

MINUTES of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the SWANSCOMBE & GREENHITHE TOWN COUNCIL
held at Manor House, Swanscombe on THURSDAY, 21st MAY 1987 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Cllr. Mrs B A Halford, Town Mayor Cllr. Mrs S East
Cllr. A R Armstrong Cllr. B R Francis
Cllr. Mrs A E Barham Cllr. R A Francis
Cllr. A M Barham Cllr. P J French
Cllr. M D Chater Cllr. N Halford
Cllr. M A Crosby Cllr. P G Melvin
Cllr. P S Crow Cllr. B G Poppy
Cllr. P R Defty Cllr. B E Read
Cllr. T V Dixon Cllr. R Simmonds

Mrs R L F Povey (former Councillor and Deputy Town Mayor).

The Town Mayor, Councillor Mrs B A Halford welcomed the new Members of the Council.

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

Moved by Councillor N Halford and seconded by Councillor Crosby,

RESOLVED

That Councillor Mrs Barbara Ann Halford be elected Town Mayor of the Council for the ensuing year.

Councillor Mrs Halford then signed the 'Declaration of Acceptance of Office' and thanked Members for electing her as Town Mayor for a further year.

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

Moved by Councillor Crosby and seconded by Councillor N Halford,

RESOLVED

That Councillor Peter Rankine Defty be elected Deputy Town Mayor for the coming year.

Councillor Defty accepted the position of Deputy Town Mayor and said it gave him great pleasure to do so.

The Town Mayor gave a vote of thanks to Mrs Povey for the years she had served the Council and said how sorry everyone was that she had not been re-elected.

Councillor Crow gave a vote of thanks to the Town Mayor on behalf of the Residents Association for the hard work she had put in during her Year of Office and read out a statement on behalf of the Residents Association. (Copy on file)

3 APPOINTMENTS & CONSTITUTION OF STANDING & OTHER COMMITTEES

RESOLVED

a) That the Recreation and Amenities Committee be constituted of the whole of the Members of the Council.

As an advisory body on the administration and supervision of footway lighting under the jurisdiction of the Town Council.

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

As a Committee with delegated powers to make representations to the relevant Planning Authority on development proposals which may be laid before it under the provision of the Town and Country Planning Acts.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

As an advisory body reporting to the Council on any matters of management of the Council's affairs that it has specifically been instructed to investigate.

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

As an Executive Body with delegated powers to make decisions on issues specifically allocated to it by the Council.

As an Executive Body with delegated powers to make decisions on urgent issues.

5 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 M A Crosby
Vice-Chairman - Councillor R A Francis

FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Chairman - Councillor N Halford
Vice-Chairman - Councillor A M Barham

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chairman - Councillor Mrs B A Halford
Vice-Chairman - Councillor P R Defty

6 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 and the Allotments Sub-Committee Meetings be held at 7.30pm on the dates specified on the annexed list.

DA/87/0264 - Change of use of property to residential home and erection of single storey rear and first floor front extension.
Part of garden of 126 Stanhope Road and 128 Stanhope Road, Swanscombe.

OBSERVATIONS - a site meeting is requested.

DA/87/0306 - Installation of a bow window,
59 Mounts Road, Greenhithe.

OBSERVATIONS - No Objections.

DA/87/0276 - Erection of a two storey rear extension and conversion of property to form 2 no. self contained flats,
4 The Avenue, Greenhithe.

OBSERVATIONS - No Objections.

DA/87/0274/OUT - Erection of a detached house with integral garage,
Land adjoining 6 Knockhall Road, Greenhithe.

OBSERVATIONS - Site meeting requested.

DA/87/0279 - Erection of a single storey side/rear extension,
2 Ames Road, Swanscombe.

OBSERVATIONS - No Objections.

DA/87/0262/OUT - Erection of a terrace of 4 no. houses with integral garages,
Land rear of 31 & 32 Craylands Lane, Swanscombe.

OBSERVATIONS - The Town Council Object due to overintensification of building and backland development.

DA/87/0250 - Erection of a single storey side extension,
2 Hillcrest Drive, Greenhithe.

OBSERVATIONS - No Objections providing no objections from neighbouring properties.

With reference to DA/87/0262/OUT - the Clerk was requested to send a further letter to the Borough Planning Officer informing him that due to these houses being some of the oldest in Swanscombe Members feel they should not be demolished and careful consideration should be taken when considering applications regarding these properties.

A letter had been received from the County Planning Officer regarding the site meeting held at the Redland Brick Site at Craylands Lane, Swanscombe.

RESOLVED

That the Clerk write to Blue Circle Industries pointing out the problems with the build-up of slurry on the site and asking for information regarding their intentions for this site.

A letter had been received from the County Planning Department inviting a Representative of the Town Council to attend a meeting being held at Swanscombe School on Thursday, 28th May at 2pm to discuss the proposed Blue Water Park development at the Western Quarry, Greenhithe.

RESOLVED

The Clerk to contact Miss Duncan (KCC) requesting that 7 representatives plus the Assistant Town Clerk attend the meeting being held at Swanscombe School at 10.45am followed by the site meeting etc.

Town Mayor

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DATES OF MEETINGS 1987/88

<u>Recreation & Amenities</u>	<u>Finance & General Purposes</u>	<u>Council</u>
		A G M May 21st 1987
May 28th 1987	June 4th 1987	June 18th 1987
July 2nd 1987	July 16th 1987	July 30th 1987
September 3rd 1987	September 17th 1987	October 1st 1987
October 15th 1987	October 29th 1987	November 12th 1987
November 26th 1987	December 3rd 1987	December 17th 1987
January 7th 1988	January 14th 1988	January 28th 1988
February 11th 1988	February 25th 1988	March 10th 1988
March 24th 1988	April 7th 1988	April 21st 1988

Annual Open Town Meeting April 28th 1988

Annual General Meeting May 12th 1988

Executive Committee - To be held as necessary

Allotments Sub-Committee - To be held twice yearly

MINUTES of the MEETING of the RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE held at Manor House, Swanscombe on THURSDAY, 28th MAY 1987 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT:- Cllr. M A Crosby, Chairman
Cllr. A R Armstrong
Cllr. Mrs A E Barham
Cllr. A M Barham
Cllr. P S Crow
Cllr. P R Defty
Cllr. T V Dixon
Cllr. Mrs S East
Cllr. P J French
Cllr. Mrs B A Halford
Cllr. N Halford
Cllr. P G Melvin
Cllr. B G Poppy

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M D Chater, B R Francis, R A Francis, B E Read and R Simmonds.

Councillor Crosby welcomed the new Members of the Council to their first Recreation and Amenities Committee Meeting and hoped the coming year would prove successful for this area.

18 MINUTES The Minutes of the Meeting held on 26th March 1987 were agreed and signed.

19 PARK FOREMAN'S REPORT Councillor Crosby read the report of the Assistant Parks Foreman as he was not able to attend the Meeting. Turf was required for the goal areas of Knockhall football pitches and tarmac was required for repairing pot holes at Grove Car Park and for the base of the spring rider.

RECOMMENDED

- a) Turf and tarmac to be ordered as required;
- b) A site meeting to be arranged for recreation areas;
- c) A sand blaster to be contacted for estimate for work required on the drinking fountain in Swanscombe Park.

20 KNOCKHALL PLAYING FIELD Reference Minute 471, Members discussed the need for a higher fence to be erected adjacent to Knockhall Road.

RECOMMENDED

An estimate for an 8 to 9ft. high fence be obtained.

21 HIRE OF BOWLS EQUIPMENT Members were asked to confirm the arrangements that had been introduced of charging 50p per set for hire of the new bowls woods.

RECOMMENDED

Members agreed, subject to the usual proviso of 50% for the unemployed, pensioners and people in full time education.

22 SUMMER ENTERTAINMENT Reference Minute 435, the Borough Council had confirmed the following details for performances during the summer:-

August 14th 2.30pm Knockhall Playing Fields.
The Sweet Pea Show - a participating show for 3 - 8 year olds lasting 50 - 60 minutes.

Summer Entertainment - continued

August 25th 2.30pm Swanscombe Park
ABC Children's Theatre "St George and the
Dragon" puppet show lasting 40 minutes.

Confirmation had been received that in the event of bad weather these performances could be held at the Greenhithe Community Centre and the Swanscombe Sports Pavilion respectively.

Children's Summer Entertainment to be included on the Agenda for discussion at the Executive Committee Meeting.

23 SWANSCOMBE YOUTH ASSOCIATION Reference Minute 408 & 424, members were informed that the Divisional Superintendent had now written to confirm that the Management Committee would not allow the St John Ambulance Hall to be used for the proposed meetings of the Youth Association. NOTED

24 CRAYLANDS LANE SITE Reference Minute 430, the Clerk reported receipt of a letter that had been received by R J Dunn MP from J Lee MP, Secretary of State for the Department of Employment.

Members were informed that the terms of the draft lease for the Craylands Lane Site needed to be discussed before the Town Council's Solicitor could proceed.

Reference Minute 476, the Area Manager Key Community Programme had written to accept the suggestion of a meeting to discuss the Craylands Lane Site.

RECOMMENDED

- a) The Executive Committee deal with details of the draft lease at their next meeting;
- b) A meeting be arranged with the Key Community Programme Representative for Thursday, 4th June 1987 at 8.30pm.

25 COMMUNITY HALLS Members were asked to consider the purchase of a small oven for each of the community halls.

Reference Minute 322, the arrangements for use of the Church Road Hall by the Galley Hill Cub Pack was due for review.

RECOMMENDED

- a) The Clerk to purchase 2 small ovens;
- b) The Cub Scouts be allowed to use the Hall for a further 6 months at of the normal rate.

26 SWANSCOMBE AND GREENHITHE ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION Members were asked to approve the following names for Site Managers as put forward by the Allotment Association:

Keary Road - Mr Collar, Brenda Terrace, Swanscombe
Castle fields - Mr Plume, 40 Manor Road, Swanscombe
New Burial Ground - Mr Jordan, Childs Crescent, Swanscombe.

There was no nomination for Northfields but the site was visited at least once a month by two Committee Members of the Allotment Association.

RECOMMENDED

These nominations be approved.

27 REVISION OF DOG BYE-LAWS Members had been given a copy of a circular from the Home Office concerning proposals for the revision of dog bye-laws. Dartford Borough Council would be contacting the Parish Council when their report had been prepared.

RECOMMENDED

- a) This item to be deferred until the report had been received from the Borough Council;
- b) The Clerk to purchase 2 copies of the report and guidance booklet.

28 N A L C The Clerk reported receipt of the Direct Information Service - Issue no. 151 - containing items on the following:-

- i) Redundant Hospital Sites in Green Belt;
- ii) Public Swimming Pools and AIDS.

Available in the office for information.

NOTED

29 DUMPING OF RUBBISH A letter had been received from the Borough Council regarding rubbish that had been dumped on land adjacent to the Swanscombe Skull Site, which came under the jurisdiction of the Town Council.

RECOMMENDED

The Clerk ask the Park Staff if they would clear the litter from this area.

30 SWANSCOMBE PARK - FETE A letter had been received from the Secretary of the Swanscombe & Greenhithe Resident's Association asking if the toilets could be made available for use, between 2 and 5pm, on Sunday 28th June.

RECOMMENDED

The toilets be available as requested and Councillor Armstrong to inspect the dis-used toilet block and report at a later meeting concerning the possibility of having these toilets re-opened.

31 SWANSCOMBE PARK A letter had been received regarding children in Swanscombe Park not being allowed to play ball games.

RECOMMENDED

The Clerk to reply that there were no objections to games being played with soft balls which could not cause damage or endanger other users of the Park.

The Clerk to enquire into why the girls from Swanscombe School use the Park for hockey practice.

32 NATIONAL PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION A Newsletter had been received from the N P F A, also details of the Annual General Meeting to be held on June 18th 1987 at the I B A Building, 70 Brompton Road, London. NOTED

33 TOWN PLANNING APPLICATIONS Reference Minute 478, a reply had been received from the Planning Officer of Gravesham Borough Council stating that properties backing on to the site had been notified and that applications and plans were available for inspection and comment. NOTED

The following Decision Notices had been received from Dartford Borough Council granting permission for development:-

DA/87/0209 - Unit C5, Northfleet Industrial Estate, Lower Road, Northfleet;

DA/87/0279 - 2 Ames Road, Swanscombe;

DA/87/0062/REV - Metraro, 33 Cobham Terrace, Greenhithe;

DA/87/0142 - Car Parking Area adjacent to 43 Castle Street, Swanscombe;

DA/87/0083/REV - 33 Cobham Terrace, Greenhithe.

Members were concerned that the representatives of this Council had not been allowed to attend the morning session of the meeting held at Swanscombe School on Thursday, 28th May.

RECOMMENDED

The Clerk to write to the Chairman of Kent County Council informing of Members' concern that the Town Council were not invited to attend the entire meeting and also of the concern that was felt due to members of the public not being made aware of this meeting. A copy of this letter to be sent to the Leader of the Opposition of Kent County Council.

The Clerk was requested to write to the Gravesham Borough Planning Officer stating that as this Council was now comprised of new Members it would be appreciated if they could be informed of applications regarding surrounding areas.

Chairman

MINUTES of the MEETING of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held on Tuesday, 2nd June 1987
at Manor House, Swanscombe at 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Cllr. Mrs B A Halford, Town Mayor Cllr. M A Crosby
 Cllr. A R Armstrong Cllr. P S Crow
 Cllr. Mrs A E Barham Cllr. R A Francis
 Cllr. A M Barham Cllr. N Halford

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors P R Defty and B E Read.

34 STAFFING Members discussed the Staffing arrangements with regard to the Parks Staff.

RECOMMENDED

The Clerk deal with this as instructed.

35 BOWLING GREEN Members discussed the progress with the removal of the wall around no. 1 green.

RECOMMENDED

The Clerk to have a meeting with the Assistant Parks Foreman and the Secretary of the Bowling Club to discuss this and no further time was to be spent on this work until after this meeting.

36 COMPLAINTS Members discussed various complaints that had been received - particularly from elderly people in the locality.

RECOMMENDED

The Clerk to arrange for the Town Mayor and the Town Clerk to meet Chief Inspector Brisley for discussions regarding these items.

37 CRAYLANDS LANE SITE The Draft Lease had been received from the Solicitor and Members expressed concern over some of the items included in the lease.

RECOMMENDED

The Clerk seek the advice of the Town Council's Solicitor concerning these items.

38 SQUASH COURTS Members considered the quotes that had been received for the floors of the squash courts to be re-furbished.

RECOMMENDED

- a) The Clerk to accept the quote received from Courtship for the floors to be attended to;
- b) a letter to be sent to the Squash Club regarding their contribution towards the cost of this work.

39 PARK ATTENDANT DUTIES Members considered the payment for staff whilst on park attendant duty.

RECOMMENDED

The rate to be increased by 6% with effect from 6th June 1987, to be included in the payment made on 11th June.

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The Clerk to ask Mr Waghorn if he would continue his temporary position with the Town Council until the end of October 1987.

40 SPORTS PAVILION Members discussed the letter that had been received from the District Valuer regarding the Rent Review of the Sports Pavilion.

RECOMMENDED

- a) A meeting with representatives of the Sports Association to be arranged for 7.30pm on Tuesday, 16th June 1987 at Manor House, Swanscombe;
- b) The Clerk to write to the District Valuer as instructed.

Town Mayor

MINUTES of the MEETING of the FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE held at Manor House, Swanscombe on THURSDAY, 4th JUNE 1987 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Cllr. N Halford, Chairman
Cllr. A R Armstrong
Cllr. Mrs A E Barham
Cllr. A M Barham
Cllr. M D Chater
Cllr. M A Crosby
Cllr. P S Crow
Cllr. B R Francis
Cllr. R A Francis
Cllr. P J French
Cllr. Mrs B A Halford
Cllr. P G Melvin
Cllr. B G Poppy
Cllr. B E Read

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors P R Defty, T V Dixon, Mrs S East and R Simmonds.

41 MINUTES The Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th April 1987 were confirmed and signed.

42 INCOME FOR APRIL 1987 The Income for April amounting to £33,490.05 was received as set out in the annexed list.

43 ACCOUNTS PAID The Clerk reported that Accounts amounting to £12,583.58 had been paid since the date of the last meeting.

44 BUILDING SOCIETY ACCOUNTS Reference Minute 451, Members discussed details of a Special Investment Facility available to local Councils.

RECOMMENDED

The Clerk to arrange for transfer of £28,000 to this account.

45 STREET LIGHTING MAINTENANCE Reference Minute 449, a quotation had been received for the disconnection and removal of the redundant lamp column at Love Lane, Greenhithe.

RECOMMENDED

This quotation be accepted and the column removed.

46 COUNCILLORS' RETIREMENT Members were asked to approve the expenditure of £71.25 under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 for items presented to retiring Councillors at the last Town Council Meeting.

RECOMMENDED

That this expenditure be approved.

47 MEMBERSHIP OF KAPC & NALC Members were informed that annual subscriptions were due for renewal for both the KAPC and NALC.

RECOMMENDED

The Clerk to renew the Membership of the above organisations and the subscription to be paid accordingly.

48 FOOTBALL NETS Members discussed the necessity for football nets to be supplied at the Sports Grounds at Broomfield Road and Knockhall Road.

RECOMMENDED

The Clerk to purchase 3 sets of football nets.

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49 GREENHITHE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION Members discussed a letter that had been received from the Association seeking assistance - due to the Kent County Council ceasing to fund the Association - leaving them to find an additional £8,000 per year.

RECOMMENDED

- a) A meeting to be arranged with Officers of the Community Association at the Greenhithe Community Centre;
- b) Following the above meeting, the Clerk to write to KCC enquiring why they had ceased to fund this project.

50 FRIENDS OF ROWHILL ASSOCIATION A letter had been received from the Secretary of the Association seeking financial assistance towards their mini-bus appeal.

RECOMMENDED

That as a number of local children attend this school, a donation of £200 be made under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

The Clerk to write to the Chairman of the Kent Education Committee saying how concerned Members were that schools had to make such appeals towards items such as this. A copy of the letter to be sent to the Department of Education and Science.

51 TOWN PLANNING APPLICATIONS The following Planning Application was submitted for Members' consideration:-

DA/87/0367 - Erection of a single storey rear extension,
25 Eynsford Road, Greenhithe.

OBSERVATIONS - No Objections providing no objections from neighbouring properties.

52 STREET CLEANING AND TREE PRUNING Members discussed the current position regarding these items.

RECOMMENDED

The Clerk write to the Borough Council seeking replies to previous correspondence and enclosing copies of the letters received from the Council at Bury St Edmunds.

The problems caused to residents living near the junction of Milton Street and Ames Road was discussed and it was requested that a letter be sent to Dartford Borough Council.

Members discussed the Grove Car Park and the problems of illegal parking and this was referred to the Town Clerk for appropriate action to be taken.

Chairman



INCOME FOR APRIL 1987

Administration	Use of copier	80.09	
	Refund of N Insurance	57.97	
	Precept & adjust. for debt charges etc.	28887.88	
	VAT refund	2212.33	31238.27
Community Halls	Grove Hall	147.50	
	Church Road	128.75	
	Sports Pavilion	750.00	1026.25
Squash	Hire fees	488.68	
	Reg. fees	2.00	490.68
Parks Dept.	Tennis	22.83	
	Bowls	500.00	522.83
Allotments	Rents		212.02
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			£33490.05
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ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Wages	W/e 2.4.87		502.41
Wages	W/e 9.4.87		554.90
Inland Revenue	Tax & national insurance		1338.84
Centuryan Tech.	Seats for recreation areas		4191.75
L. Residuary Body	Repayment of superannuation		95.00
M M Insurance	Premium - fragmentation policy		166.24
Wicksteed Leisure	Maintenance - playground equipment		29.41
British Telecom	A/c's Administration	229.04	
	Park	48.70	277.74
Sandhurst Marketing	Monthly a/c - copier		32.69
Wages	W/e 16.4.87		605.62
S E (LA) Employers Organisation	Subscription renewal		35.65
Church Rd Garage	Petrol a/c (March)		77.46
A E Frost	Materials		16.48
Seeboard	A/c's Bowls Pav.	7.94	
	Park mess room	44.62	
	Grove Hall	18.94	71.50
Barclays Bank	Salaries (Mileage £26.63)		991.47
Wages	W/e 23.4.87		577.75
James Walker Ltd	Presentation items (Section 137)		71.25
Wicksteed Leisure	Maintenance playground equipment		366.95
Kentish Times	Advertising		72.45
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British Gas	A/c's	Grove Hall	161.35
		Church Road	233.74
			395.09
Thames Water	A/c's	Swanscombe Park	34.59
		Church Rd Hall	18.12
		Knockhall	
		changing rooms	17.40
		Grove Hall	18.00
		B'Field Sports	
		Ground	7.79
		Sports Pavilion	52.12
			148.02
O P W C		Donation (Section 137)	1000.00
Mr S Dunn		Donation (Section 137)	250.00
Southern Water	A/c	Church Road Hall	29.44
		Knockhall changing	
		rooms	30.80
			60.24
Wages		W/e 30.4.87 (Postage £15.05)	468.37
Schroder		Rental charges - copier	186.30
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			£12583.58
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BANK RECONCILIATION STATEMENT

Bank Balance as at 31st March 1987:

Building Society	17,727.54
Current account	3,726.44
Deposit account	80,947.49
Float	10.00
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	102,411.47
Less unpresented cheques	11,049.59
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	£ 91,361.88
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Unpresented cheques

10,062.96
63.66
36.34
132.57
374.21
117.30
12.55
250.00
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£11,049.59
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As per Receipt and Payment Books:

Receipts	212,799.23
Payments	121,437.35
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	£ 91,361.88
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TOWN PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning applications are submitted for Members' consideration:-

DA/87/0387

Erection of 2 no. semi-detached houses with integral garages,
Land at Mounts Road to the rear of 12 Cobham Terrace, Greenhithe.

DA/87/0371

Erection of a two storey rear extension and conversion of properties
to form 4 self contained flats,
5 & 6 The Avenue, Greenhithe

DA/87/0381

Erection of a single storey rear extension and conversion of ground floor
to form a self contained flat,
132 Milton Road, Swanscombe

DA/87/0383/LB

Application for listed building consent to replace slate roof tiles with
asbestos cement tiles and carry out renewal works to ceiling.
The Chapel, 19 High Street, Greenhithe

DA/87/0384/LB

Application for listed building consent to carry out alterations for
conversion of undercroft to form 3 no. self contained bed-sit units,
All Saints Church, High Street, Swanscombe

DA/87/0393

Installation of new shop front and doorway,
43 High Street, Swanscombe

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Cllr. M A Crosby Cllr. P G Melvin
Cllr. P S Crow Cllr. B G Poppy
Cllr. P R Defty Cllr. B E Read
Cllr. T V Dixon Cllr. R Simmonds

53 MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 21st May 1987 be confirmed and signed subject to Minute no. 2 being amended to read that the statement made by Councillor Crow would be available on file in the office.

54 RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE Moved by Councillor Crosby and seconded by Councillor A M Barham,

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Recreation and Amenities Committee held on 28th May 1987 be confirmed and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

55 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Moved by Councillor N Halford and seconded by Councillor A M Barham,

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Committee held on 2nd June 1987 be confirmed and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

56 FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE Moved by Councillor N Halford and seconded by Councillor A M Barham,

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 4th June 1987 be confirmed and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

57 TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS The Town Mayor, Councillor Mrs B A Halford informed Members that patrons of the Rising Sun Public House had raised approximately £1500 and that she was to present the cheque to the Royal Marsden Hospital later that evening.

58 MOTOR CYCLE TRACK On being asked what the situation was with the motor cycle track, Councillor Crosby told Members that a Committee Meeting was being held on Friday, 19th June and he hoped to be able to report that the track was in use at the next meeting.

59 CRAYLANDS LANE SITE Discussion took place regarding the Craylands Lane Site,

RESOLVED

The Clerk contact Mr Dance, requesting dates for the proposed site visits as soon as possible.

60 PUBLIC TRANSPORT The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from the County Surveyor regarding the Consultation on Review of Local Bus Services secured by Kent County Council. NOTED

61 GREENHITHE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION Reference Minute 49, Members were given the choice of three dates for the meeting with Officers of the Association.

RESOLVED

The Clerk to arrange for the meeting to be held on Tuesday, 7th July - to be attended by Councillors A R Armstrong, A M Barham, R A Francis, P J French, Mrs B A Halford, N Halford, P G Melvin and B G Poppy.

62 ALMSHOUSES A letter had been received from Mrs M Smith, Secretary/Trustee of the Consolidated Almshouse Charity of Swanscombe informing that her appointment would expire on 16th July 1987 and requesting either that her appointment be renewed or a replacement be nominated.

RESOLVED

That Mrs Smith be asked to continue as Secretary/Trustee for a further four years.

63 REDUCTION OF TEACHERS A letter had been received seeking the support of the Council in trying to get Kent County Council to reverse their decision to reduce the numbers of teachers at Knockhall and Sweyne schools.

RESOLVED

A letter be sent to the Chairman of the County Education Committee unanimously supporting both schools in their efforts to keep their present level of staffing. Copies of the letter to be sent to Councillors H Waterton-Lee and Barrie Clark and the Junior Minister for Education - R J Dunn MP.

64 REPRESENTATION ON SPORTS ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE Reference Minute 7a, Members discussed the numbers of Councillors to be included as representatives on the Committee of the Swanscombe and Greenhithe Association of Sports Clubs.

RESOLVED

That the three Councillors nominated at the Annual General Meeting serve on this Committee.

Councillors Mr & Mrs Halford left the Council Chamber and Councillor Defty took the Chair and continued with the Meeting.

65 TOWN PLANNING APPLICATIONS The following Planning Applications were submitted for Members' consideration:-

DA/87/0387 - Erection of 2 no. semi-detached houses with integral garages. Land at Mounts Road to the rear of 12 Cobham Terrace, Greenhithe.

OBSERVATIONS - Site Meeting requested.

DA/87/0381 - Erection of a single storey rear extension and conversion of ground floor to form a self contained flat. 132 Milton Road, Swanscombe.

OBSERVATIONS - No Objections providing no objections from neighbouring properties.

DA/87/0371 - Erection of a two storey rear extension and conversion of properties to form 4 self contained flats. 5 & 6 The Avenue, Greenhithe.

OBSERVATIONS - Site Meeting requested.

DA/87/0383/LB - Application for listed building consent to replace slate roof tiles with asbestos cement tiles and carry out renewal works to ceiling. The Chapel, 19 High Street, GREENHITHE.

OBSERVATIONS - Although no objections raised the Town Council would like this to remain in keeping with surrounding buildings.

DA/87/0384/LB - Application for listed building consent to carry out alterations for conversion of undercroft to form 3 no. self contained bed-sit units.

All Saints Church, High Street, Swanscombe.

OBSERVATIONS - No Objections.

DA/87/0393 - Installation of new shop front and doorway. 43 High Street, Swanscombe.

OBSERVATIONS - Recommend Approval.

Councillor Crow left the Council Chamber.

DA/87/0402 - 26 London Road, Greenhithe - This application to be considered at the Meeting of the Recreation and Amenities Committee on 2nd July 1987.

The Clerk was asked to make enquiries regarding having the chairs in the Council Chamber re-upholstered.

66 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED

That the Press and Public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

67 SPORTS PAVILION Members were given a report of a meeting that had been held on Tuesday, 16th June with representatives of the Swanscombe and Greenhithe Association of Sports Clubs.

RESOLVED

That a Special Meeting was to be arranged after the relevant information had been received from the Valuation Officer.

Town Mayor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S. Half', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

MINUTES of a MEETING of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held on WEDNESDAY,
24th JUNE 1987 at Manor House, Swanscombe at 7.30pm.

PRESENT:- Cllr. Mrs B A Halford, Town Mayor
Cllr. A R Armstrong Cllr. P R Defty
Cllr. Mrs A E Barham Cllr. R A Francis
Cllr. A M Barham Cllr. N Halford
Cllr. M A Crosby Cllr. B E Read

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor P S Crow.

68 TOWN CLERK'S POSITION Following an announcement of the resignation of the Clerk of the Council with effect from 31st July 1987, it was agreed that action be taken in accordance with the attached report.

69 ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF It was reported that notification had been received of the 1987 NJC pay award effective from 1st July 1987.

70 PERSONNEL MATTER Members discussed an urgent personnel problem and it was agreed that the Clerk pursue this matter as instructed.

71 PARKS STAFF Members discussed the attendance of the Assistant Parks Foreman at the site meeting held on Sunday, 14th June 1987 and it was

RECOMMENDED

That the Assistant Parks Foreman be given time off in lieu for his attendance on that day.

72 CRAYLANDS LANE SITE Members discussed a letter received from the Town Council's Solicitors about certain items contained in the draft Lease for the Craylands Lane Site and it was

RECOMMENDED

That the Clerk write to Blue Circle Industries for their comments on those items.



Town Mayor

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 24th JUNE 1987

TOWN CLERK'S POSITION

Members agreed that the following action be taken:

- 1) The vacant position of Town Clerk be advertised internally in Gravesham Borough Council, Dartford Borough Council and Kent County Council and externally in the Dartford Times. Also in P E R if practical. Closing date for application to be 31st July 1987.
- 2) The Assistant Town Clerk be invited to apply also and her salary be increased to Spinal Point 22 (+ Inner Fringe Area Allowance + Staff Allowance) with effect from 1st August 1987 and until such time as a further decision is made on the Town Clerk's appointment.
- 3) A temporary Receptionist/Typist be engaged from an agency on a weekly basis with effect from 27th July 1987.
- 4) The Executive Committee to consider a short list of applicants on the 31st July 1987 and interviews to be held on 4th August 1987.
- 5) All Members to be informed of the resignation of the Town Clerk and the decision to advertise the vacant position.

MINUTES of the MEETING of the RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE held at Manor House, Swanscombe on THURSDAY, 2nd July 1987 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Cllr. M A Crosby, Chairman
Cllr. A R Armstrong
Cllr. A M Barham
Cllr. M D Chater
Cllr. P R Defty
Cllr. T V Dixon
Cllr. R A Francis
Cllr. Mrs B A Halford
Cllr. N Halford
Cllr. P G Melvin
Cllr. B G Poppy
Cllr. B E Read
Cllr. R Simmonds

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs A E Barham, P S Crow, Mrs S East, B R Francis and P J French.

73 MINUTES The Minutes of the Meeting held on 28th May 1987 were agreed and signed.

74 KNOCKHALL PLAYING FIELDS Reference Minute 20, estimates had been obtained for additional fencing at the Playing Fields and it was,

RECOMMENDED

- a) The children's goal posts be placed more in the centre of the field to see if this alleviates the problems of footballs going into the road and this situation to be closely monitored;

Councillor Melvin requested that his vote against this motion be recorded.

- b) Further estimates be obtained for chain link fencing (strengthened with a solid strip along the top).

75 SWANSCOMBE PARK Members were given details of the cost of additional fencing along the side of the children's playground.

RECOMMENDED

That the estimate for supplying and fixing 26 metres of fencing in the sum of £917 + VAT be accepted.

76 FOOTBALL PITCH ALLOCATION Members discussed the allocation of football pitches for the 1987/88 season and it was,

RECOMMENDED

That the pitches be allocated as set out on the annexed list.

77 DRINKING FOUNTAIN Members considered the following quotes for maintenance work to be carried out on the drinking fountain:-

- | | |
|---|----------------|
| 1) To clean and repoint memorial | 140.00 |
| To replace marble plate 16½"x12"x1½"
with 136 letters of inscription incised
and black painted. | 145.60 |
| | <u>£285.60</u> |
| 2) To low pressure sand blast brick and
stonework appertaining to drinking
fountain | <u>£126.00</u> |

RECOMMENDED

Drinking Fountain (continued)

That the Clerk accept estimate 1 and make the necessary arrangements.

78 GROVE CAR PARK Reference Minute 431 (86/87), a further estimate had been received for resurfacing the car park in the sum of £6,573 + VAT, also a quote of £7,950 + VAT for repairs to the lorry park plus approx. £500 for repairs to precast concrete road channel if required.

RECOMMENDED

- a) The Clerk to obtain an estimate for the lorry park to be concreted;
- b) The pot holes at the exit of the car park to receive attention;
- c) The Borough Council be asked to repair the pot holes in The Grove (by the Grove Car Park).

79 SUMMER ENTERTAINMENT Reference Minute 22, Members considered the information that had been supplied for providing additional entertainment for children during the school holidays.

RECOMMENDED

The Clerk to arrange for 4 sessions to be provided - 2 at Swanscombe and 2 at Knockhall.

80 SCOUT JAMBOREE Reference Minute 461, a letter of thanks had been received from Mr Scott Dunn for the donation towards the expenses involved with his trip to Australia, also saying that he would be pleased to show Members his photographic record of the trip on his return.

81 SITE MEETING 14th MAY 1987 Reference Minute 19, Members discussed the comments and suggestions resulting from the site meeting, and it was

RECOMMENDED

- a) No further work to be carried out on the wall on no. 1 bowling green until the end of the season and a letter to be sent to the Bowling Club asking what their future intentions were regarding this matter;
- b) A protective area to be placed around the playing edge of the public green;
- c) Estimates to be obtained for having the public toilets in Swanscombe Park refurbished - to include an iron locking vandalproof entrance and possibly a drinking fountain;
- d) A sheltered seating area to be considered;
- e) A small children's goal post to be placed in Swanscombe Park;
- f) The flower borders and shrubs by the drinking fountain to be tidied and consideration to be given to planting ground cover plants;
- g) The flagpole in Swanscombe Park to be repainted and an estimate for a new flag to be obtained;
- h) Seats required for the top end of Swanscombe Park (by Gunn Road) - to be referred to the Finance and General Purposes Committee;

Site Meeting 14th May (continued)

- i) The steps leading to the playground area in Swanscombe Park to be repaired and consideration be given to widening the slope;
- j) The Clerk to obtain information on Playground Safety Surfaces from the National Playing Field Association;
- k) The Grove Car Park to be swept and relined and the signs and entrance post to be straightened;
- l) Information to be obtained on public notice boards;
- m) Fencing for Broomfield Road Sports Ground to be included in the estimates for 1988/89;
- n) An estimate to be obtained for fencing along the side of the Broomfield Road Sports Ground - behind Milton Road;
- o) The Clerk to ask the Borough Council if Members could meet and discuss the siting of the public toilets that had been included in their estimates for Swanscombe;
- p) Second set of children's goal posts to be erected at Broomfield Sports Ground;
- q) A site meeting to be held on Sunday, 19th July at 10.30am at Knockhall Playing Field to inspect the changing rooms and the showers, also to re-consider the fencing behind the flats and along the edge of the field;
- r) Fencing and flower beds alongside Knockhall Playing Field to be considered at the next meeting of the Recreation and Amenities Committee.

82 PARK FOREMAN'S REPORT The Assistant Parks Foreman was unable to attend the Meeting due to being on the late shift at the Park. It was reported that since the break-in at Swanscombe Park there is no money left on the premises. The tractor shed had also been broken into and some items of cricket equipment were now missing.

RECOMMENDED

- a) The Park Staff to be reminded of the reductions made for recreational facilities for the elderly, unemployed and persons in full time education;
- b) The lines on the tennis courts to be re-painted;
- c) The Assistant Parks Foreman to be asked to attend the Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting;
- d) The Clerk to contact the Insurance Company regarding money in transit.

83 COMMUNITY HALLS Members were informed that problems had occurred at the two halls during the recent humid weather resulting in the wooden floor blocks lifting and a quote had been obtained to have the work carried out in the sum of £95.

RECOMMENDED

The quote to be accepted and arrangements to be made for the work to be carried out as a matter of urgency.

Councillor N Halford declared an interest in the next item and was invited to stay in the Council Chamber.

84 DARTFORD UNEMPLOYED CENTRE A letter had been received from the Unemployed Centre asking to book the Grove Hall on July 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th from 9.30 to 12.30 for the purpose of running a Job Shop - which would provide free advice and guidance on job-seeking for the unemployed.

RECOMMENDED

The Unemployed Centre be allowed use of the Grove Hall on these dates and no charge to be made for this.

85 INFORMATION LEAFLETS Members were informed that the following leaflets had been received and were available in the office:-

- 1) K A P C
 - a) Courses for new Parish Councillors at Rodmersham, Eythorne, Tenterden, Leigh, Wye and Ryarsh;
 - b) Seminar on Home Office Byelaws for the regulation of dogs Thursday, 9th July at Barbican Centre;
 - c) Invitation to the Biennial National Conference of Local Councillors at Partsmouth, Friday, Saturday and Sunday 22nd, 23rd & 24th April 1988.
- 2) C P R E
 - a) Annual General Meeting at Yaldham Manor, Kemsing, Sevenoaks on 27th June at 2pm;
 - b) Summer 1987 issue of Countryside Campaigner (Magazine).
- 3) K V S C
 - a) Summer 1987 issue of journal 'Oast to Coast';
 - b) Kent Federation of Amenity Societies - 15th Annual Conference of Amenity Societies and Local Government at Wye College, Wye, Nr. Ashford - September 19th & 20th;
 - c) Kent Structure Plan - Conference at Ditton 13th July (2nd Review);
 - d) Various other leaflets.

Details of the following one day NALC courses were given to Members:-

- i) Understanding Local Council Financial Management and the Audit - 12th October 1987;
- ii) Understanding Local Councils and all aspects of Children's Playgrounds - 24th November 1987.

Both courses are to be held in London at a cost of £39.10 per course.

RECOMMENDED

That the Clerk arrange for a place to be booked on the course which is to be held on 24th November 1987.

86 DARTFORD COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from the Voluntary Council giving details of their organisation and inviting the Town Council to become a Member. NOTED

87 S & G SQUASH CLUB A letter had been received from the Squash Club informing that as membership was falling they would like to discontinue their use of the squash courts on Wednesday evenings. NOTED

88 VENTURE UNIT A letter had been received from the Group Leader of the Galley Hill Scouts asking if their Venture Unit could hire the Grove Hall on Thursday evenings.

RECOMMENDED

A letter be sent asking for details of the problems with their present accommodation, ages of the boys involved and what their activities would involve, also pointing out that the hall is already booked in advance for at least one Thursday each month.

89 CIVIC SERVICE Members were informed of a Civic Service that was to be held at St. Anselm's Church, Dartford on Sunday, 19th July and Members and wives or escorts were invited to attend. NOTED

90 TOWN PLANNING APPLICATIONS The following Planning Applications were submitted for Members' consideration:-

DA/87/0402 - Erection of a dormer to rear addition and conversion of property to form 4 no. self contained flats.
26 London Road, Greenhithe.

OBSERVATIONS - No Objections.

DA/87/0428 - Erection of a 2 storey rear extension.
14 Gasson Road, Swanscombe.

OBSERVATIONS - No Objections providing no objections from neighbouring properties.

DA/87/0434 - Use of premises as a warehouse and distribution centre and alterations to front elevation.
20 Knockhall Chase, Greenhithe.

OBSERVATIONS - Recommend Approval.

DA/87/0430 - Erection of a part single/part two storey rear extension,
112 Milton Road, Swanscombe.

OBSERVATIONS - No Objections.

DA/87/0435 - Erection of a first floor rear extension,
15 Eynsford Road, Greenhithe.

OBSERVATIONS - No Observations.

DA/87/0454 - Installation of new shop front and formation of a new entrance for flat.
127 Milton Road, Swanscombe.

OBSERVATIONS - No Objections.

DA/87/0465 - Conversion of property to form 2 no. self contained flats.
5a Castle Street, Swanscombe.

OBSERVATIONS - No Objections.

Town Planning Applications (continued)

Reference Minute 17, a reply had been received from Blue Circle Industries supporting the installation of a cattle grid at the Redland Bricks Site at Craylands Lane and informing that arrangements are being considered for reducing the maximum stockpiling of slurry to comply with the planning consent dated 29th May 1986.

RECOMMENDED

The Clerk write to the Country Planning Officer asking what action they propose to take to enforce the planning consent.

A letter had been received from the County Planning Officer concerning proposed amendments to Application DA/82/617, Northfleet Landfill, referring to the approved landscaping, working and restoration at the site.

RECOMMENDED

That the Town Council's representatives would make known the observations of the Council at the next meeting of the Liaison Committee.

The following decision notices had been received granting permission for development:-

DA/87/0258 - 39 High Street, Swanscombe;

DA/87/0306 - 59 Mounts Road, Greenhithe;

DA/86/0771/A - 88 Church Road, Swanscombe;

DA/87/0262/OUT(rev) - Land rear of 31 & 32 Craylands Lane, Swanscombe;

DA/87/0367 - 25 Eynsford Road, Greenhithe.

Planning permission had been refused for the following:-

DA/87/0225 - Crauch's Slipway, Pier Road, Greenhithe.

Councillor Simmonds left the Council Chamber.

The Clerk was asked if the netball courts in Swanscombe Park were used and he was asked to inform the local schools of this facility.

Chairman



RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE - 2nd JULY 1987

Agenda
Ref. 4

CLERK'S REPORT - FOOTBALL PITCH ALLOCATION

Broomfield Road

Pitch 1	Saturday	am	No play	
		pm	Swanscombe United + Reserve side (every week)	
Pitch 2	Saturday	am	No play	
		pm	Blue Anchor Swan Athletic	} alternate weeks
Pitch 3	Saturday	am	No play	
		pm	No play	
Pitch 1	Sunday	am	No play	
		pm	No play	
Pitch 2	Sunday	am	Springvale - every week (2 teams)	
		pm	No play	
Pitch 3	Sunday	am	A F C Swanscombe Sun	} alternate weeks
		pm	No play	

Knockhall Road

	Saturday	am	No play	
		pm	Rising Sun	
	Sunday	am	Top House Eastgate	} alternate weeks
		pm	No play	

MINUTES of the MEETING of the FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE held at Manor House, Swanscombe on THURSDAY, 16th JULY 1987 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Cllr. N Halford, Chairman Cllr. Mrs S East
Cllr. A R Armstrong Cllr. R A Francis
Cllr. Mrs A E Barham Cllr. P J French
Cllr. A M Barham Cllr. Mrs B A Halford
Cllr. M D Chater Cllr. P G Melvin
Cllr. P S Crow Cllr. B G Poppy
Cllr. P R Defty Cllr. B E Read
Cllr. T V Dixon Cllr. R Simmonds

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor M A Crosby.

91 MINUTES The Minutes of the Meeting held on 4th June 1987 were confirmed and signed.

92 PARK FOREMAN'S REPORT As the Assistant Parks Foreman had not attended the previous two meetings of the Recreation and Amenities Committee he had been invited to attend and give his report.

The cutting programme for the area was now up to date and the only other item to report was that water was leaking through the changing room window at the Sports Pavilion.

Members discussed the early closure of the gates leading to the cemetery.

Questions were raised regarding an accident that occurred on the tennis courts.

RECOMMENDED

- a) A letter be sent to the Borough Council asking if the cemetery gates could be closed an hour before the park is closed;
- b) The Assistant Parks Foreman to check the nets of the tennis courts and look into why no accident had been reported;
- c) The Assistant Parks Foreman to liaise with the Chairman of the Recreation and Amenities Committee with regard to the children's goal posts at Broomfield Road Sports Ground.

93 INCOME FOR MAY AND JUNE 1987 The Income for May and June amounting to £1694.32 was received as set out in the annexed list.

94 ACCOUNTS PAID The Clerk reported that Accounts amounting to £16,471 had been paid since the date of the last meeting.

95 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT The Clerk submitted an account from the Town Council's Solicitors for their Professional Charges.

RECOMMENDED

That this account be paid.



96 STREET CLEANING AND TREE MAINTENANCE Reference Minute 52, Members discussed the reply that had been received from Dartford Borough Council.

RECOMMENDED

The Clerk write to the Borough Council asking what sum of money they propose to spend on tree pruning in Swanscombe and Greenhithe this autumn and explain that the Town Council would like their permission to have the trees pruned by a contractor and would the Borough Council be willing to donate the amount they were proposing to spend on this project towards the cost of the this work.

97 O P W C Members discussed the possibility of future assistance with vehicles for the Old Peoples Welfare Committee.

RECOMMENDED

That the Town Council consider providing a Community Bus for use by the elderly and youth organisations in the area when the 1988/89 estimates are being prepared - under Section 137 of the L G A 1972.

Recorded Vote

FOR

Cllr. Armstrong
Cllr. Mrs Barham
Cllr. A M Barham
Cllr. Chater
Cllr. Defty
Cllr. Dixon
Cllr. Mrs East

Cllr. R A Francis
Cllr. French
Cllr. Mrs Halford
Cllr. N Halford
Cllr. Poppy
Cllr. Simmonds

AGAINST

Cllr. Crow
Cllr. Read

ABSTENTION

Cllr. Melvin

98 BUS SHELTER Reference Minute 458 (86/87), a reply had been received informing that the allocation of shelters in Dartford would be absorbed by the replacement of shelters in the Northern link-scheme and that consideration might be given to providing shelters in the Swanscombe and Greenhithe area at a later date. NOTED

99 ST. PETER & PAUL PLAYGROUP Members had been asked to consider giving financial assistance to the Playgroup towards new tables and chairs but were pleased to learn that this was no longer necessary as they had received a grant from another Organisation.

RECOMMENDED

A letter be sent to the Secretary of the Playgroup saying how pleased Members were to hear their good news and that the Council would be pleased to consider future requests should the need arise.

100 FRIENDS OF ROWHILL ASSOCIATION Reference Minute 50, a letter had been received from the County Education Committee Chairman explaining why they could not support the Association's transport requirements.

RECOMMENDED

A copy of the letter be sent to the Rowhill Association.

100a SWANSCOMBE PARK - SEATING

RECOMMENDED

That £1,000 be set aside for seating in the Park, which was to be discussed in detail at the next Meeting of the Town Council.

101 DRINKING FOUNTAIN Members were asked to approve the finance for the repairs to be carried out as recommended by the Recreation and Amenities Committee on 2nd July 1987, reference Minute 77.

RECOMMENDED

The finance be approved in the sum of £285.60.

102 FENCING - SWANSCOMBE PARK Reference Minute 75, Members were asked to approve the finance for the additional fencing along one side of the playground area as recommended by the Recreation and Amenities Committee on 2nd July 1987.

RECOMMENDED

The finance in the sum of £917 + VAT be approved.

103 ALLOCATION OF FINANCE Members were asked to approve the following amounts for projects that had been recommended by the Recreation and Amenities Committee on July 2nd 1987:-

- a) Protective edging surrounding the public bowling green - £200;
- b) Fencing of Broomfield Road Sports Ground - rear of Milton Road - £1,000;
- c) Fencing on the western boundary of Knockhall Road Sports Field - £1,264;
- d) Provision for area to be fenced off for seating and flower beds at Knockhall Road Sports Ground - £3,000;
- e) Further finance be approved for repairs to the Grove Car Park - £4,000.

RECOMMENDED

The finance be approved for the items as listed.

104 SHOWERS AND DRESSING ROOMS - KNOCKHALL Members considered the problems with the facilities at Knockhall Road Playing Field.

RECOMMENDED

The Town Council to approach the Greenhithe Community Association with the possibility of using their building for the provision of changing rooms and showers for users of the Sports Field.

Recorded Vote

FOR

Cllr. Armstrong
Cllr. Mrs Barham
Cllr. A M Barham
Cllr. Chater
Cllr. Crow
Cllr. Defty
Cllr. Dixon
Cllr. Mrs East

Cllr. R A Francis
Cllr. French
Cllr. Mrs Halford
Cllr. N Halford
Cllr. Poppy
Cllr. Read
Cllr. Simmonds

ABSTENTION

Cllr. Melvin

105 GREENHITHE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION Members were asked to consider the request for financial assistance following the meeting that had been held with representatives of the Association on 7th July 1987.

RECOMMENDED

The Town Council was to give consideration to including this item when the estimates were prepared for 1988/89. A copy of the Association's accounts were to be included with the Agendas for the Town Council Meeting.

106 INFORMATION LEAFLETS Members were informed that the following leaflets were available in the office:-

1) European Year of the Environment

Covering letter and leaflet explaining the activities and arrangements for a national competition during the year of E Y E 21.3.87 - 20.3.88;

2) K V S C

Conference 29th September 1987 at Bawl Water, Lamberhurst, Kent on a New Deal for Commons and Village Greens.

NOTED

107 KENT STRUCTURE PLAN REVIEW A copy of the Consultative Document for the Kent Structure Plan Second Review had been received from the County Planning Officer and was available in the office for inspection.

RECOMMENDED

Members to inspect the above document at their convenience and the views of the Town Council to be submitted at a later date.

108 STAFFING - COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOLS Reference Minute 63, a reply had been received from the County Area Education Officer giving the reasons for the proposed cuts in staff for the Knockhall and Sweyne Junior Schools.

RECOMMENDED

A copy of this letter to be sent to the schools concerned.

109 CHANNEL TUNNEL The Clerk reported receipt of a note of the meeting of the Channel Tunnel Joint Consultative Committee which was chaired by the Minister for Transport on Wednesday, 8th April 1987. NOTED

110 TOWN PLANNING APPLICATIONS Members were informed of the following Decision Notices that had been received from Dartford Borough Council granting permission for development:-

DA/87/0393 - 43 High Street, Swanscombe.

Councillor Melvin left the Council Chamber.

111 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RECOMMENDED

That the Press and Public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

112 INSURANCE CLAIM Members discussed details of the settlement figure that had been received.

RECOMMENDED

The Clerk to contact the Insurance Company and deal with this matter as instructed.

Chairman

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

INCOME FOR MAY 1987

Administration	Use of copier		28. 90
Community Halls	Grove Hall	128.25	
	Church Road	89.75	218. 00
Squash	Hire fees	156.22	
	Reg. fees	3.00	159. 22
Parks Dept.	Tennis	29.78	
	Bowls	36.96	
	Cricket	100.00	166. 74
Allotments	Rents		57. 60
			<u>£630. 46</u>

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Sandhurst Mktg.	Monthly a/c - copier		39. 42
D B Council	Quarterly a/c all-night lighting		260. 00
Sports Turf Maint.	Bowling equipment	513.36	
	Materials	100.76	614. 12
Kentish Times	Advertising		6. 96
Southern Water	A/c's Swanscombe Park	8.85	
	Grove Hall, Sports Pav & Sports Ground	110.81	119. 66
	Insurance premium - vehicles		322. 62
Wages	W/e 7.5.87		493. 36
Inland Revenue	Tax & national insurance		1525. 00
Seeboard	April a/c - street lighting		52. 76
Wages	W/e 14.5.87		545. 79
K C C	Superannuation payment		1506. 20
A E Frost	Materials - parks		40. 78
Wages	W/e 21.5.87 (Stamps & petty cash £22.83)		643. 42
Barclays Bank	Salaries (Mileage £24.70)		1043. 15
Pinnacle Supplies	Cleaning materials		40. 15
Fishers	Stationery		14. 69
Church Road Garage	Petrol a/c - April		77. 00
Wages	W/e 28.5.87		497. 57
Seeboard	A/c Church Rd Hall		33. 14
Seeboard	May a/c - street lighting		52. 76
			<u>£7928. 55</u>

MINUTES of a MEETING of the SWANSCOMBE AND GREENHITHE TOWN COUNCIL
held at Manor House, Swanscombe on THURSDAY, 30th JULY 1987 at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Cllr. Mrs B A Halford, Town Mayor
Cllr. A R Armstrong
Cllr. Mrs A E Barham
Cllr A M Barham
Cllr M D Chater
Cllr. M A Crosby
Cllr. P S Crow
Cllr. P R Defty
Cllr. T V Dixon
Cllr. Mrs S East
Cllr. B R Francis
Cllr. R A Francis
Cllr. P J French
Cllr. N Halford
Cllr. B G Poppy
Cllr. B E Read
Cllr. R Simmonds

113 MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 18th June 1987 be confirmed and signed.

114 SCHOOL GOVERNORS The Clerk reported receipt of letters from Mr L Caller and Mr M Griggs informing of their resignation as School Governors from the Knockhall Junior School and Sweyne School respectively.

RESOLVED

That Cllr. French be appointed as School Governor for Sweyne Junior School, Swanscombe, and that Councillor Poppy be appointed as Governor for Knockhall Primary and Junior School.

115 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Moved by Councillor N Halford and seconded by Councillor Defty.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Committee held on 24th June 1987 be confirmed and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

116 RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE Moved by Councillor Crosby and seconded by Councillor Chater.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Recreation and Amenities Committee held on 2nd July 1987 be confirmed and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

117 FOOTBALL PITCH ALLOCATION Reference minute 76, Members discussed a problem that had occurred due to a football team not having insurance cover.

RESOLVED

The Clerk to inform the Football Clubs and other organised users of recreational facilities that a valid certificate of insurance would need to be produced prior to their hire of such facilities.

118 TOILETS - SWANSCOMBE PARK Reference Minute 81(c) it was requested that the estimate for having the toilets refurbished be obtained

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for consideration by members at the next meeting of the Recreation and Amenities Committee.

119 FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE Moved by Councillor N Halford and seconded by Councillor R Francis,

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 16th July 1987 be confirmed and the Recommendations contained therein be adopted.

120 TENNIS COURTS The Clerk reported receipt of a letter informing of an accident that had occurred on the tennis courts in Swanscombe Park

RESOLVED

The letter to be acknowledged and dealt with accordingly.

121 WORK EXPERIENCE SCHEME Reference was made to discussions made at the previous meeting of the Finance and General Purpose Committee concerning payment for students on the work experience scheme and it was confirmed by the Clerk that following discussions with K A P C it would be in order for this payment to be implemented.

122 SEATING - SWANSCOMBE Reference Minutes 81(H) and 100(A) it was

RESOLVED

That two seats be purchased and placed by the drinking fountain in Swanscombe Park.

123 GREENHITHE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION Reference Minute 105, Members discussed the question of assisting the Association and it was,

RESOLVED

That a letter be sent to Kent County Council enquiring as to why they had ceased to fund the Association - copies of the letter to be sent to R J Dunn MP, and the Dartford Borough Council.

124 K A P C DARTFORD AREA COMMITTEE Members were informed that new Officers had been elected at the last meeting and that Mrs Salway had again been elected as Chairman.

125 SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB Members were informed that a meeting had been held of the Club's Management Committee and that a balance sheet had been produced.

126 S & G ASSOCIATION OF SPORTS CLUBS Members were informed that the Town Mayor had been offered use of the Sports Pavilion on February 6th 1988 for her reception.

127 OLD PEOPLE'S WELFARE COMMITTEE Members were informed of a meeting that had been held and that concern had been voiced at the running costs of the new mini-bus.

128 SEALING OF DOCUMENTS The Clerk reported that the licence had been received to use a quarry pit at Alkerden Lane, Swanscombe for the (riding of motor cycles), and it was

RESOLVED

That the Licence be duly Sealed and signed by the Town Mayor, Councillor Mrs Halford, the Deputy Town Mayor, Councillor Defty and the Town Clerk, Mr G M Taylor.

129 POWERS OF COMMITTEES It was

RESOLVED

That the powers and duties of Committees be 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.

To exercise the functions of the Council in controlling the operation and provision of facilities in relation to recreation grounds, parks, open spaces, playgrounds, 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 the provisions of the Town and Country Planning Acts.

Referred function

To act as an advisory body considering 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.

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, maintenance, 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 of 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 question of levels of pay and salary settlements.

130 TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS The Town Mayor, Councillor Mrs Barbara Halford presented Mr Taylor with a clock radio as a gift from Members of the Town Council, with their best wishes on his retirement from the position as Town Clerk.

Members were reminded of the Bowls Match to be held on August 2nd.

131 TOWN TWINNING Following discussion it was

RESOLVED

That arrangements for Town Twinning with regard to this area be discontinued.

132 LAND ACQUISITION Members discussed two areas of land and the resulting problems and it was

RESOLVED

Members to inspect the site at Taunton Toad prior to further discussion at the meeting of the Recreation and Amenities Committee.

The land at Milton Road to be cleared of rubbish, fencing to be erected and the land offered for cultivation.

Signs to be placed at both sites with telephone number displayed.

133 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE- DELEGATED POWERS DURING RECESS

RESOLVED

That the Executive Committee be given delegated powers to deal with urgent issues during the period of the recess of the Town Council.

134 NOTICE OF MOTION Members considered the notice of motion that had been proposed by Councillor N Halford and seconded by Councillor Crosby, and it was

RESOLVED

That this Council is not satisfied with the proposed plan for the provision of general hospital facilities in the Dartford and Gravesham area and we request that the Health Authority safeguard the future of the Gravesend and North Kent hospital.

The appropriate health authority to be informed and copies sent to Gravesham Council and the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Health.

Councillor Read left the Council Chamber

135 TOWN PLANNING APPLICATIONS The following Planning Applications were submitted for Member's consideration:-

DA/87/0500 - Alterations to front and side elevations of building Morning Star Public House, Church Road, Swanscombe

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

DA/87/0509 - Change of use of unit 4 from business use (class B1) to general industrial use (class B2) for garaging, repairs and servicing to commercial vehicles.

Unit 4, Galley Hill Industrial Estate, London Road, Swanscombe.

OBSERVATIONS - Recommend Approval.

DA/86/391 Members were informed of a letter that had been received from the Chairman of the County Planning Sub-Committee regarding the public meeting held at Swanscombe School on May 28th 1987.

DA/87/0225 Members were informed of a letter that had been received from the Borough Council stating that an appeal had been made to the Secretary of State by Mr O Steer regarding his application to develop land at Crouch's Slipway, Greenhithe.

DA/87/0274/OUT Members were informed of a site meeting to be held on 4th August, 7.45pm at 6 Knockhall Road, Greenhithe.

DA/83/336 Members were informed of a letter that had been received from the County Planning Officer enclosing an application to vary details approved on 8th January 1986 under condition (ii) of permission DA/83/336, Bamber Pit, Gas Control Scheme.

Reference Minute 90, the Clerk reported receipt of a letter from the County Planning Officer informing that a metal grid was to be installed at the Redlands Site (by 28th July 1987) and that discussion was taking Place concerning the stockpiling of chalk slurry.

NOTED

TOWN MAYOR



MINUTES of a MEETING of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held on FRIDAY
31st JULY 1987 at Manor House, Swanscombe at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Cllr. Mrs B A Halford, Town Mayor Cllr. P S Crow
Cllr. A R Armstrong Cllr. P R Defty
Cllr. Mrs A E Barham Cllr. R A Francis
Cllr. A M Barham Cllr. N Halford
Cllr. M A Crosby Cllr. B E Read

136 MINUTES The Minutes of the Meeting held on 24th June 1987 were agreed and signed.

137 TOWN CLERK'S POSITION Members considered the applications that had been received for the Town Clerk's vacancy.

RECOMMENDED

Two of the applicants be invited to attend for interview on Tuesday 4th August commencing at 3.00pm.

138 PERSONNEL MATTER The Clerk to report back to the Committee with the information as requested for further discussion.

139 ADMINISTRATION Members were asked to confirm the pay award that had been implemented from 1st July 1987.

NOTED

140 LINE MARKING EQUIPMENT Members discussed details of a more permanent type of line marker.

RECOMMENDED

That a demonstration be arranged.

141 COMPLAINT - DOG FOULING Members had received a letter of complaint from a local resident concerning the fouling of footways by dogs.

RECOMMENDED

That the Clerk refer this to the Borough Council and contact the complainant.

142 SPORTS ASSOCIATION

RECOMMENDED

That enquiries be made regarding a report on the history of the Pavilion.

Councillor Crosby left the Council Chamber

143 STAFFING - COMMUNITY HALLS Members discussed the staffing required during the holiday periods.

RECOMMENDED

That the Clerk discuss the proposed arrangements with the Community Halls Staff prior to implementing this recommendation.

The meeting was adjourned until 7.00pm on Tuesday 4th August 1987



MINUTES of a MEETING of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held on 4th AUGUST 1987
at 7.00pm being RECONVENED from MEETING held on 30th JULY 1987

PRESENT: Cllr. Mrs B A Halford, Town Mayor Cllr. P S Crow
Cllr. A R Armstrong Cllr. P R Defty
Cllr. Mrs A E Barham Cllr. R A Francis
Cllr. A M Barham Cllr. N Halford
Cllr. M A Crosby Cllr. B E Read

144 TOWN CLERK'S VACANCY Following the interviews held during the
afternoon it was

RECOMMENDED

That Mrs Savill be offered the position of Town Clerk.

145 ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK Subject to the acceptance of the position of
Town Clerk by Mrs Savill it was

RECOMMENDED

That the vacant position be advertised and a meeting of the Executive
Committee be held on 11th September 1987.

146 PERSONNEL MATTER

RECOMMENDED

The Clerk to deal with this matter as instructed.

147 SWANSCOMBE & GREENHITH ASSOCIATION OF SPORTS CLUBS

RECOMMENDED

That authorisation be given for the necessary information to be obtained.

Councillor Crosby left the Council Chambers

148 STAFFING - COMMUNITY HALLS Following discussions with the
Community Halls Staff it was

RECOMMENDED

That the weekend staff and the weekday staff of each hall cover holiday
periods for their own hall and the appropriate payment be implemented.

Town Mayor



MINUTES of the MEETING of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held on 24th AUGUST 1987
at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Cllr. Mrs B A Halford, Town Mayor Cllr. R A Francis
 Cllr. M A Crosby Cllr. N Halford
 Cllr. P R Defty Cllr. B E Read

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A Armstrong,
Mrs A E Barham and A M Barham.

149 PERSONNEL MATTER Following the medical consultation it was

RECOMMENDED

That the Clerk deal with this as instructed.

150 GREENHITHE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION Members discussed the meeting
that had been held on Tuesday 18th August at the Community Centre.

151 FOOTBALL - INSURANCE Members discussed the question of insurance
cover and, due to problems being felt by some teams, it was

RECOMMENDED

That a letter be sent to the Football Clubs strongly advising them
to obtain insurance and quoting that it would be included as a condition
of hire for the 1988/89 Season.

152 PLANNING APPLICATION DA/87/0260/ADV Members discussed the above
application now that it had been agreed that the projecting box sign
would be non-illuminated and it was

RECOMMENDED

That the Town Council withdraw their Objections.

153 HUNGERFORD TRAGEDY

RECOMMENDED

That a message of sympathy be sent from the Town Council following the
recent tragic events.

154 LAND - SWEYNE ROAD AND TAUNTON ROAD

RECOMMENDED

The Clerk deal with this as instructed.

155 PARKING PROBLEMS Discussion took place regarding the probability
of a serious accident occurring due to the parking problems and it was,

RECOMMENDED

That a letter be sent to the Gravesend Police advising them of the

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concern felt by Members of the Council.

156 LINE MARKING EQUIPMENT Members discussed the recent demonstration of the line marking equipment.

RECOMMENDED

The Clerk to purchase the machine.

157 MONUMENT MANOR PARK The Clerk reported of a complaint that had been received regarding the condition of the monument in Manor Park.

RECOMMENDED

A letter be sent to the Borough Council informing them of this complaint.

158 TOWN PLANNING APPLICATIONS The following planning applications were submitted for Members' consideration:-

DA/87/0606 - Change of use of property to residential nursing home.
128 Stanhope Road, Swanscombe

OBSERVATIONS - No Objections

DA/87/0601 - Erection of a detached dwelling and formation of associated parking spaces.
Land at The Arches, Mounts Road, Greenhithe.

OBSERVATIONS - No Objections

DA/87/0607/ADV - Erection of a fascia sign and three externally illuminated amenity boards.
The Morning Star Public House, Church Road, Swanscombe

OBSERVATIONS - No Objections

DA/87/0584 - Change of use of property from a retail shop to a take away food shop on ground floor, and formation of a flat on first floor.
125 Milton Road, Swanscombe.

OBSERVATIONS - The Town Council raise no objections providing no objections from neighbouring properties but would request the opening hours be limited, possibly not later than 10.00pm and concern was also voiced regarding traffic congestion in that area.

DA/87/0582 - Conversion of property to form 2 self contained flats and provision of associated car parking in rear garden.
61 Milton Street, Swanscombe

OBSERVATIONS - Recommend Approval.

Town Mayor



MINUTES of the MEETING of the RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE held at Manor House, Swanscombe on THURSDAY, 3rd SEPTEMBER 1987 at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Cllr. M A Crosby, Chairman Cllr. R A Francis
Cllr. A R Armstrong Cllr. P J French
Cllr. M D Chater Cllr. Mrs B A Halford
Cllr. P R Defty Cllr. N Halford
Cllr. T V Dixon Cllr. P G Melvin
Cllr. Mrs S East Cllr. B G Poppy
Cllr. B R Francis Cllr. B E Read

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs A E Barham, A M Barham, P S Crow and R Simmonds.

159 MINUTES The Minutes of the Meeting held on 2nd July 1987 were confirmed and signed.

160 PARK FOREMAN'S REPORT Problems were still occurring at Broomfield Road Sports Ground by motor cyclists, people playing golf and rubbish accumulating. The seats for Swanscombe Park had arrived and the area surrounding the fountain to be discussed.

An exhibition was to be held at the Royal Windsor Racecourse covering Groundsmanship, and sports and leisure on September 15th, 16th and 17th.

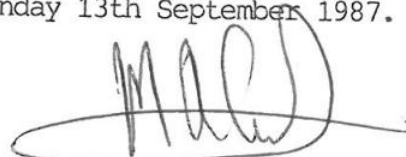
RECOMMENDED

- a A letter was to be sent to Dartford Borough Council asking if any action was being taken regarding the environmental problems in Milton Road;
- b A letter to be sent to the garage owner informing that in future a charge will be made for the removal of rubbish left on the Sports Field.
- c The Clerk to write to the Developers of the land at Valley View to ascertain the current position;
- d The Clerk to invite representatives of the Bowls Club to a joint meeting with the Council for discussions regarding the No 1 Bowling Green.

161 WASTE LAND ADJACENT TO 10 GALLEY HILL ROAD, SWANSCOMBE Members discussed the triangle of land which had been unused for a number of years and it was,

RECOMMENDED

- a That the Swanscombe and Greenhithe Town Council have now made claim to this land;
- b The Clerk to accept the quote for having the fence erected, in the sum of £352.00;
- c A site meeting to be held at 10.30am on Sunday 13th September 1987.



162 LAND REAR OF CHAPEL COURT/SWEYNE ROAD, SWANSCOMBE The area of derelict land was discussed by Members and it was,

RECOMMENDED

- a That the Swanscombe and Greenhithe Town Council have now made claim to this area of land;
- b The quote for fencing be accepted in the sum of £913.00;
- c The Clerk to investigate the legality of reimbursing the cost of fencing to a nearby resident.

163 PLAYGROUND SURFACES Members were informed that some information had been obtained regarding safety surfaces, and it was

RECOMMENDED

That Councillors Armstrong and Chater report on safety surfaces at the next meeting of the Recreation and Amenities Committee if possible, after more information has been obtained.

164 GROVE CAR PARK The Clerk reported receipt of a further estimate for relaying the surface of the lorry park.

RECOMMENDED

That the Clerk write to the Borough Council asking if they would inspect the lorry park and give an estimate for resurfacing when they have other work taking place in the area.

165 NOTICE BOARDS This item was deferred until the next meeting of the Recreation and Amenities Committee

166 TOILET BLOCK, SWANSCOMBE Ref. Minute 81(L) The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from Dartford Borough Council stating that there was no allowance within the budget for the provision of toilet facilities in Swanscombe, although a sum of £30,000.00 had been allowed in the 1981/82 revised capital budget.

RECOMMENDED

That the Clerk write to ask if the Borough Council would again include this item when preparing the estimates for the forthcoming budget.

167 SWANSCOMBE CEMETERY Ref. Minute 92(A) a letter had been received from the Borough Council explaining the difficulties involved in extending the opening hours. The letter also suggested that additional opening hours could possibly be introduced for next summer if the Leisure Services Committee were agreeable to this. NOTED

168 TOILET BLOCK - SWANSCOMBE PARK A rough estimate for having the toilets refurbished had been obtained from a local builder and it was

RECOMMENDED

That this work be put out to Tender.



169 DOG BYELAWS Ref. Minute 27, the copies of the Model Byelaws had been circulated to Members as requested. NOTED.

170 KNOCKHALL PLAYING FIELD This item was deferred for discussion at a later meeting.

171 EMERGENCY COMMITTEE Members considered various dates suggested for the meeting and it was

RECOMMENDED

- a That Cllr. French be nominated to serve on this Committee;
- b The meeting of the Emergency Committee to be held at Manor House on Thursday, 24th September at 7.30pm.

172 MOTOR CYCLE TRAIL PARK It was agreed that as planning permission for the site expired on September 30th 1987 the Clerk should ask the Borough Council to extend this application for a further year.

173 LAND REAR OF SPRINGVALE, GREENHITHE Members discussed an area of land situated behind Springvale which had been offered to the Council for possible use as a public open space.

RECOMMENDED

That the Clerk reply, declining the offer but asking that the area be retained in it's natural state.

174 COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER TRAINING Members were informed of a guidance booklet that had been received alongwith issue no 3 of the Civil Protection magazine.

RECOMMENDED

That these books be made available for the meeting of the Emergency Committee.

175 CHURCHYARD The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from the Rev. Mercer informing that a tree was to be planted in the Churchyard and seeking any advice that was available. NOTED.

176 LAND AT KNOCKHALL Members were informed that a reply had been received from the Borough Council informing that the land immediately behind the Ingress Tavern was designated as a play area and that they were unable to assist residents with problems which were due to commuters parking in Riverview Road.

RECOMMENDED.

That the Clerk make enquiries regarding double yellow lines being placed on the corners of Riverview Road/Station Road where parking makes this area hazardous for pedestrians and road users.

177 K A P C Copies of the Parish News nos. 144 and 145 had been circulated to Members and reference was made to an article concerning Children's Playgrounds, it was then

RECOMMENDED



That the Clerk make enquiries of the Borough Council to see if they would be willing to inspect the playground equipment on an annual basis.

178 N A L C The Clerk reported receipt of issue no 156 of the Direct Information Service. NOTED.

179 ROAD AND PAVEMENT MAINTENANCE Members were informed of a leaflet that had been obtained covering various aspects of road and pavement maintenance.

RECOMMENDED

That the Clerk obtain further copies.

180 CASTLEFIELD ALLOTMENTS The Clerk reported receipt of a letter concerning the allotment site at Castlefields.

RECOMMENDED

A site meeting be held at the allotments site at 11.15am Sunday 13th September.

181 TREE PRUNING The Clerk reported that a telephone message had been received stating that the Borough Council would not be able to include an amount towards pruning of trees in this area and that any work of this nature would need to be authorised through Dartford Borough Council.

RECOMMENDED

The Clerk to arrange for a meeting to be held with the arboriculturist and the relevant Officer of the Dartford Borough Council.

182 TOWN PLANNING APPLICATIONS The following application had been dealt with during the recess:-

DA/87/0541 - Erection of a single storey rear extension,
9 Abbey Road, Greenhithe.

OBSERVATIONS - No objections providing occupants of neighbouring properties do not object.

CLLR. CHATER ENTERED THE COUNCIL CHAMBER.

The following applications were submitted for Members' consideration:-

DA/87/0619 - Erection of an external staircase and conversion of property to form 4 no self contained bed-sit flats, erection of a 2 storey block of 4 no bed sit flats and provision of associated car parking.
108 Swanscombe Street, Swanscombe.

OBSERVATIONS - Recommended approval subject to adequate provision for parking.

DA/87/0664 - Erection of a single storey rear extension and conversion of property to form two self-contained flats.
31 Swanscombe Street, Swanscombe.

OBSERVATIONS - Object due to over intensification of parking on this type of road and inadequate parking provision

COUNCILLORS. MRS EAST AND P G MELVIN LEFT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER

A letter had been received from the County Planning Officer submitting an amended application for Northfleet Landfill Site (DA/82/617) and asking that the views of the Town Council be submitted by September 14th 1987.

RECOMMENDED

That the Town Council approve the amendments.

The following Decision notices had been received from Dartford Borough Council granting planning permission for the following:-

- DA/87/0428 - 14 Gasson Road
- DA/87/0435 - 15 Eynsford Road, Greenhithe
- DA/87/0454 - 127 Milton Road, Swanscombe
- DA/87/0381 - 132 Milton Road, Swanscombe
- DA/87/0387 - Land at Mounts Road to the rear of 12 Cobham Terrace, Greenhithe
- DA/87/0276 - 4 The Avenue, Greenhithe
- DA/87/0500 - Morning Star Public House, Church Road, Swanscombe
- DA/87/0465 - 5A Castle Street, Swanscombe
- DA/87/0383/LB - The Chapel, 19 High street, Greenhithe
- DA/87/0274/OUT
(Revised) - Land adjoining 6 Knockhall Road, Greenhithe
- DA/87/0541 - 9 Abbey Road, Greenhithe

Planning permission had been refused for the following:-

- DA/87/0318 - 37 High Street, Swanscombe
- DA/87/0371 - 5 & 6 The Avenue, Greenhithe
- DA/87/0264 - Part of garden of 126 Stanhope Road and 128 Stanhope Road, Swanscombe.

Complaints had been received from residents living by the Mounts Road pit regarding smells and nuisance and the Clerk was requested to write to the Borough Council's Environmental Health Officer.

Chairman



MINUTES of a MEETING of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held on FRIDAY 11th
SEPTEMBER 1987 at Manor House, Swanscombe at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Cllr. Mrs B A Halford, Town Mayor Cllr. P S Crow
 Cllr. A R Armstrong Cllr. N Halford
 Cllr. M A Crosby Cllr. B E Read

183 MINUTES The Minutes of the Meetings held on 31st July, 4th and 24th August were confirmed and signed.

184 STAFFING Members considered the applications that had been received for the position of Assistant Town Clerk. It was reported that one candidate had already been interviewed due to holiday commitments making her unavailable when required to attend.

RECOMMENDED

- a That the Clerk arrange for two interviews to be held on Friday, 18th September commencing at 4.30pm.
- b The Executive Committee to consider the report of all three interviews at their Meeting on 18th September 1987.

185 CRAYLANDS LANE SITE Members discussed the remaining problem involved with the Lease of the site and it was

RECOMMENDED

That a meeting be arranged between representatives of the Town Council and Blue Circle with the Key Scheme Manager being invited to attend.

186 LAND REAR OF SWEYNE ROAD After discussion it was agreed to recommend to the Finance and General Purposes Committee that, subject to finance being available, the Town Council accept the estimate from Dartford Borough Council to clear the land.

Town Mayor



MINUTES of the MEETING of the FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

held at Manor House, Swanscombe on THURSDAY, 17th SEPTEMBER 1987 at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Cllr. N Halford, Chairman Cllr. Mrs S East
 Cllr. A R Armstrong Cllr. B R Francis
 Cllr. Mrs A E Barham Cllr. R A Francis
 Cllr. A M Barham Cllr. Mrs B A Halford
 Cllr. M A Crosby Cllr. P G Melvin
 Cllr. P R Defty Cllr. B G Poppy
 Cllr. T V Dixon Cllr. R Simmonds

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M D Chater, P S Crow, P J French and B E Read.

187 MINUTES The Minutes of the Meeting held on 16th July 1987 were confirmed and signed.

188 INCOME FOR JULY 1987 The Income for July amounting to £33,875.84 was received as set out in the annexed list.

189 ACCOUNTS PAID The Clerk reported that Accounts amounting to £8,752.70 had been paid since the date of the last meeting.

190 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT The Clerk informed Members of an Account that was due for payment in the sum of £8,648.75.

RECOMMENDED

That this account be paid.

191 SCHOOL GOVERNORS Members were informed that the term of office for every School Governor will terminate at the end of the 1988 Summer Term

A letter had been received from the Area Education Officer informing that Mrs Povey had submitted her resignation from the Governing Body of Sweyne Junior School.

RECOMMENDED

That Mrs A E Barham be elected to serve on the Governing Body of Sweyne Junior School to replace Mrs R L F Povey.

192 SWANSCOMBE YOUTH ASSOCIATION Members discussed the situation regarding the Association and it was

RECOMMENDED

That no further action be taken.

193 STATION ROAD CAR PARK The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from the County Council's Property Manager informing that a review of the rent was now due and suggesting an amount of £150.00

RECOMMENDED

a The Clerk make enquiries of Dartford Borough Council as to the

future of the Car Park.

- b A letter be sent to Kent County Council suggesting that the rent be increased to £125.00 per annum.

194 DISTRICT GENERAL HOSPITAL Ref. Minute 134, Members were informed of replies that had been received regarding the provision of general hospital facilities in the Dartford and Gravesham area. NOTED

195 IVY BOWER CLOSE Members were informed of a letter that had been received from the Borough Council informing that the Town Council's suggested name for the development off Riverview Road had been adopted and would be known as Ivy Bower Close.

196 GREENHITHE COMMUNITY CENTRE The Clerk reported receipt of a copy letter that the Association had sent to Kent County Council concerning the redevelopment of the site and asking for consideration to be given to their proposals.

RECOMMENDED

The Clerk write to the Community Association asking for further details regarding a suggested site and requesting that the Town Council be kept closely informed.

197 BROOMFIELD ROAD SPORTS GROUND Members considered an estimate that had been received to supply and fix post and rail fencing and a kissing gate along the boundary of the Sports Ground to the rear of Milton Road.

RECOMMENDED

That the Clerk accept the estimate in the sum of £2,195.00.

198 NORTHFLEET LANDFILL SITE Members discussed the possible after use of the Northfleet Landfill Site and it was

RECOMMENDED

That the Clerk write to Blue Circle Industries informing that the Town Council would like to see the Site used as a municipal golf course incorporated with a nature park for use by the public.

199 TREE PRUNING Reference Minute 181, the Clerk asked for a convenient date for the proposed meeting and names of Members who could attend.

RECOMMENDED

That Councillors M A Crosby and N Halford attend the meeting - to be arranged for an afternoon week commencing 28th September.

200 TRANSPORT PLAN FOR KENT 1987 The Clerk reported receipt of a copy of the Transport Plan which was available in the office. NOTED.

201 KENT IMPACT STUDY A copy of the summary section of the consultation document 'Channel Tunnel: A Strategy for Kent' had been received alongwith

copies of press statements. Comments were to be made through Members who were on the K A P C Area Committee. NOTED.

202 NORTHFLEET LANDFILL LIAISON COMMITTEE The Clerk reported receipt of Minutes of the Meeting that had been held on July 22nd 1987. NOTED.

203 REVIEW OF NON-METROPOLITAN COUNTIES A letter had been received from the Local Government Boundary Commission giving details of the boundary changes between the Counties of Kent/Essex and Kent/Surrey. NOTED.

204 N A L C It was reported that issue no 157 of the Direct Information Service had been received alongwith the Autumn copy of the Local Council Review.

205 KENT STRUCTURE PLAN Members were informed that the views of Local Authorities concerning the Kent Structure Plan Review were to be received by the Kent County Planning Officer before the end of September.

RECOMMENDED

That the Clerk write to the Kent County Council pointing out that new land is being used for development whilst derelict industrial land remains unused.

206 LAND REAR OF SWEYNE ROAD Members considered the estimate that had been obtained from Dartford Borough Council for clearing the land prior to having the fencing erected.

RECOMMENDED

That the Clerk accept the estimate in the sum of £999.00

207 PUBLIC FOOTPATHS SUB COMMITTEE Members were informed that a meeting of the Sub-Committee was being arranged for Tuesday, 24th November and that items for inclusion on the Agenda should be sent to the Director of Administration before 3rd October 1987.

RECOMMENDED

That the Clerk ask for items to be included on the Agenda regarding the following Public Footpaths:-

FP20, FP6, FP7 and FP5

An item to also be included for discussion regarding the damaged area of the promenade at Greenhithe Foreshore.

208 TOWN PLANNING APPLICATIONS The following Planning Applications were submitted for Members' consideration:-

DA/87/0677 - Change of use of first floor from residential to Offices.

31 High Street, Swanscombe

OBSERVATIONS - The Town Council oppose this application on the grounds of loss of residential accomodation.

DA/87/0698 - Erection of 13 no. Two bedroom houses and six one bedroom flats.

Wakefield Foundary Knockhall road, Greenhithe, Kent

OBSERVATIONS - Town Council opposed to this application which they feel is premature as the future of the Community Centre has not yet been determined.



DA/87/0693 - Erection of a first floor side extension.
9 Riverview Road, Greenhithe, Kent

OBSERVATIONS - The Town Council object as proposed extension would be out of character with surrounding properties.

DA/87/0676 - Erection of a single storey building for
Doctor's surgery.
'Ivy Bower', Riverview Road, Greenhithe, Kent

OBSERVATIONS - Site Meeting requested due to concern regarding access to site and limited provision for parking.

DA/87/0678 - Change of use of Unit from Warehouse use (class B8) to Special Industrial use (class B6)
Unit A5, Northfleet Industrial Estate, Lower Road, Northfleet, Kent

OBSERVATIONS - No Objections.

DA/87/0700 - Conversion of property to form two self-contained flats

3 High street, Swanscombe, Kent

OBSERVATIONS - The Town Council object due to loss of retail outlet.

DA/87/0697 - Erection of a two storey building for vehicle repair workshop with offices above together with associated parking and provision of a new access to the A226.
19 London Road, Swanscombe, Kent.

OBSERVATIONS - Recommend refusal on grounds of hazardous vehicular access.

DA/87/0706 - Construction of a new site access road to existing Industrial Estate and incorporating works to provide new access road to proposed development of Botany Marshes (within Gravesham Borough Council area)
Northfleet Industrial Estate, Lower Road, Northfleet, Kent.

OBSERVATIONS - Recommend Approval

DA/87/0722/OUT - Erection of two storey block of 2 no. one bed flats together with associated parking provision.
Land at 63 Ames Road, Swanscombe, Kent.

OBSERVATIONS - The Town Council oppose application due to over intensification of site and also considered out of character in this area.

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

DA/87/0260/ADV (Revised) - 39 High Street, Swanscombe

DA/87/0402 (Revised) - 26 London Road, Greenhithe

209 PUBLIC TELEPHONES Members discussed the new telephones that

had been installed in the area for use by the public

RECOMMENDED

The Clerk write to British Telecom complaining at the lack of weather protection provided by these kiosks and the inconvenience caused to the public who had occasion to use them.

210 FOOTBALL Members considered a proposal for providing floodlights for use by football teams for training purposes.

RECOMMENDED

That the Clerk arrange a meeting with representatives of the Football Clubs and the Town Council's Executive Committee on Friday, 25th September at 8.00pm.

The Clerk to write to the 2 Football Clubs concerned, apologising for their games having to be cancelled on Sunday 13th September and explaining that were hoping to solve the problem in the near future.

Chairman



INCOME FOR JULY 1987

Administration	Use of copier	88.73
	Precept	32584.00
Parks Department	Tennis	126.52
	Bowls	73.92
	Cricket	100.00
	Football	260.00
		560.44
Community Halls	Grove Hall	153.25
	Church Road	239.25
		392.50
Squash	Hire Fees	239.17
	Reg. Fees	1.00
		240.17
Allotments	Rents	10.00
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ACCOUNTS PAID

Sports Association	Football cleaning	184.00
Kent County Council	Rent-Station Rd Car Park	75.00
Dartford Borough Council	Licence-NBG Allotment	75.00
Post Office	Licence for Ford Truck	100.00
Wages	W/E 2.7.87 (Parks P. Cash £30 Stamps £15.13)	586.97
London Residuary Body	Parks Wages (Superann. Repayment)	65.00
H M S O	Circular-Dog Bye Laws	4.00
Wages	W/E 9.7.87 (Admin P. Cash £16.01)	519.33
T G Eastman	Repairs to floors of Halls	109.25
Ernest Doe	Repairs parks equipment	9.15
Designed Bldg. Serv.	Heating Maintenance-Church Rd Hall	47.96
N A L C	Course Fee	39.10
S R Jenkins	Window cleaner- Church Rd Hall	26.00
Dartford BC	Charge for all-night lighting	260.00
Sandhurst Marketing	A/C Use of Copier	26.42
A E Frost	Parks-repairs after break-in	13.28
British Telecom	A/C's Park 52.18 Admin 256.95	309.13
KC Council	Stationery & Sports Equipment	114.32
Seeboard	A/C Church Rd Hall	17.32
Wages	W/E 16.7.87	539.99
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	Carried Forward	3121.22

	Bought Forward	3121.22
Inland Revenue	Tax & N. Insurance	1429.47
Thames Water	A/C's S. Park	53.99
	Sports Pav	182.60
	B'field Sp G	60.86
		297.45
R D R Auto	Welding-Parks Equipment	31.62
Seeboard	A/C's Bowls Pav.	18.94
	S. Park	16.85.
	Grove Hall	48.29
	Knockhall Sp G	36.39
		120.47
Wages	W/E 23.7.87 (Stamps £12.63)	556.06
Barclays Bank	Salaries	457.08
British Gas	A/C's Grove Hall	72.87
	Church Rd	73.25
		146.12
Dartford BC	Election Expenses	458.88
Baily & Goff	Legal Charges (Sports Pav.)	316.25
Fishers	Stationery	26.96
Church Rd Garage	Petrol A/C-May & June	132.00
Wages	W/E 30.7.87(Work experience £40)	668.75
Barclays	Salaries (Mileage Allow £45.54)	751.31
Seeboard	July A/C-St Lighting	52.76
Schroder	Rental-copier	186.30

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MINUTES of the MEETING of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held at Manor House,
Swanscombe, on FRIDAY, 18th SEPTEMBER 1987 at 8.00pm

PRESENT: Cllr. B A Halford, Town Mayor Cllr. M A Crosby
 Cllr. A R Armstrong Cllr. P R Defty
 Cllr. Mrs A E Barham Cllr. N Halford
 Cllr. A M Barham Cllr. B E Read

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors P S Crow and R A Francis.

211 STAFFING Discussion took place regarding the interviews that had been held during the afternoon and it was

RECOMMENDED

That the Clerk deal with this matter as instructed.

212 TOWN CLERK It was confirmed that Mrs Savill had been appointed as Town Clerk, with effect from 1st August 1987.

213 CRAYLANDS LANE SITE Members were informed that a meeting had been arranged with representatives of Blue Circle and Key Schemes for Monday 28th September at 4.00pm at Manor House.

RECOMMENDED

That Councillors Mrs A E Barham, M A Crosby, Mrs B A Halford, N Halford and R Simmonds represent the Town Council at the meeting.

Town Mayor



MINUTES of the MEETING of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held at Manor House,
Swanscombe, on FRIDAY, 25th SEPTEMBER 1987 at 9.00pm

PRESENT: Cllr. Mrs B A Halford, Town Mayor Cllr. M A Crosby
Cllr. A R Armstrong Cllr. P R Defty
Cllr. Mrs A E Barham Cllr. N Halford
Cllr. A M Barham Cllr. B E Read

Mr G Baker had also requested permission to attend the Meeting.

A vote of thanks was given to Mr Baker for his assistance.

214 SWANSCOMBE AND GREENHITHE ASSOCIATION OF SPORTS CLUBS

RECOMMENDED

That the Clerk deal with this as requested.

MR BAKER LEFT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER

215 MINUTES The Minutes of the Meetings held on 11th and 18th August were confirmed and signed.

216 STAFFING Consideration was given to the applications that had been received for the position of Parks Foreman.

RECOMMENDED

That the Clerk arrange for interviews to be held from 4.15pm on Wednesday, 30th September and to invite 3 of the applicants to attend.

217 CHURCH ROAD HALL Members were informed of problems at the hall which required urgent attention.

RECOMMENDED

The builder be asked to proceed with the work as soon as possible and the Clerk to write to the hirer of the hall apologising for inconvenience and offering free use of the hall on a future occasion.

Town Mayor



MINUTES of the MEETING of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held at Manor House,
Swanscombe, on WEDNESDAY 30th SEPTEMBER 1987 at 4.10pm

PRESENT: Cllr. Mrs B A Halford, Town Mayor Cllr. R A Francis
 Cllr. A R Armstrong Cllr. N Halford
 Cllr. M A Crosby

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A M Barham
and P R Defty

218 STAFFING Following the interviews of the three applicants for
the position of Parks Foreman, it was

RECOMMENDED

That the Clerk contact the successful applicant.

Town Mayor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'B A Halford', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.