefore agreed that only the lettering 'Swanscombe Leisure Centre' should be embroidered on the pocket of each blouse.

CHAIRMAN



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MINUTES of a MEETING of the FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE held at the GROVE HALL, THE GROVE, SWANSCOMBE on THURSDAY, 17th SEPTEMBER 1992 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr. B E Read - Chairman Cllr. M D Chater
Cllr. A C Ash-Smith Cllr. M A Crosby
Cllr. Mrs D J Ash-Smith Cllr. Mrs S East
Cllr. R D Bartlett Cllr. V Openshaw
Cllr. L G Caller Cllr. R Simmonds

266 MINUTES The Minutes held on 16th July 1992 were confirmed and signed.

Councillor M A Crosby entered Committee Room.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor's P S Crow and Mrs G M Prior.

267 DECLARATION OF INTEREST Councillor's M A Crosby and B E Read declared a non-pecuniary interest with reference to the Sports Pavilion.

Councillor V Openshaw declared a pecuniary interest with reference to the Sports Pavilion.

Councillor L G Caller declared a non-pecuniary interest with reference to Manor Road School.

Councillor Mrs S East entered Committee Room.

268 INCOME FOR JUNE 1992 The Income for June amounting to £8,856.67 was received as set out in the annexed list.

269 ACCOUNTS PAID FOR JUNE 1992 The Clerk reported that accounts amounting to £37,685.77 has been paid during June.

270 INCOME FOR JULY 1992 The Income for July amounting to £11,770.16 was received as set out in the annexed list.

271 ACCOUNTS PAID FOR JULY 1992 The Clerk reported that accounts amounting to £30,529.63 had been paid during July.

272 INCOME FOR AUGUST 1992 The Income for August amounting to £8,153.18 was received as set out in the annexed list.

273 ACCOUNTS PAID FOR AUGUST 1992 The Clerk reported that accounts amounting to £23,510.92 had been paid during August.

274 LIONS CLUB Roger Francis and Jim White from the Lions Club were welcomed to the Meeting giving apologies from Peter Spratt the President of the Club.

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Mr Francis advised Members that the Lions Club was founded in America in 1917 helping the Community. It arrived in Britain in 1950, there were 800 Clubs approximately and 20,000 plus Members. The Northfleet Club was formed 20 years ago. The money raised in the Organisation was spent on charity and in the past an ambulance had been brought for the St Johns Ambulance. Membership was by invitation only.

Members were asked for permission for the Town Councils Galleon emblem to be printed on the Lions Club Banner and it was suggested that the Club contact the Council offices regarding further information.

275 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT Members were advised of the following account which had been received for payment:-

Dartford Borough Council - Loan Charges - £5190.88

RECOMMENDED

That this account be paid.

276 SAFE Members were asked to consider copies of estimates for the purchase of a safe, it was

RECOMMENDED

That the Ace Safe Company - Stratford Consul 1711 estimate be accepted once confirmation from Municipal Mutual Insurance had been received. It was also suggested that Dartford Borough Council be notified with reference to the building structure.

277 CRIME PREVENTION/TRAFFIC WORKING PARTY Members received a copy of a report of the Meeting held on 13th August 1992 alongwith statistics. Members were also advised of leaflets which had been received alongwith a letter from WPC Tasker introducing the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.

NOTED

It was also agreed that a Meeting be arranged for Thursday, 26th November 1992 for the Crime Prevention/Traffic Working Party.

278 INVESTMENT Members were advised that an additional High Interest Business Account had been opened, and the payment from Saxon Homes had been deposited. Details of an investment account had been obtained from the Bank of Ireland - this was to be considered at a later date.

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279 KENT STRUCTURE PLAN Members received a copy of the response made by Councillor R D Bartlett regarding the Kent Structure Plan. Members were also advised of an updated Consultation Draft - Highway Scheme Supplement, which had been received.

NOTED

Members were advised of a letter received from Kent County Council inviting the Town Council to participate in a Radio Show on 23rd September 1992.

NOTED

280 COMMUNITY POLICING Members were advised that a Public Meeting of the Police and Community Consultative Group would be held at Dartford School for Girls on Wednesday, 14th October 1992.

NOTED

281 ACTUAL FIGURES TO 31.3.92 Members received copies of the Actual Figure to 31st March 1992, it was suggested that these figures be considered when the 1/2 yearly figures were presented.

NOTED

282 CHURCH ROAD HALL Members were advised of a Questionnaire received from Municipal Mutual Insurance regarding subsidence, it was agreed that the Questionnaire be completed and a quote be obtained.

283 KENT ASSOCIATION OF PARISH COUNCILS Members were advised that Issue No.191 of the Parish News had been received alongwith a letter regarding Traditional Orchards in Kent and the Parish Paths Partnership.

Also received was a letter regarding Local Government Review and correspondence to and from Michael Howard MP.

NOTED

284 SMOKING IN PUBLIC PLACES Members were advised that the Code of Practice regarding Smoking in Public Places had been received from the Department of the Environment.

NOTED

285 MUNICIPAL MUTUAL INSURANCE Members were advised that a copy of the Chairmans Statement had been received, also a letter from Municipal Mutual Insurance advising that an agreement had been reached trasfering MMI to GMF.

NOTED

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286 OPEN SPACES SOCIETY Members were advised that an invitation had been received to become a Member of the Open Spaces Society in the sum of £20.00.

NOTED

287 LOCAL COUNCIL REVIEW Members were advised that the Summer Issue of the Local Council Review had been received.

NOTED

288 BUS SHELTER - SWANSCOMBE HIGH STREET Members received a copy of a letter from a local resident asking for Members comments on the removal or relocation of the bus shelter in Swanscombe High Street, it was

RECOMMENDED

That a letter be sent to Dartford Borough Council stating that the Town Council prefer the shelter to remain, but suggest that this one be replaced with one which was more friendly to the environment and the existing one be installed in London Road.

289 MANOR ROAD SCHOOL Members were advised of a letter from Mrs Bassant thanking the Town Mayor and Members of the Council for the gift and letter given to her on her retirement.

NOTED

290 DARTFORD LOCAL PLAN Members received copies of Dartford Borough Council's response to the objections made by the Town Council regarding the Dartford Local Plan.

NOTED

291 MOTORCYCLE TRAINING Members received copies of a letter and details of the Leigh Motorcycle Training Centre.

NOTED

292 SWANSCOMBE HIGH SCHOOL Members were advised of a reply to the questions raised regarding the future of the school buildings, and Kent County Council asked whether there would be any benefit in a Meeting being arranged, it was

RECOMMENDED

That a letter be sent to Andrew Baxter - Area Director and his Deputy Mr Johnson requesting a Meeting be held at his office to discuss school transport and the proposals for the school.

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293 TRANSFER OF LICENCE Members were advised that a Notice of Intention had been received advising that Nicholas and Doreen Holmes were to apply for the Transfer of the Licence of the Ingress Tavern Public House at the Dartford Magistrates Court on Friday, 2nd October 1992.

NOTED

294 CARAVAN PARKING Members received a copy of a letter from Dartford Borough Council regarding caravan and parking on the Highway.

NOTED

295 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS Members were advised that the Direct Information Service Issues 280 & 281 had been received.

NOTED

296 DRAFT RECYCLING PLAN Members were advised of a letter received from the Head of Environmental Services of Dartford Borough Council alongwith copies of the Draft Recycling Plan.

NOTED

It was suggest that the Town Clerk enquire the length of the Presentation given by Dartford Borough Council for a future Meeting.

297 GYPSY POLICY IN KENT Members received a copy of a letter from Kent County Council regarding Gypsy Policy in Kent. Members were also advised that R J Dunn MP had forwarded a copy of a News Release alongwith a letter from the Department of the Environment and a copy of the Consultation Paper.

NOTED

298 CHANNEL THEATRE COMPANY Members were advised that the Channel Theatre Company would be presenting the 'Saga of the Earl of Godwin' at the Southfleet Village Hall on Wednesday, 21st October 1992.

NOTED

299 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW Members were advised that details had been obtained regarding the changes with reference to The Role of Community & Town Councils in Wales. Members also received a copy of an item from the Summer Issue of the Local Council Review.

NOTED

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300 PUBLICATION Members were advised that various Publications had been received and were available in the office.

NOTED

301 TRANSFER OF LICENCE Members were advised Paul Read, Christopher Hicks and Bronwen Hicks were to apply for the Transfer of the Licence for the Morning Star Public House on Friday, 2nd October 1992.

NOTED

302 NORTH WEST KENT WILDLIFE PRESERVATION SOCIETY Members were advised that a letter had been received from the North West Kent Wildlife Preservation Society advising of their activities and inviting the Town Council to become Members in the sum of £10.00 per annum.

NOTED

303 BRITISH RAILWAYS BOARD Members were advised of a letter received from the British Railways Board advising that a new subsidiary had been formed focusing on Britain's first main line Railway connecting Kings Cross to Kent and the Channel Tunnel.

NOTED

304 ELEMENTS Members were advised that the Summer Edition No. 4 of Kent County Council's Elements Newspaper had been received.

NOTED

305 DANGER ZONES 1992 Members were advised that a new Edition of Danger Zones 1992 for Councillors and Officers was available for purchase.

NOTED

306 OAST HOUSE Members were advised that a letter had been received from Age Concern thanking for the kind donation made by the Town Council for their Family Fun Day Raffle.

NOTED

307 MANOR PARK Members were advised that a site meeting of the Manor Park Working Party had been held to discuss the fencing, it was

RECOMMENDED

That this be accepted with the playground area being fenced on a 60/40 basis.

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Councillor M D Chater left Meeting.

308 CHRISTMAS LIGHTING Members were asked to consider Christmas Lighting, it was

RECOMMENDED

That the costs be obtained of having existing lights erected and that the Chairman and Vice Chairman have delegated powers for Christmas Lighting within the existing budget.

Councillor M A Crosby left Meeting.

309 TOWN PLANNING The following planning applications had been received from Dartford Borough Council and were submitted for Members consideration:-

DA/92/0469 - Provision of seven additional car parking spaces, construction of ramped access to existing building and erection of additional boundary fencing.

Former Swanscombe Secondary School, Swanscombe Street, Swanscombe.

OBSERVATIONS - No Observations.

DA/92/0434 - Change of use of property from club premises to residential to provide 2 No. two bedroom and 3 No. one bedroom flats with associated car parking.

9 High Street, Greenhithe.

OBSERVATIONS - No Objections.



CHAIRMAN

INCOME FOR JUNE 1992

Parks	Football	247.50	
	Tennis	35.74	
	Bowls	265.85	549.09
Administration	Use of Copier	8.51	
	Interest BP A/C	707.94	716.45
Community Halls	Grove	241.72	
	Church Road	----	
	Sports Pavilion		
	(Insur)	985.77	1227.49
Allotments	Rents		28.00
Leisure Centre	Income		2098.18
Centre Bar	Income		4237.46
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ACCOUNTS PAID FOR JUNE 1992

	<u>TOWN COUNCIL</u>	<u>LEISURE CENTRE</u>
Kitchen Equipment Lease		51.28
Wages - Week 9	820.38	
Maintenance		290.23
Bar Supplies		97.76
Bar Misc.		72.30
Equipment Repairs	62.53	
Maintenance		98.98
Cleaning Materials		112.98
Bank Charge (Bar)		4.75
Equipment Repairs		45.93
Maintenance		35.25
Maintenance		1193.74
Cleaning & Materials		86.75
Generator Hire	14.10	
Floral Wreath	20.01	
Wages - Week 10	806.13	
Inland Revenue	1896.14	1462.78
Water Account	348.98	
Maintenance		301.04
Street Lighting	48.52	
Water Account		137.22
Security Contract	88.19	176.36
Fuel & Vehicles Repair	164.11	
Fuel Account	20.00	
Gang Mowing	152.75	
Bar Snacks		51.70
Parks Supplies	449.46	
Skip Hire	148.05	
Taxi's (OAP)	16.00	
Wages - Week 11	784.34	
Gas Supplies		11.99
Rent	62.50	
Insurance Rent		1921.44
Landscaping Improvements (HP)	4700.00	
Equipment Repairs	936.11	
Stocktake		82.25
Cleaning Supplies	37.95	
Maintenance		49.35
Bar Supplies		319.04
Bar Supplies (Beer)		2367.94
Bar Supplies (Soft Drinks)		682.55
Advertising		178.73
Electricity Account	195.72	2084.83
Kitchen Equipment Hire		110.37
Monthly Salaries	2564.16	4571.12
Wages - Week 12	836.83	17.14
Vehicle Tax	110.00	
Street Lighting	20.56	
Bar - Misc.		229.94
Bar Supplies (Tobacco)		67.96
Television Licence		80.00

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TOWN COUNCIL

LEISURE CENTRE

Business Rates	313.35	591.00
T V Rental		12.49
Loan Repayment		3706.25
Wages		70.50
Wages		214.25
Gaming m/c's Rental		267.00
Bar Food Expenses		213.71

15616.87

22068.90

GRAND TOTAL: £37685.77

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INCOME FOR JULY 1992

Parks	Football	165.00	
	Tennis	105.96	
	Bowls	72.25	
	Heritage Park		
	Grant	1888.00	
	Misc.	18.72	2249.93
Administration	Precept		2196.17
Community Halls	Grove	140.25	
	Church Road	48.40	188.65
Allotments	Rents		16.50
Leisure Centre	Income		3125.47
Bar	Income		3993.44
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			£11770.16
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ACCOUNTS PAID FOR JULY 1992

	<u>TOWN COUNCIL</u>	<u>LEISURE CENTRE</u>
Wages (Week 13)	826.81	16.80
Occasional Licence		8.00
Kitchen Equipment Lease		51.28
Wages (Week 14)	1106.40	
Bar Supplies (Food)		46.06
Bar Supplies (Snacks)		59.51
Parks Equipment	596.31	
Parks Equipment	192.93	
Parks Ground Maintenance	9.54	
Admin. Subscription (WWF)	33.00	
Admin. Subscription (KTNC)	18.00	
Camera Film		90.20
Annual Maintenance (Alarm System)		453.76
Premium Adjustment (Insurance)	20.52	
Cleaning Chain of Office	29.37	
Allotment Rent	480.94	
Inland Revenue	2195.55	1633.58
Cleaning Materials & Stationary	2670.61	104.00
Stationary & Equipment	119.68	78.02
Electricity Account	29.95	
Cleaning Materials		45.73
Maintenance		112.80
Wages		140.00
Wages (Week 15)	632.67	38.65
Computer Course	183.89	
Bar Supplies (Beer)		840.56
Bar Supplies (Gas)		3.60
Gas Accounts	56.98	
Vehicle Fuel Account	207.88	
Bar Supplies (Spirits)		1028.98
Bar Supplies (Tobacco)		70.09
Skip Hire	64.63	
Maintenance		173.95
Parks Diesel Account	40.00	
Kitchen Equipment Lease		110.37
Monthly Salaries	2814.16	4776.27
Wages (Week 16)	832.36	14.95
Wages		140.00
Donation (S137 G.C.A)	1000.00	
Car Hire for OAP's (S137)	18.00	
TV Hire		12.49
Annual Audit	595.02	
Health & Safety Course		60.00
Personal Hygiene		86.75
Public Lighting	46.60	
Water Account	258.20	
Refuse and Allotment Fee	101.00	
Gas Account	63.12	962.87
Equipment Maintenance	624.05	
Car Park Rent (Station Road)	125.00	
Telephone Accounts	283.92	633.23
Business Rates	313.35	591.00
Wages (Week 17)	1044.85	

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	<u>TOWN COUNCIL</u>	<u>LEISURE CENTRE</u>
Cleaning		36.00
Donation & Flowers	35.00	
Gaming m/c's Rent & Licence		267.00
Food Expenses		166.19
Miscellaneous		6.65
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	£17670.29	£12859.34
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GRAND TOTAL: £30529.63

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INCOME FOR AUGUST 1992

Parks	Cricket	8.51	
	Football	106.33	
	Tennis	65.11	
	Bowls	67.66	
	Misc.	13.54	261.15
Administration	VAT Refund		843.78
Community Halls	Grove	236.05	
	Church Road	534.12	770.17
Allotments	Rents		14.50
Leisure Centre	Income		2669.52
Bar	Income		3594.06
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			£8,153.18
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ACCOUNTS PAID AUGUST 1992

	<u>TOWN COUNCIL</u>	<u>LEISURE CENTRE</u>
Wages (Week 18)	677.14	14.21
Fax Machine	394.44	50.00
Occasional Licences		8.00
Kitchen Equipment Lease		51.28
Security Keys & Bolts	30.50	
Diesel Account	49.50	
Inland Revenue	2240.79	1391.62
Stationary & Equipment	89.24	29.75
Cleaning Materials		123.42
Food Supplies		46.41
Bar Supplies		70.09
Gas Supplies		3.60
Water Account	237.70	
Fuel Account	71.00	
Wages (Week 19)	774.92	
T V Hire		12.49
Miscellaneous Supplies		141.45
Inspection of Appliances	137.48	
Bar Supplies		45.55
Bar Supplies		680.85
Bar Supplies (Soft Drinks)		331.60
Taxi's (OAP's)	18.00	
Repairs to Equipment	467.30	
Spares for Equipment	32.90	
Stocktake		82.25
Street Lighting	46.60	
Engrave Chain of Office	14.68	
Equipment	64.63	
Wages		140.00
Kitchen Equipment Hire		110.37
Wages (Week 20)	683.21	20.73
Monthly Salaries	2619.24	4899.58
Wages (Week 21)	1053.20	
Payphone		314.90
Stationary	29.21	
Stationary		3.50
Solicitors Fees	629.10	
Landscaping Improvement	2218.25	
Works on Showers (Knockhall)	687.38	
Business Rates	239.35	591.00
Office Chair Upholstered	86.58	
Wages		182.50
Food Supplies		79.43
Bouncy Castle		75.00
Wages		19.00
Machines Rent & Licence		267.00
Wages	133.00	
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	£13,725.34	£9,785.58

TOTAL: £23,510.92

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MINUTES of the MEETING of the SWANSCOMBE AND GREENHITHE TOWN COUNCIL held at the GROVE HALL, THE GROVE, SWANSCOMBE on THURSDAY, 1st OCTOBER 1992 at 7.30pm

Present:-

Cllr. P S Crow - Town Mayor	
Cllr. R D Bartlett	Cllr. T V Dixon
Cllr. L G Caller	Cllr. Mrs S East
Cllr. M D Chater	Cllr. V Openshaw
Cllr. D J Cowell	Cllr. B E Read
Cllr. M A Crosby	Cllr. R Simmonds

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor's A C Ash-Smith, Mrs D J Ash-Smith, W G East, B A Kemp and Mrs G M Prior.

310 DECLARATION OF INTEREST Councillor V Openshaw declared a pecuniary interest in the Sports Pavilion and a non-pecuniary interest in the Sports Pavilion was declared by Councillor's D J Cowell, M A Crosby, P S Crow and Mrs S East.

311 MINUTES The Minutes of the Meeting held on 30th July 1992 were confirmed and signed.

312 CYGNETS PLAYGROUP Members were advised of a letter that had been received, seeking assistance with the acquisition of land for siting of a mobile building.

A letter from Councillor Crosby had been circulated to each Member, suggesting that consideration be given to siting this building in Swanscombe Park.

It was agreed that Councillor's Crosby and Mrs East attend a Meeting with representative's from the Playgroup and this item be discussed at the Meeting of the Recreation and Amenities Committee.

313 SWANSCOMBE HIGH SCHOOL Members were advised that the future use of the school building would now be dealt with by the Kent County Council property Department at Maidstone and it was

RESOLVED

That the Property Department be asked to send a representative to a Meeting of the Town Council to discuss the future use of the former High School.

314 PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT A letter had been received from the South East Employers Association informing that a Performance Management Seminar was to be held on 22nd October 1992.

NOTED

315 VALLEY VIEW PLAYGROUND A letter had been received from Saxon Homes and it was agreed that this item be referred to the Meeting of the Recreation and Amenities Committee.

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316 NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNORS AND MANAGERS Members were advised that the Annual Subscription was due for renewal in the sum of £15.00, in respect of Knockhall Primary and Junior School

RESOLVED

That the Subscription be renewed under Section 137 of the 1972 Local Government Act.

317 FINANCE INFORMATION DAY Details had been received of an information day being held at Hollingbourne on 14th November at a cost of £17.63

RESOLVED

That the Clerk attend this course.

318 BULB BONANZA 1992 Members were advised of a letter received from Groundwork Trust informing of their plans to plant bulbs to enhance the local environment and seeking volunteers to assist with this venture

RESOLVED

That the Clerk reply suggesting that the Heritage Park be considered as one of the sites.

319 REFORM OF CARAVAN SITES ACT A letter had been received from Dartford Borough Council seeking comments from Members of the Town Council on the consultation paper

RESOLVED

That a reply be sent advising that Members were of the opinion that the road system was too congested to contain any sites in this area and the Borough Council should be asked to incorporate this in their response to the Department of the Environment.

320 MANOR PARK Members were advised of correspondence that had been received from the Solicitors and Crest Homes and it was

RESOLVED

That a copy of the latest plan be sent to the Solicitor and the Executive Committee be given Delegated Power to deal with this matter and sign the Lease.

321 BLUEWATER Members had received a copy of the latest news bulletin and it was

RESOLVED

That arrangements be made for a presentation to be made at a future meeting.

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322 CHAIRMAN - LEISURE CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE Members had received a letter from Councillor P S Crow advising that due to ill-health he was unable to continue as Chairman of the Leisure Centre Management Committee but he would continue to carry out the duties of Town Mayor.

Councillor Read gave a vote of thanks for all the hard work Councillor Crow had put in during his term as Chairman of the Leisure Centre Management Committee.

It was proposed by Councillor B E Read and seconded by Councillor Mrs S East that Councillor W G East be nominated as Chairman and Councillor D J Cowell be nominated as Vice Chairman

RESOLVED

That this proposal be accepted.

323 COMMUNITY POLICE CONSULTATIVE GROUP A letter had been circulated regarding the nomination of 2 Members on to the Consultative Group.

It was proposed by Councillor B E Read and seconded by Councillor R Simmonds that Councillor D J Cowell be nominated.

It was proposed by Councillor M A Crosby and seconded by Councillor R Simmonds that Councillor Mrs D J Ash-Smith be nominated.

RESOLVED

That the above proposals be accepted and Councillor's Mrs D J Ash-Smith and D J Cowell represent the Town Council until the next Annual General Meeting.

324 LEISURE CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE Moved by Councillor P S Crow and seconded by T V Dixon

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Leisure Centre Management Committee held on 20th August 1992 be confirmed and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

325 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Moved by Councillor P S Crow and seconded by Councillor L G Caller

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Executive Committee held on 20th August 1992 be confirmed and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

326 RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE Moved by
Councillor Mrs S East and seconded by Councillor R D Bartlett

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Recreation and Amenities Committee held on 3rd September 1992 be confirmed and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

327 LEISURE CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE Moved by
Councillor P S Crow and seconded by Councillor R Simmonds

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Leisure Centre Management Committee held on 10th September 1992 be confirmed and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

328 LEISURE CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE Moved by
Councillor R Simmonds and seconded by Councillor D J Cowell

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Leisure Centre Management Committee held on 15th September 1992 be confirmed and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

329 FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE Moved by
Councillor B E Read and seconded by Councillor R Simmonds

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 17th September 1992 be confirmed and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

330 STANDING ORDERS Members were asked to consider the venue for future Meetings and after consideration it was

RESOLVED

That Standing Order 1(i) be amended to read that

Meetings of the Council and Committees shall be held at the Leisure Centre, Craylands Lane, Swanscombe at 7.30pm with the exception of those dealing with items of a confidential nature - which would be held at the Grove Hall.

331 MANOR ROAD SCHOOL A report of the Building and Grounds Committee was provided by Malcolm Munn advising that the majority of the outstanding work had been completed during the Summer recess. Due to the proposed move to the new school, only essential work would now be carried out.

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Interviews for the position of Head Teacher were to be held on 15th and 16th October 1992.

Councillor P S Crow wished the staff and pupils of Manor Road School every success in their new building and hoped the move would be made in the very near future.

332 TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS Members had been advised of an invitation that the Town Mayor had accepted for representatives from the Town Council to visit the Sikh Temple in Gravesend. It was agreed that Councillor's L G Caller, M D Chater, D J Cowell and Mrs S East attend alongwith the Town Mayor, Councillor P S Crow.

Members were reminded of the Civic Service which was to be held at St Peter and St Paul Church on Sunday, 4th October 1992.

The Town Mayor's Charity Disco was being held at the Sports Pavilion on Saturday, 10th October 1992 and Members were advised that tickets were available.

Councillor Crow advised that he had attended a Civic Dinner at Dartford Borough Council and had met Michele Delebarre - Mayor of Dunkirk.

333 TOWN PLANNING The following planning applications were submitted for Members consideration:-

DA/92/0494 - Change of use from amenity land to private garden.

1 Seymour Walk, Swanscombe.

OBSERVATIONS - No Objections providing no objections received from neighbouring properties.

334 QUESTIONS Questions were raised regarding the provision of bins for dog fouling and the possibility of an area exercising dogs.

Members were asked if they were aware that St Johns Ambulance were not to be allowed to renew the lease for their land but Blue Circle were giving them a 2 year extension.

The Town Mayor was asked if he intended to appear in promotional advertisements to which Councillor Crow replied that as Town Mayor, he would attend any function and promote the Town and any funds raised for his Charity would benefit this area.

335 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC Due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, it was

RESOLVED

That the Press and Public be excluded from the remainder of the Meeting.

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336 INSURANCE Members were advised of advice that had been received and after consideration it was

RESOLVED

That the Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee alongwith the Town Clerk have authority to obtain the necessary insurance.

It was suggested that more than one Insurance Company be used and the Clerk was instructed to send a letter to the Association of Sports Clubs advising them of the situation.

337 CHURCH ROAD HALL Members were advised of correspondence that had been received from the Solicitor and after discussion it was

RESOLVED

That the Solicitor seek a payment of £50.00 per month.

The Clerk to ask if in the event that payment was not received the judgement order would stand or would it be necessary to again take this person to court.

338 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Arrangements were made for a Meeting of the Executive Committee to be held at 8pm on Wednesday, 7th October 1992 at the Grove Hall.



TOWN MAYOR