

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RECREATION, LEISURE AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD AT THE LEISURE CENTRE, CRAYLANDS LANE, SWANSCOMBE ON THURSDAY, 2ND NOVEMBER 1995 AT 7.30PM.

PRESENT: Cllr. L G Caller - Chairman
Cllr. R D Bartlett Cllr. M J Munn
Cllr. T J Carrington Cllr. T G Parry
Cllr. P R Defty Cllr. B G Poppy
Cllr. T V Dixon Cllr. B E Read
Cllr. W Freed Cllr. R M White

316 NOMINATION OF CHAIRMAN As the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman of the Recreation, Leisure and Amenities Committee were not able to attend, nominations were requested for a Chairman and it was,

RESOLVED

That Councillor L G Caller be elected to Chair the Meeting.

Councillor W Freed entered the Committee Room.

317 NOMINATION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN Nominations were then requested for a Vice-Chairman for the Meeting and it was,

RESOLVED

That Councillor B G Poppy be elected to act as Vice-Chairman for the Meeting.

318 MINUTES The Minutes of the Meetings held on 1st June and 31st August 1995 were confirmed and signed.

Councillor B E Read entered the Committee Room.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors' A C Ash-Smith, Mrs D J Ash-Smith, H Broadley, P S Crow, P R Defty and B R Francis.

319 DECLARATION OF INTEREST A non-pecuniary interest was declared in items relating to the Allotment Association by Councillors' T V Dixon, W Freed and R M White.

Councillor B E Read declared a non-pecuniary interest in items relating to the Sports Pavilion.

320 IMPROVEMENTS TO AREA IN SWANSCOMBE PARK The Park's Foreman suggested that raised beds could be installed in the area surrounding the public toilets and the security container, possibly filled with rose trees as he felt that problems could be caused if the area was blocked off. NOTED

321 CONIFER TREES - KNOCKHALL Members were advised that a quote had been obtained in the sum of £390 to reduce the height of the conifers to approximately 7' and further quotes had been requested.

After consideration, it was

RECOMMENDED B.F.

That the quote which was obtained for the lowest amount be accepted.

322 PLAYGROUND INSPECTION REPORT The Park's Foreman advised Members of work which needed to be carried out as mentioned in the inspection report provided by Wicksteeds. After discussion, it was

RECOMMENDED

That advice be obtained from the Borough Council and, if legally required, guards be fitted to the 3 slides.

323 LITTER BINS Members were advised that litter bins were required for the outer areas of Swanscombe Park and it was agreed that prices be obtained for consideration at the Meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

324 FENCING - KNOCKHALL PLAYING FIELD Members were informed that the fencing had been replaced at Knockhall.

325 INSURANCE CLAIMS Members were advised of quotes which had been obtained to repair damage which had been caused to the roof of the staff mess room and Knockhall changing rooms by persons unknown attempting to break-in through the roof of these buildings. It was agreed that further quotes should be obtained for consideration by Members of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

326 PARKS EQUIPMENT Members were advised of second-hand equipment which was available .

327 ACCIDENT IN SWANSCOMBE PARK Members were informed of an accident which had recently occurred in Swanscombe Park and it was,

RECOMMENDED

That a letter of thanks be sent to the two boys for their assistance and the Park's Foreman be asked to ensure that all staff were extra vigilant in their efforts to make sure that no dangerous objects were left lying around in the parks.

328 BULB BONANZA Members were advised of the offer of free bulbs which were available for planting in public open spaces and it was,

RECOMMENDED

That this offer be accepted and children from Sweyne School be invited to assist in the planting of these bulbs.

329 COMPLAINT - FOOTPATH Members were provided with a copy of the letter of complaint received from a resident of Valley View regarding the footpath leading to the former Cobham Terrace playground from Kemsley Close and were advised of the action taken by the Town Clerk.

This item was noted whilst awaiting replies.

330 COMPLAINT - GREENHITHE FORESHORE Members were provided with copies of the correspondence relating to the condition of

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Greenhithe Foreshore which had been sent to the Borough Council in response to a questionnaire. After consideration, it was

RECOMMENDED

That a letter be sent to Dartford Borough Council seeking details of the cost of employing their 'on demand' cleansing team and the resident be advised of the action being taken and the position regarding dog byelaws.

331 FOOTBALL PITCHES Members were provided with a copy of the letter of complaint received from the North Kent Sunday League and were advised of the letter received from Swanscombe United.

After consideration it was,

RECOMMENDED

That a letter be sent to the owner of the garage concerned, asking if they could look at how they store their rubbish as some of their vehicle parts were appearing on the football pitches and could cause an accident.

A letter to be sent to the Borough Council advising that several complaints had been received regarding cars being parked at the junction of Sweyne Road/Milton Road and a reply be sent to the complainants explaining that their concerns had been noted and advise of the action being taken.

332 MANOR PARK Members were provided with a copy of the letter which had been sent to Crest Homes by the Borough Council regarding trees which had to be replaced in Manor Park under the Tree Preservation Order. NOTED

333 CHARITY FOOTBALL MATCH Members were advised of a request which had been received for a charity match to be played on Boxing Day to financially assist the Air Ambulance and it was,

RECOMMENDED

That this match be allowed, providing Alma Vets assume responsibility for the key to the garage and for damage, if caused.

334 ALLOTMENTS - KEARY ROAD Members were advised of damage caused by a fire to the boundary fence and 3 of the sheds on the site.

Shed doors currently being replaced needed painting and it was suggested that creosote be used, rather than paint.

After consideration, it was

RECOMMENDED

Councillor Defty entered the Committee Room

That the fire damage be noted and the condition of the boundary fence be reviewed in 12 months time.

The shed doors to be treated with a green wood preservative.

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335 CRICKET CLUB Councillor Defty advised Members of the vote of thanks extended to Mr D Hinkley at the Cricket Dance he had attended the previous Saturday, for the excellent condition of the cricket square.

Councillor Freed also voiced a vote of thanks for Mr Hinkley but asked how so much time could be spent on one facility.

336 MATERIALS FOR ALLOTMENTS Members were advised that timber and paint which had been purchased for the allotment sheds was no longer available and it was agreed that, in future, anyone collecting such materials from the park should sign for them.

337 PARKS CHRISTMAS LEAVE It was,

RECOMMENDED

That Staff be paid for the Bank Holidays on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day and staff be asked to open and close the park gates on these days.

338 LEISURE CENTRE CHRISTMAS OPENING After consideration, it was

RECOMMENDED

That the Leisure Centre and Bar close at 3pm on 24th December and re-open on Friday, 29th December and close on 1st January 1996.

339 RECREATION FACILITY CHARGES Members were provided with a copy of the charges for 95/96 and asked to consider increases for 1996/97. It was

RECOMMENDED

That the charges be increased, as per the attached list.

Councillor B E Read requested that his vote against the above recommendation be recorded.

340 LEISURE FACILITY FEES Members were asked to consider possible increases in the hire fees for Leisure Centre facilities and it was,

RECOMMENDED

That fees for 1996 be increased as per the attached list.

Councillor B E Read requested that his vote against the above recommendation be recorded.

341 ANNUAL ESTIMATES 1996/97 Members were asked to consider items for possible inclusion in the estimates for 96/97 and it was agreed that an item be included on the agenda for the Town Council Meeting for final suggestions to be put forward.

342 SATURDAY SURGERIES It had been suggested that a surgery be held in the Committee Room for local residents to meet with a delegation of Councillors and after consideration, it was

RECOMMENDED

That Saturday surgeries be agreed in principle and this item be

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considered in detail at a later date.

Councillors T J Carrington and B E Read
left the Committee Room.

343 HERITAGE PARK Members were advised of the need to arrange a meeting of the Heritage Park Working Party and it was,

RECOMMENDED

That a Meeting be arranged and a representative of Groundwork Trust be invited to attend.

344 SPORTS PAVILION LEASE Members were advised of a letter received from the Solicitor informing of dates he could attend a Meeting and it was,

RECOMMENDED

That the meeting be arranged for 8pm on 14th November at the Leisure Centre.

345 BLUE CIRCLE - CLIFF FACE Members were provided with a report of the meeting which had taken place on 31st October attended by Mr Crozier of Blue Circle and Councillors W Freed and R M White regarding the condition of the cliff face rear of Ingress Gardens and the Empire Sports Ground.

After consideration it was,

RECOMMENDED

That Councillor White should provide suggestions as to how these problems should be addressed.

The Clerk to advise Blue Circle of the recent meeting and advise that it was understood that, although Alan Crozier was not the person responsible for dealing with these problems, someone from Blue Circle who was more technically qualified to answer Members' queries would be sent to inspect the area. A copy of the abovementioned report was to be sent with the letter.

Councillor Bartlett left the Committee Room.

346 F A N S The Senior Leisure Officer advised Members of the FANS scheme being adopted by Dartford Borough Council whereby free passes were supplied to sports people of a national standard to allow them to train at off peak periods and after consideration, it was

RECOMMENDED

That arrangements be made for the Leisure Centre to be included in this scheme.

347 INCOME AND USAGE FIGURES Members were supplied with income and usage figures for the bar and the Leisure Centre to the end of September 1995.

348 LEISURE CENTRE EVENTS Members were advised that the Children's Christmas Party was to be held on 16th December and arrangements were being made for a Tea Dance to be held on

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Saturday, 23rd December.

349 HALLOWEEN DISCO Members were informed that this event had been cancelled due to lack of support.

350 FUNCTION BOOKINGS The Senior Leisure Officer advised that, due to a number of hoax bookings, these would now only be accepted with a deposit paid at the time of booking. NOTED

351 FOOTBALL SKILLS Members were advised that a football skills course for children would be re-introduced in the New Year. NOTED

352 PSYCHIC AND CRAFT FAIR Members were advised that this event would be held at the Leisure Centre on Sunday, 10th December between 12 and 5pm.

353 SWANSCOMBE SKULL SITE Members were provided with copies of the lease and the management policy for the site, which had been received from the Solicitor alongwith the Deed of Gift dated 13th November 1953.

After consideration it was,

RECOMMENDED

That the lease be included for signing at the next Meeting of the Town Council and a working party be appointed - to sit until the AGM in May 1996.

354 HEALTH AND SAFETY COURSE An invitation had been received to attend a seminar on Aspects of Health and Safety on 8th December at One Great George Street, London at a cost of £99 plus VAT.

It was,

RECOMMENDED

That the Senior Leisure Officer and the Park's Foreman should attend this course.

355 VALLEY VIEW PLAYGROUND Reference Minute 193 - Members were provided with a copy of the reply received from the Borough Council, and it was

RECOMMENDED

That the Clerk explain these items were not being resolved and ask if the Developer had given any indication as to when these problems would be receiving attention.

356 REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE A letter had been received from the Royal British Legion advising that the Annual Remembrance Day Service was to be held at Stone Parish Church at 10am followed with a wreath laying ceremony at the Memorial on Stone Recreation Ground. NOTED

357 FOOTWAY RE-CONSTRUCTION A letter had been received from the Borough Council advising of re-construction works which would be taking place during week commencing 23rd October in Orchard Road.

Footways in Durrant Way and Leonard Avenue were to be

reconstructed during November. NOTED

358 TOURISM SIGNPOSTING Members had been provided with a copy of the letter which had been sent to English Nature by KCC's Archaeological Officer regarding the possibility of signposting for the Skull Site National Nature Reserve. NOTED

359 RECYCLING AND LITTER BINS Members were advised of a letter received from the Borough Council regarding the recycling sites and also requesting locations for litter bins which were to be sited in Swanscombe and Greenhithe.

RECOMMENDED

That suggestions be put forward for bins to be sited by each fast food outlet, by bus stops, railway stations and schools and opposite the Leisure Centre in Craylands Lane where school buses stop to collect children each day.

360 GREENHITHE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION Members were advised that a request had been made for 2 signs to be erected, directing people to the Greenhithe Community Centre. The cost of these signs would amount to £99 and it was suggested that the Town Council consider financing this item.

361 HEALTH CENTRE Members were informed of the dates when representatives could attend a meeting to discuss the proposed Health Centre. Unfortunately the dates were not convenient and the Clerk was asked to apologise and explain that Members' diaries were full and it was proposed that arrangements should be made for the meeting to be held in the New Year and request convenient dates.

362 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW Members were provided with copies of the replies which had been received from KCC, DBC and the Local Government Commission and after consideration, it was

RECOMMENDED

That the policy of this Council does not change from the retention of Status Quo.

363 TOWN PLANNING The following planning applications had been received from the Borough Council and were submitted for Members' consideration:

DA/95/00605/FUL Erection of a detached garage,
6 Stanley Road, Swanscombe.

OBSERVATIONS No Observations.

DA/95/00604/FUL Erection of a detached garage,
30 Milton Street, Swanscombe.

OBSERVATIONS No Observations.

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

DA/95/00140/FUL - Bus stop, junction London Road/High Street,
Swanscombe;

DA/95/00473/FUL - Land adjacent Swale Motor Company,
Stonebridge Road, Northfleet.

The Clerk was asked to write to the Planning Officer advising that Members' deplored the fact that their observations had been ignored on application no. DA/95/00473.

364 BUS SHELTER - TAUNTON ROAD The Clerk was asked to advise the Borough Council of the need to replace the damaged shelter, opposite Taunton Road - travelling in the direction of Gravesend.

CHAIRMAN

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

SWANSCOMBE & GREENHITHE TOWN COUNCIL

RECREATIONAL FACILITY CHARGES 1996/97

BOWLING GREENS

Occasional £ 1.10 .50p Concessionary Rate

CRICKET

Seasonal £420.00 Storage - £25.00
Occasional £ 30.00

TENNIS

£ 1.10 per person per hour .50p Concessionary Rate

5 A SIDE FOOTBALL

£ 11.00 per hour

FOOTBALL

Swanscombe - Season £220.00 Per season including facilities for training
Swanscombe - Occasional £ 22.00
Knockhall - Season £220.00 Per season including facilities for training
Knockhall - Occasional £ 22.00

ALLOTMENTS

£ 5.50 per 10 rod + £1.00 if water supplied

HIRE OF PARKS

£ 23.00 (Local Organisations)
£ 60.00 Per day - Commercial Use
£350.00 Per week (7 days)

COMMUNITY HALLS

GROVE HALL

Meetings £ 3.20 per hour Regular Organisations
£ 4.50 per hour Casual Bookings
Social Events £ 6.50 per hour Monday - Friday
£ 7.50 per hour Weekends

CHURCH ROAD HALL

Meetings £ 4.60 per hour Regular Organisations
£ 5.80 per hour Casual Bookings
Social Events £ 7.80 per hour Monday - Friday
£ 8.40 per hour Weekends

Commercial and profit making bookings for both halls to be charged at double the rate for casual bookings.

Use of Photo-Copier (for local Organisations only)

A4 Size 10p per side (6p if paper supplied)

B4 Size 15p per side

A3 Size 20p per side

50% Reduction for unemployed, senior citizens (over 60 years of age) and person in full time education - for certain recreational facilities only.

Where applicable V.A.T. has been included.

SWANSCOMBE LEISURE CENTRE
CRAYLANDS LANE
SWANSCOMBE
Tel: 01322 386362

CHARGES FROM 1st JANUARY 1996

MEMBERSHIP

£4.00 Residents / £6.00 Non-residents
£2.00 Over 60's

(Full membership paid after 1st October will
include membership for following year.)

ADMISSION (NON-MEMBERS)

Adult £1.00
Senior Citizen 50p

SHORT MAT BOWLS

Peak £3.20
Off peak £2.00

FIVE A SIDE FOOTBALL

Peak £15.00
Off Peak £10.00

SHORT TENNIS

Peak £4.20
Off peak £2.60

VOLLEYBALL

Hour £15.00

TABLE TENNIS

Peak £2.70
Off peak £1.50

BADMINTON

Peak £4.20
Off peak £2.60

FITNESS ROOM

Peak £3.20
Off peak £2.20

SUNBED (½ hr) £3.00

BOXERCISE £3.00

CONCESSIONARY RATE

Court £2.00
Bowls £1.50
Table Tennis £1.50
Fitness Room £1.50

Concessionary rate available
to Senior Citizens, UB40
holders, Students in full
time education, on
production of proof, during
off peak times.

MINUTES of a MEETING of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held at the LEISURE CENTRE, CRAYLANDS LANE, SWANSCOMBE on FRIDAY, 3rd NOVEMBER 1995 at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Cllr. P R Defty - Deputy Town Mayor
Cllr. T V Dixon
Cllr. B G Poppy

Miss J Scott - Senior Leisure Officer

Also in attendance were Councillors W Freed and R M White.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors' A C Ash-Smith, Mrs D J Ash-Smith, L G Caller, T J Carrington, P S Crow, B R Francis and B E Read.

365 SUBSTITUTES Councillors W Freed and R M White attended the Meeting as substitutes for Councillors A C Ash-Smith and B R Francis.

366 DECLARATION OF INTEREST Councillor W Freed declared a pecuniary interest in Paper Save and a non-pecuniary interest in the Sports Pavilion, Greenhithe Community Association, the Allotments Association, the Senior Citizens Club and Top House Football Club.

Councillors T V Dixon and R M White declared a non-pecuniary interest in the Allotments Association.

Councillor P R Defty declared a pecuniary interest in Age Concern and a non-pecuniary interest in the Senior Citizens Club.

367 MINUTES The Minutes of the Meetings held on 8th August, 17th August, 11th September and 18th September 1995 were confirmed and signed.

368 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC Due to the Confidential nature of the Business to be transacted, it was

RESOLVED

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

369 LEISURE CENTRE STAFFING Members were given a verbal report by Miss Scott and it was unanimously

RESOLVED

That the newly appointed Recreation Supervisor be released from his contract and payment of one months salary be made in lieu of notice.

Miss Scott left the Meeting.

370 STAFFING Reference Minute No.315, Members were provided with copies of correspondence, dated 3rd November 1995, which had been received from the Town Council's Solicitor and it was

RECOMMENDED

That the Draft Notice of Appearance be approved and the Solicitor be asked to proceed to take the appropriate action.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Burke Defty". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name "Chairman".

Chairman

MINUTES of a SPECIAL MEETING of SWANSCOMBE & GREENHITHE TOWN COUNCIL
held at the LEISURE CENTRE, CRAYLANDS LANE, SWANSCOMBE on
TUESDAY, 14th NOVEMBER 1995 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Cllr. P R Defty - Deputy Town Mayor
Cllr. R D Bartlett Cllr. Miss M J Lawrie
Cllr. L G Caller Cllr. M J Munn
Cllr. P S Crow Cllr. T G Parry
Cllr. B R Francis Cllr. B G Poppy
Cllr. W Freed Cllr. R M White

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors'
A C Ash-Smith, Mrs D J Ash-Smith, T V Dixon and B E Read.

371 DECLARATION OF INTEREST Councillor W Freed declared a non-pecuniary interest in items relating to the Sports Pavilion, Greenhithe Community Association, Top House F.C. and the Senior Citizens Club and a pecuniary interest in Paper Save.

Councillor Crow declared a non-pecuniary interest in items relating to the Sports Pavilion.

Councillor White declared a non-pecuniary interest in items relating to the Allotment Association.

Councillor Defty declared a non-pecuniary interest in items relating to the Senior Citizens Club and a pecuniary interest in Age Concern.

372 SPECIAL RESOLUTION Reference was made to the discussion which took place on 12th October 1995, when Members were advised of an investigation being undertaken by the Police.

The item under investigation was not in relation to the incident which was being discussed and Members were asked to give further consideration to the Special Resolution which had been proposed.

Councillor Munn entered the Committee Room.

After a lengthy discussion, it was

RESOLVED

That the ban should not be suspended immediately, but a full investigation of the alleged offence should be undertaken by the Town Clerk or her Deputy. A meeting was to be convened with the Town Clerk as investigating Officer, between the Centre Supervisor/Manager, the Chairman, the person who had been banned from using the facilities of the Centre and his representative.

Following this meeting, a report was to be given to the Town Council for Members to make a decision based upon it's findings, following a full and fair investigation.

373 EXCLUSION OF PRESS & PUBLIC It was

RESOLVED

That due to the Confidential nature of the Business to be transacted, the Press and Public be excluded from the Meeting

whilst the next item was discussed.

374 SPORTS PAVILION LEASE

Mr Crowhurst was introduced as the Solicitor acting on behalf of the Town Council and he then proceeded to answer the queries which were raised by Members relating to the Lease.

At the end of a lengthy session, Mr Crowhurst was thanked for attending the Meeting and he left the Committee Room.

Further discussion took place and it was then proposed that the Lease be signed.

A recorded vote was requested.

FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAINED
Cllr. B R Francis	Cllr. B G Poppy	Cllr. P S Crow
Cllr. M J Munn	Cllr. W Freed	
Cllr. L G Caller		
Cllr. Miss M J Lawrie		
Cllr. T G Parry		
Cllr. R M White		
Cllr. R D Bartlett		
Cllr. P R Defty		

(Councillor Crow abstained on the grounds that he felt there was still more to be said and done before the Association would agree to sign the lease).

RESOLVED

That the Lease for the Sports Pavilion be signed.

The Press and Public were invited to return to the Committee Room.

375 APPOINTMENT OF SCHOOL GOVERNOR Members were advised that Mr B A Kemp had agreed to be nominated as a School Governor, and it was

RESOLVED

That Mr Bryan Kemp be appointed to serve as a Governor for Knockhall County Primary and Junior School.

Councillor Crow left the Meeting.

376 KENT TEC Members were advised of an invitation which had been received from the NVQ Project Manager to attend the National Occupational Standards Event at the Great Danes Hotel on 27th November. NOTED

377 RECYCLING Members were asked whether they wished the posts to be re-instated to the rear of the recycling bins in the Grove Car Park or whether a notice board would be preferred. It was

RESOLVED

That the posts be re-instated and a notice board be erected.

378 PARISH COUNCIL CONSULTATION EXERCISE Members were informed that Peter Skinner MEP would be able to attend a Meeting at the Leisure Centre on Thursday, 7th December at 7.30pm and Members were asked to provide the Clerk with items for discussion.

379 HERITAGE PARK WORKING PARTY It was agreed that a Meeting of the Heritage Park Working Party would be held at the Leisure Centre at 10.30am on Saturday, 2nd December.

380 THE LATE HAROLD PORTER Members were regretfully advised of the death of former Councillor Harold Porter.

A letter of condolence had been sent to Mrs Porter on behalf of Members of the Council and a floral tribute had been arranged.

381 REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE Members were advised of a letter of complaint which had been received from St John Ambulance relating to the arrangements for the Service and wreath laying ceremony. It was,

RESOLVED

That the Clerk explain that arrangements for this event were made by the Royal British Legion.

The Town Council appreciated the support received from St John Ambulance and in future, details of arrangements received from the British Legion would be passed on to their organisation.

The Clerk was also asked to compliment St John Ambulance for their very smart appearance at the Memorial Service.

A letter was also to be sent to the British Legion, asking for full details of such arrangements to be provided in the future and enclose a copy of the letter of complaint.

382 KENT RAIL ACTION GROUP Members were advised of a letter which had been received from KCC informing that the next meeting of KRAG would be held at County Hall on 23rd November. NOTED

383 KENT RURAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL An invitation had been received from KRCC to attend their 72nd Annual Meeting at Harrietsham Village Hall on 17th November. NOTED



Town Mayor

MINUTES of the MEETING of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held at the LEISURE CENTRE, CRAYLANDS LANE, SWANSCOMBE on MONDAY, 20th NOVEMBER 1995 AT 8pm.

PRESENT: Cllr. P R Defty - Deputy Town Mayor
Cllr. L G Caller
Cllr. T V Dixon
Cllr. B E Read

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors' A C Ash-Smith, Mrs D J Ash-Smith, T J Carrington, P S Crow and B R Francis.

384 DECLARATION OF INTEREST Councillor B E Read declared a non-pecuniary interest in items relating to the Sports Pavilion.

Councillor T V Dixon declared a non-pecuniary interest in items relating to the Allotment Association.

Councillor P R Defty declared a non-pecuniary interest in items relating to the Senior Citizens Club and Dartford District Volunteer Bureau and a pecuniary interest in items relating to Age Concern.

385 MINUTES The Minutes of the Meeting held on 25th May 1995 were confirmed and signed.

386 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC Due to the Confidential nature of the Business to be transacted, it was

RESOLVED

That the Press and Public be excluded from the Meeting whilst the following items were discussed.

387 LEISURE CENTRE STAFFING Members had been provided with a Report of the Meeting which was held on 9th November 1995 and after consideration, it was

RECOMMENDED

That the temporary Supervisor be retained for 37 hours per week until a permanent Supervisor was employed.

The vacant position of Recreation Supervisor be advertised in the Job Centre for two weeks with the closing date for return of applications to be 8th December 1995.

Interviews to be arranged for 15th December 1995, and candidates to be interviewed by the Chairman, or Vice Chairman, of the Recreation, Leisure and Amenities Committee and Councillor P R Defty, alongwith the Senior Leisure Officer and the Town Clerk. The salary to remain as agreed for the recently employed Recreation Supervisor.

A permanent part-time Recreation Supervisor to be employed for 20 hours per week (salary as existing temporary position) and candidates to be interviewed alongwith those applying for the full time position.

The situation to be reviewed in six months.

388 COMPLAINT Members were advised of a letter of complaint which had been received from local residents regarding the problems encountered during their Wedding Reception due to the breakdown of the heating system in the Leisure Centre. After consideration, it was

RECOMMENDED

That a reply be made, apologising for the situation and advising that a Senior Officer had spoken with a Director of the Heating Company who would be refunding the hire fee as compensation.

A letter was to be sent to the Contractor and, if legally possible, the Town Council would provide ex.gratia compensation as a goodwill gesture under S.137 of the 1972 Local Government Act, of one nights stay at the Stakis Hotel.

Miss Scott left the Committee room.

389 ANNUAL LEAVE After consideration it was

RECOMMENDED

That the Park Attendant could be paid for annual leave.

390 LONG SERVICE Members were advised that Mrs Bodle was entitled to an additional week's leave as she had been employed since 1989 and three other members of staff would have additional leave entitlement in 1996/97.

Manual Staff employed under NJC conditions were entitled to an extra statutory day's leave with effect from this year.

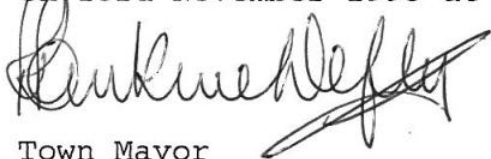
The Clerk was asked to provide a report on Conditions of Employment for the next Meeting.

391 STAFFING Reference Minute No. 370, Members were advised of a letter which had been received from ACAS. NOTED

The Press and Public were invited to return to the Committee Room.

392 CENTENARY Members were informed that a number of Centenary Mugs were still available and it was agreed that each Member and all Staff be provided with a complimentary mug and they should also be presented to Reverend and Mrs Mercer and Reverend and Mrs Barron at the Meeting of the Town Council.

393 KENT RAIL ACTION GROUP Members were advised that the documents had been received for the Meeting which was to be held on 23rd November 1995 at County Hall. NOTED



Town Mayor

MINUTES of the MEETING of the FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE held at the LEISURE CENTRE, CRAYLANDS LANE, SWANSCOMBE on THURSDAY, 23rd NOVEMBER 1995 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Cllr. P R Defty, Vice-Chairman Cllr. T G Parry
 Cllr. T V Dixon Cllr. B G Poppy
 Cllr. W Freed Cllr. B E Read
 Cllr. M J Munn Cllr. R M White

394 MINUTES The Minutes of the Meeting held on 21st September 1995 were confirmed and signed.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors' A C Ash-Smith, Mrs D J Ash-Smith, L G Caller, T J Carrington, P S Crow, B R Francis and Miss M J Lawrie.

395 DECLARATION OF INTEREST Councillor Freed declared a non-pecuniary interest in the Senior Citizens Club, Greenhithe Community Association, Top House FC, the Allotment Association and the Cricket Club and a pecuniary interest in Paper Save.

Councillors' T V Dixon and R M White declared a non-pecuniary interest in the Allotment Association.

Councillor Munn declared a non-pecuniary interest in St John Ambulance and a pecuniary interest in Blue Circle.

Councillor Read declared a non-pecuniary interest in the Sports Pavilion.

Councillor Defty declared a pecuniary interest in Age Concern and a non-pecuniary interest in the Volunteer Bureau and the Senior Citizens Club.

396 INCOME FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER The income for September and October 1995 amounting to £124,797.29 was received as set out in the annexed list.

397 ACCOUNTS PAID SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER The Town Clerk reported that accounts amounting to £48,029.82 had ben paid during September and October 1995.

398 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT Members were advised that the following invoices had been received for payment:

N A G M (subscription)	£30
DBC (election expenses)	£3,250.12
DBC (music & dance licence)	£50

RECOMMENDED

That the above accounts be paid.

399 KENT STRUCTURE PLAN THIRD REVIEW : PROPOSED FURTHER MODIFICATIONS Members had been provided with copies of the schedule of further changes which were being proposed and which had been received from KCC. After discussion, it was

RECOMMENDED



That a letter be sent advising that Members were opposed to the removal of the Eastern Quarry from the Green Belt and they wished to see this area returned to recreational use, rather than used for development.

The Clerk was instructed to write to KCC, KAPC and the Department of the Environment asking for a plan of the green belt area and copies of all planning applications relating to quarrying of the Eastern Quarry as it was felt that conditions and covenants appertaining to this site could still be applicable.

Members also wished to oppose the siting of the Waste Transfer Station in Craylands Lane, Swanscombe.

400 DARTFORD DISTRICT VOLUNTEER BUREAU Members were reminded that they were to re-consider this item once the half-yearly figures were available, and it was

RECOMMENDED

That a donation of £50 be made under Section 137 of the 1972 Local Government Act.

401 KAPC DARTFORD AREA COMMITTEE Members were provided with a report of the meeting which had been attended on 23rd October, which was noted. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to KAPC supporting more areas being Parished but strongly opposing the carving up of existing Parishes. Details of boundary change procedures were to be obtained alongwith information on how appeals could be made against such proposals.

402 CENSUS FIGURES Members were advised that basic statistics had been obtained from the Borough Council. NOTED

403 KENT TRUST FOR NATURE CONSERVATION Members were advised that the annual membership was due for renewal in the sum of £19.50, and it was

RECOMMENDED

That the Membership for KTNC be renewed.

404 CRAYLANDS GORGE The Clerk advised that arrangements had been made for a guided walk through the Gorge to take place on Saturday, 25th November - commencing at 11am from the Leisure Centre car park. NOTED

405 BUS SHELTERS Members were advised that planning permission had now been granted for the erection of two bus shelters and a revised quote had been obtained in the sum of £1,704 plus £100 for polycarbonate glazing and £90 for the screen printed logo, per unit. After consideration, it was

RECOMMENDED

That arrangements be made for two shelters to be obtained and a planning application be submitted to Dartford Borough Council to replace every bus shelter in Swanscombe and Greenhithe.

Councillor White left the Committee Room.

406 QUOTES FOR PARK AREAS Members were advised that two quotes

had been received to repair the roof of the staff mess room -
a) £620 + VAT b) £640 + VAT

To date only one quote had been received to replace the damaged air vents at Knockhall Changing Rooms - in the sum of £250 + VAT.

After consideration, it was

RECOMMENDED

That quote 'a' be accepted in the sum of £620 for repair of the roof of the staff mess room and the quote in the sum of £250 be accepted to replace the air vents.

407 LITTER BINS Members were advised that wooden slatted litter bins could be obtained with a liner and the facility for locking them in place, in the sum of £107.51 or £116.80 each.

The Park's Foreman had advised that approximately 22 bins were needed.

The Clerk also advised Members that Crest Homes had been requested to remove and replace the pine and the cedar tree in Manor Park - under the Tree Preservation Order.

RECOMMENDED

That 3 litter bins be obtained at £107.51 each for installation at Greenhithe Foreshore and the name of Swanscombe and Greenhithe Town Council be included on the bins.

408 CLEANSING SERVICE Members were provided with a copy of the reply received from the Borough Council in response to the request for information regarding the 'on demand' cleansing service. NOTED

409 SPORTS PAVILION Members were informed that, despite a request for payment, the rent for the sports pavilion was still outstanding. It was

RECOMMENDED

That the Association of Sports Clubs be given 14 days to pay the rent in full or legal advice would be obtained.

410 ANNUAL ESTIMATES Members were asked to consider items for inclusion in the estimates for 1996/97 and the following items were put forward:

Litter bins; Bus shelters; Tape recorder for meetings; Water for allotment sites and balance from 95/96 to be included; 5-a-side goals for children; Telephone facility for Grove Hall; Contingency for legal expenses; Notice boards; and Contribution for Youth Bus.

411 CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY A letter seeking financial assistance towards the costs of the children's party and the tea dance had been received from the Senior Leisure Officer. It was

RECOMMENDED

That a donation of £150 be made under Section 137 of the 1972 Local Government Act towards the children's party and the expenses of the tea dance be taken from the Leisure Centre budget.

412 ANNUAL AUDIT 1994/95 Members were provided with a copy of the letter which had been received from Price Waterhouse alongwith a copy of the signed audit certificate.

The Clerk also advised of the concerns of the Internal Auditor regarding the cost of the Audit and it was,

RECOMMENDED

That a letter of thanks be sent to Price Waterhouse for their assistance, advising that their comments had been noted and Members were anticipating a reduction in the number of hours for the 1996 audit now that an Internal Auditor had been employed.

413 SANS FRONTIERES Members were provided with a copy of the correspondence which had been received from KCC regarding the celebration of Europe Day on May 9th. NOTED

414 KENT WASTE LOCAL PLAN Members were provided with a copy of the reply which had been received from KCC in response to the letter of opposition to the siting of the waste transfer station in Craylands Lane. It was

RECOMMENDED

That a letter be sent advising that this Council would be opposing any proposals included in the modifications of the Draft Plan for the siting of the waste transfer station in Craylands Lane.

415 KAPC - PARISH NEWS Members were provided with a copy of issue no. 224 of the Parish News, which had been received from KAPC. NOTED

416 THE ORCHARD THEATRE Members were advised that a copy of the 94/95 annual report had been received. NOTED

417 WINGED FELLOWSHIP Members were advised that a copy of the Winged Fellowship's Autumn/Winter newsletter had been received alongwith a book of raffle tickets, which were available in the office. NOTED

418 ACCIDENT IN SWANSCOMBE PARK Members were provided with a copy of the letter received from the parents of the child who had been injured whilst playing in Swanscombe Park. It was

RECOMMENDED

That a copy of the letter be sent to the Town Council's Insurance Company and reply to the letter advising of the action taken.

419 SECURITY SERVICE Members were advised of a letter which had been received, informing of an increase of £2.53 in the monthly cost of this service - with effect from 1st December 1995. NOTED

420 GYPSY POLICY DOCUMENT Members were advised that a copy of the finalised Policy Document had been received from KCC. NOTED



421 CREATIVE LEADERSHIP Members were informed of Seminars which were being held in the New Year - details of which had been received from S E Employers Association. NOTED

422 SCHOOLS Members were provided with a copy of the letter sent to the Education Office by Councillor Parry, who advised Members that a reply had now been received. NOTED

A reply had been received in response to the letter sent to KCC regarding the withdrawal of free transport to Northfleet School for Girls, and it was

RECOMMENDED

That Councillor Mrs Esterson be thanked for her reply but advise that Members were saddened at the lack of finance available to provide free transport, as it was KCC's decision to remove the Swanscombe High School which caused the transport problems.

Members also wished to humbly suggest that the site of the former School be returned to the Education Department from the County Council's Estates Department.

An item was to be included on the Agenda for the Town Council Meeting for Craylands Lane Development reference provision of a Primary School.

423 CONSULTATION EXERCISE Members were provided with copies of a public consultation document regarding Primary School Provision and Sixth Form Provision in Schools, which had been received from KCC's Education Department. NOTED

424 STREET TREES Members were provided with a copy of the letter received from Dartford Borough Council regarding pruning of street trees. This item was noted but would be reviewed in approximately 6 months.

425 CHANNEL TUNNEL RAIL LINK Members were informed of correspondence which had been received from KCC and Sherwood & Co. relating to Petitions being submitted to the Select Committee.

Extracts from the report submitted to KCC's EPT Committee were provided to Members' for their information. This item was noted and correspondence was to be passed to the Rail Link Action Group.

426 KENT RURAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL Members were provided with a copy of the Rural White Paper which had been received from KRCC. NOTED

427 EBBSFLEET DEVELOPMENT Members were advised that a copy of the report submitted to the Borough Council's Planning and Transportation Committee on 21st November, entitled "Ebbsfleet Development Framework" had been received and was available in the office. NOTED

428 GROUNDWORK TRUST A copy of the 1995 Annual Review of Groundwork Thames-side had been received. NOTED

429 KENT POLICE Members were advised that a letter had been received from Superintendent Chatten alongwith a copy of the

Annual Report of Kent Constabulary for 94/95 and it was agreed that this item be included for discussion at the Meeting of the Town Council.

430 MAYOR'S CHARITY APPEAL Members were advised of correspondence received from Dartford Borough Council informing of events being held to raise funds for the Mayor of Dartford's Charities. NOTED

431 KENT TRUST FOR NATURE CONSERVATION The Clerk reported receipt of a letter seeking financial assistance from KTNC. NOTED

432 HALF-YEARLY FIGURES Members had been provided with copies of the half-yearly figures.

Councillor Freed complimented the Labour Group for remaining within the budget.

433 COMPULSORY COMPETITIVE TENDERING Members were informed of the letter sent to the Department of the Environment in 1991 regarding the various uses of the Leisure Centre and of the reply received, dated 29th May 1992.

It was agreed that this item be closely monitored and if necessary include it on another agenda.

434 TOWN PLANNING The following Planning Applications had been received from Dartford Borough Council and were submitted for Members' consideration:

DA/95/00642/FUL Demolition of existing buildings and erection of two detached buildings comprising 1 for car showrooms and 1 for garage/workshop with mezzanine floor for offices together with associated car parking.
Land at the Junction of London Road and Knockhall Chase, Greenhithe.

OBSERVATIONS Members' of the Town Council objected to this application due to the close proximity of the road junction at London Road/Knockhall Chase and a site meeting was requested.

DA/95/00656/FUL Erection of a detached double garage.
18 Knockhall Chase, Greenhithe.

OBSERVATIONS No objections providing no objections were made by neighbours.

DA/95/00660/REM Submission of details relating to roads and footpaths, boundary walls and fences, street furniture and refuse storage pursuant to Conditions 7, 15, 16 and 19 of PP DA/94/0594 for residential development.
Land at the Wharf, Mariners Haven, High Street, Greenhithe.

OBSERVATIONS No Objections.

Members were advised of an application which been received from Kent County Council No. GR/95/TEMP/J & DA/95/TEMP/1 seeking members' observations on the following proposal:

A new road known as the South Thames-side Development Route Stage 4 (STDR4) to run between the junction of Stonebridge Road (A226) with Grove Road, and the roundabout at the junction of Springhead Road (A2260/B2175) and the Thames Way (A2260).

At Northfleet in the Borough of Gravesham, and in the Parish of Swanscombe and Greenhithe in the Borough of Dartford.

OBSERVATIONS - No Observations.

Members were advised that the following Decision Notices had been received from Dartford Borough Council, granting permission for development:

DA/95/00558/FUL 28 Smugglers Walk, Greenhithe;

DA/95/00396/FUL Swanscombe Methodist Chapel, Milton Street, Swanscombe.

435 NATIONAL LOTTERY Members were asked whether they were aware that a grant of £15,000 had been awarded from the Lottery to provide a new ambulance for the Oast House.

436 BUS STOP - CHURCH ROAD A question was raised as to whether the Borough Council had allowed for finance to be available in the 95/96 budget to have road markings installed at the bus stop in Church Road, Swanscombe.

437 SMOKE ALARMS Members were asked whether they were aware of anyone receiving smoke alarms from the Fire Service.

438 GREENHITHE VILLAGE SIGN Members were asked whether the Borough Council were aware that the Greenhithe sign had been removed from the junction of Knockhall Road and London Road, Greenhithe.

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

RESOLVED

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

440 ALARM SYSTEM Members were provided with copies of quotes which had been received from Modern Alarm and Chubb Alarms Ltd. and it was,

RECOMMENDED

That the contract with the existing Company be maintained and the quotes for the additional items be accepted.

Chairman



25.1.96.

INCOME SEPTEMBER 1995

Parks	Football	100.00	
	Tennis	7.65	
	Bowls	40.00	
	Insurance	544.66	692.31
Community Halls	Grove Hall		551.76
Administration	Copier	0.09	
	Precept	96,333.95	
	Rate Refund	6,938.10	
	Interest	2,668.78	105,940.92
Leisure Centre	Income		3,193.55
Bar	Income	1,923.05	
	Food	508.21	
	Gaming machines	203.11	2,634.37
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INCOME OCTOBER 1995

Parks	Tennis	2.55	
	Bowls	24.67	27.22
Community Halls	Grove Hall	195.17	
	Sports Pavilion	1,566.54 (Insurance)	1,761.71
Admin	Copier	1.11	
	Interest	3,037.36	
	T. Mayor refund of account	74.89	3,113.36
Leisure Centre	Income		3,415.94
Bar	Income	2,514.56	
	Food	845.70	
	Gaming m/c	105.89	3,466.15
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			£11,784.38
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ACCOUNTS PAID SEPTEMBER 1995

	<u>Town Council</u>	<u>Leisure Centre</u>
Business Rates	280.00	1,341.00
Admin - Medical Report	17.20	
Admin - Copier	31.00	
Admin - Chains of Office	49.35	
Bar - Vending m/c rental		357.74
Inland Revenue	1,554.68	1,235.30
Wages - Week 23	575.93	
Salary - Month 6		565.04
Wages - Week 24	586.63	
Equipment Repairs (Handrail Assembly)		257.91
Advertising (Vacancy)		62.98
Electricity		822.82
Bar - Supplies		450.33
Parks - Fuel a/c	45.00	
Parks - Repairs (fence)	52.88	
Parks - Shower Replacement	164.50	
Bar - Supplies		963.26
Wages - Week 25	591.37	
Monthly Salaries	2,606.50	3,489.97
Electricity	127.07	
Street Lighting Energy Charge	35.42	
" " Maintenance	38.08	
DBC - Allotments Rent & Services	65.00	
Miscellaneous		139.05
Bar - Food		14.40
Bar - Supplies		79.75
Grove Hall Window Repair	182.20	
Bar - Crockery		33.70
Cleaning Materials		85.74
" " " "		55.25
Maintenance		80.80
Security Service	28.21	71.22
Admin - Rental for Copier	258.37	
Bar - Supplies		99.46
Bar - "		217.19
Electricity	50.14	
Parks - Shower Replacement	164.50	
Admin - Copier	63.52	
Wages - Week 26	589.27	
Wages - Casual Staff		9.60
Maintenance		4.72
Bar - Rent and Gaming m/c's		181.00
Bar - Supplies		218.91
Bar - Casual Staff		168.00
Maintenance (Windows Cleaned)		40.00
Admin - Internal Audit	70.00	
Community Halls Contribution	691.42	
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<u>GRAND TOTAL - £19,963.38</u>	8,918.24	11,045.14
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ACCOUNTS PAID OCTOBER 1995

	<u>Town Council</u>	<u>Leisure Centre</u>
Contract Rental Telecom		111.63
Wages - Week 27	689.27	
Superannuation	4,218.08	1,028.00
Electricity (Bowls Pav)	69.83	
Parks - Supplies	16.64	
Parks - Water a/c.	58.93	
Water a/c. (Swanscombe Park)	401.64	238.07
Parks - Supplies	974.91	
Gas a/c. (Church Rd.Hall)	23.76	
Parks - Equipment repairs	317.25	
Rents	15.57	
Security Service	28.21	71.22
Parks - Repairs to Gates	217.38	
Returnable Deposit		50.00
Inland Revenue	1,932.94	1,325.28
DBC Rates	280.00	1,342.00
Wages - Week 28	392.36	
Wages - Week 29	502.19	
DBC - Licence Fee/Costs	75.00	
Maintenance		96.94
Admin - VAT Payment	41.99	
Electricity - Street Lighting	38.08	
Refuse Collection	25.05	244.40
Admin - Audit Fee	827.20	
Electricity - Energy Charge	35.42	
Bar - Supplies		1,009.86
Bar - "		327.44
Admin - Medical Check	17.20	
Electricity		674.79
Wages - Week 30	497.07	
Salaries - Month 7	2,762.87	3,766.38
Parks - Picnic Bench	368.95	
Parks - Fuel A/c	46.51	
Parks - Materials (Bowls)	511.83	
Fire Alarm Maintenance		55.51
General Projects (Fence re-instated)	1,084.53	
Admin - Copier	36.38	
Gas a/c - Grove Hall	42.84	
Electricity - Church Rd. Hall	19.67	
Telephone a/c's	247.87	309.66
Admin - Monthly audit	70.00	
Bar - Casual Staff		154.95
Maintenance		16.24
Bar - Gaming m/c's, Licence & Rent		90.50
Deposit Refunded (Cancellation)		13.00
Window Cleaner		20.00
Bar - Food		233.15
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	16,887.42	11,179.02
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<u>GRAND TOTAL - £28,066.44</u>		

MINUTES of the MEETING of the SWANSCOMBE and GREENHITHE TOWN COUNCIL held at the LEISURE CENTRE, CRAYLANDS LANE, SWANSCOMBE on THURSDAY 14th DECEMBER 1995 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr. P R Defty - Town Mayor Cllr. Miss M J Lawrie
Cllr. R D Bartlett Cllr. M J Munn
Cllr. T V Dixon Cllr. T G Parry
Cllr. B R Francis Cllr. B G Poppy
Cllr. W Freed

A minutes silence was held in respect of the late Harold Porter followed by prayers read by Reverend Barron.

441 RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLORS Members were advised of the letter of resignation which had been received from Councillors' A C Ash-Smith and Mrs D J Ash-Smith.

442 ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR The Deputy Town Mayor requested nominations for the position of Town Mayor and it was,

Moved by Councillor Freed and seconded by Councillor Poppy

RESOLVED

That Councillor P R Defty be elected as Town Mayor for the remainder of the Council Year.

Councillor Defty said he was happy to accept this position but would have preferred it not to be under the current circumstances. He then advised members that he would not be altering any arrangements which had already been made by his predecessor.

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

Moved by Councillor Freed and seconded by Councillor Poppy

RESOLVED

That Councillor R M White be elected as Deputy Town Mayor for the remainder of the Council year.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors' L G Caller, P S Crow and R M White.

444 DECLARATION OF INTEREST Councillor M J Munn declared a pecuniary interest in Blue Circle Industries Plc and a non-pecuniary interest in St. John Ambulance.

Councillor W Freed declared a non-pecuniary interest in the Sports Pavilion, Senior Citizens's Club, the Oast House, Greenhithe Community Association, 2nd Swanscombe Scouts, Top House FC and a pecuniary interest in Paper Save.

Councillor P R Defty declared a pecuniary interest in Age Concern and a non-pecuniary interest in the Senior Citizens Club.

445 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMEN AND VICE-CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEE

RESOLVED

That Councillor B R Francis be appointed Chairman of the Recreation, Leisure and Amenities Committee and Councillor B G Poppy be appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Recreation, Leisure and Amenities Committee for the remainder of the Council year.

446 MINUTES The Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th October 1995 were confirmed and signed with Minute 126 being amended to show that Councillor Freed declared a non-pecuniary interest in the Sports Pavilion and such an interest was not declared by Councillor Parry.

Minutes of the Special Meetings held on 26th October and 14th November 1995 were confirmed and signed.

447 CRAYLANDS LANE DEVELOPMENT RE.SCHOOL PROVISION

Councillor Parry advised Members of the public consultation which was currently taking place and it was,

RESOLVED

That a letter be sent to Kent County Council dismissing the proposals being made and requesting that the money be spent on upgrading Knockhall Primary, Sweyne Junior and Swanscombe Infants Schools before any new school was provided.

A request was also to be made for the land which formerly housed Swanscombe High School to be transferred back into the Education Department.

Copies of the above letter to be forwarded to Stone and Bean Parish Councils.

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

DA/95/00694/COU Change of use of Public Conveniences to office accommodation.

Public Convenience, The Avenue, Greenhithe.

OBSERVATIONS

Members objected to this application on the grounds of no parking facilities and the road narrowing at this point making parking hazardous.

The application was out of character and commercial property should not be brought into this part of the village which was part of a conservation area and Members requested a site meeting be held.

DA/95/00695/COU Erection of a part two storey/part first floor extension in connection with the change of use of property from Public Conveniences to office

accommodation.

Public Convenience, The Avenue, Greenhithe.

OBSERVATIONS Members objected to this application for the same reasons given for DA/95/00694/COU.

449 SKULL SITE Members were advised that, although they had agreed to sign the lease for the Skull Site, it was felt that the responsibility for maintaining the boundary fence should be clarified and the lease amended.

After consideration, it was

RESOLVED

That the lease be returned to the Solicitor for schedule 5 to be amended.

450 THE LATE HAROLD PORTER Members were advised of a letter of thanks received from Mrs Porter for the floral tribute.

451 REVEREND T MERCER Members were advised of an invitation to attend the farewell party of Reverend Tim Mercer and his wife which had been received, this was to be held at the Church Centre on Thursday, 21st December 1995.

452 MAYOR'S CHARITY BALL Christmas greetings had been received from the Mayor of Dartford alongwith details of the Charity Ball which was to be held on Friday 9th February 1996, at the Acacia Hall, Dartford.

453 TRANSFER OF LICENCE Members were advised of the following transfer applications which had been received:

Application in respect of William Outram and Violet Outram regarding The Wheatsheaf Public House, High Street, Swanscombe.

Application in respect of Shirley Elizabeth and Carl Payne regarding the Sun Public House, 16 Swanscombe St., Swanscombe.

NOTED

454 COMPLAINT Members were advised of a letter of complaint which had been received regarding the lack of gritting of roads and pavements in this area. It was

RESOLVED

That a copy of this letter be sent to Dartford Borough Council and Kent County Council Highways Department.

455 EMERGENCY CO-ORDINATION PLAN Members were advised that a copy of the Emergency Co-ordination Plan had been received from Dartford Borough Council and it was agreed that this be retained in the Town Council Office.

456 KENT ASSOCIATION OF PARISH COUNCILS Members were provided with a copy of the Parish News numbered 225.

NOTED

457 SOUTH EAST EMPLOYERS Members were advised of a Training Officers Network Meeting on 23rd February 1996. NOTED

458 KENT POLICE ANNUAL REPORT Members were advised that the Kent Police Annual Report had been received for 1994/95. NOTED

459 EASTERN QUARRY Members agreed to include this item on the agenda for the next Meeting of the Recreation, Leisure and Amenities Committee Meeting.

460 ANNUAL ESTIMATES 1996/97 Requests were made for the following items to be included for consideration in the annual estimates for 1996/97:

The lower bar in the Sports Hall to be completed;

Christmas decorations to be improved;

Salt and Grit be provided for the roads; and

A shredder be purchased for the office.

461 SKULL SITE WORKING PARTY It was suggested that the Working Party be comprised of the same Members currently serving on the Heritage Park Working Party.

RESOLVED

That this suggestion be accepted and Councillors' R D Bartlett, H Broadley, B R Francis, W Freed and R M White plus the Town Clerk serve on this working party.

462 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Moved by Councillor B G Poppy and seconded by Councillor M J Munn.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Committee held on 20th July, 1995 be confirmed and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

463 RECREATION, LEISURE AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE Moved by Councillor T V Dixon and seconded by Councillor B G Poppy.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Recreation, Leisure and Amenities Committee held on 2nd November, 1995 be confirmed and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

464 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Moved by Councillor B G Poppy and seconded by Councillor B R Francis.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Committee held on the 3rd November, 1995 be confirmed and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

465 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Moved by Councillor T V Dixon and seconded by Councillor B R Francis.

RESOLVED



That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Committee held on the 20th November, 1995 be confirmed and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

466 FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE Moved by Councillor M J Munn and seconded by Councillor B R Francis.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 23rd November, 1995 be confirmed and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

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

DA/95/000670/FUL Erection of a single storey front extension to provide reception.

The Mount Nursing Home, 28 Bean Road, Greenhithe.

OBSERVATIONS No Objections.

DA/95/00669/CPO Consultation on a new road, the South Thames-Side Dev. Route Stage 4 (STDR4) to run between the junction of Stonebridge Rd (A226) with Grove Road & the roundabout at the junction of Springhead Rd (A226/B2175) & Thanet Way (A2260).

OBSERVATIONS No Objections.

DA/95/00693/FUL Erection of a single storey side extension.
16 Worcester Close, Greenhithe.

OBSERVATIONS No Objections.

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

DA/95/00527/FUL - Site of F T Everard and adjoining land Station Road, Greenhithe;

DA/95/00556/COU - Land south side and opposite 7-9 Castle Road, Swanscombe.

Members were advised that the application no. DA/89/00100/REMA - 12a Bean Road, Greenhithe had been withdrawn.

468 TOWN CHAPLAIN Reverend Tim Mercer advised Members that he had been pleased to serve as the Chaplain to the Council and had enjoyed the Civic Services which had been arranged over the years.

469 EMERGENCY COMMITTEE Councillor Munn asked if a meeting of the Emergency Sub-Committee could be arranged in the New Year.

470 RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLORS Councillor T V Dixon asked if a letter could be sent to ex-Councillors Diane and Aubrey Ash-Smith from Members, expressing regret at their resignations and wishing them all the best for Christmas and the New Year.

An item to be included on the agenda for the Recreation, Leisure and Amenities Committee to fill the vacancies now created by these resignations.

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

RESOLVED

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

472 SPORTS PAVILION Members were informed of advice which had been received from the Town Council's Solicitor.

RESOLVED

) That the Association of Sports Clubs be advised accordingly.

473 INDUSTRIAL TRIBUNAL Members were advised of the date of the Tribunal and were asked whether an offer was to be made through ACAS.

RESOLVED

That the Town Council would not make an offer through ACAS.

The Press and Public were invited to return to the Committee Room.

475 SEALING OF DOCUMENTS After consideration, it was,

RESOLVED

That the lease for the Sports Pavilion be signed and it was duly signed by the Town Mayor and the Town Clerk.

) Councillor B G Poppy and W Freed asked for it to be recorded that they had voted against the above Resolution.



Town Mayor

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RECREATION, LEISURE AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD AT THE LEISURE CENTRE, CRAYLANDS LANE, SWANSCOMBE ON THURSDAY, 4TH JANUARY 1996 AT 7.30PM.

PRESENT: Cllr. B G Poppy - Chairman
Cllr. H Broadley
Cllr. L G Caller
Cllr. P S Crow
Cllr. P R Defty
Cllr. W Freed
Cllr. M J Munn
Cllr. T G Parry
Cllr. B E Read

476 MINUTES The Minutes of the Meeting held on 2nd November 1995 were confirmed and signed.

Councillor Freed entered the Committee Room.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors' T J Carrington, T V Dixon, B R Francis and R M White.

477 DECLARATION OF INTEREST The following declarations of interests were declared:

- Councillor Defty Pecuniary interest in Age Concern, Non-pecuniary in the Senior Citizens Club.
- Councillor Crow Non-pecuniary S & G Association of Sports Clubs.
- Councillor Freed Pecuniary interest in Paper Save, Non-pecuniary in Top House FC, Allotment Assoc., 2nd Swanscombe Scout Group, Senior Citizen Club, Greenhithe Community Association and Swanscombe Cricket Club.

Councillor Munn entered the Committee Room.

478 STAFFING OF CEMETERY Members were informed by the Park's Foreman that the Council's Park Attendant was still locking the cemetery and it was,

RECOMMENDED

That a letter be sent to Dartford Borough Council informing of the problems being experienced.

479 SAFETY SURFACING Members were advised that consideration would need to be given to replacing some of the safety surfacing in the future. NOTED

Councillor Read entered the Committee Room.

480 HERITAGE PARK Members had been provided with a report of the meeting of the Heritage Park Working Party, which had been held on 2nd December, alongwith the correspondence received from Groundwork Trust. After consideration it was,

RECOMMENDED

That a further meeting of the Working Party be arranged and this item be considered at the next meeting of the Recreation, Leisure and Amenities Committee. Questions to be raised on the type of trees to be planted and the schedule for grass cutting.

481 JOHN LAWSON'S CIRCUS A letter had been received seeking permission to use Swanscombe Park as a venue for the Spring of 1997 and after consideration, it was

RECOMMENDED

That this application be accepted and local residents be advised.

482 FOOTBALL PITCHES It was agreed that arrangements be made for a meeting to be held with representatives of the football clubs on Wednesday, 31st January at 7.30pm.

The Chairman of the Gravesend Football League and the Chief Executive of the N K Sunday Football League to be invited to attend the meeting. The Chairman of the Recreation and Amenities Committee to attend alongwith a Resident Association Councillor and the Park's Foreman.

Members had been provided with a copy of the letter of complaint received from the Chairman of the Gravesend League and it was agreed that advice would be obtained and this item included on the agenda for the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

483 GREENHITHE FORESHORE Reference Minute 330 - Members were provided with a copy of the reply which had been received from the resident of Greenhithe and it was,

RECOMMENDED

That a letter be sent, sympathising with the problems and explaining that bye-laws were awaited and advise of the enforcement difficulties.

Councillor Parry left the Committee Room.

484 STAFFING Members were informed that David Dand had been appointed as the full time Recreation Supervisor and Deborah Murphy had been appointed to the part time position.

485 FIRST AID ROOM The estimates were not available and this item was referred to the Meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

486 TUMBLE TOTS Members were advised that verbal quotes had been obtained in the sum of £2,450 for play equipment and it was,

RECOMMENDED

That equipment to the value of £2,500 be purchased.

487 STAFF TRAINING Members were advised that three members of staff would be attending a course to enable disabled persons to use the Centre during organised events.

488 CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY Members were advised about the success of the party and that the Senior Leisure Officer was intending to look at a different style of party for 1996. It was,

RECOMMENDED

B. R. F.

That Members be provided with firm plans in advance of next year's party and the cost of tickets would be set at that time.

489 TEA DANCE Members were advised that this event had been cancelled due to lack of interest.

490 ELECTRICAL WORK Members were advised of electrical work which was in urgent need of attention and it was,

RECOMMENDED

That on receipt of estimates - in consultation with the Chairman of the Recreation, Leisure and Amenities Committee - arrangements be made for the work to be carried out.

491 JUSTICE' LICENCE It was suggested that David Dand and Deborah Murphy be included on the Justice' Licence so that a Licensee was always on the premises.

RECOMMENDED

An application be made to include these members of staff on the Licence.

492 CUSTOMER SURVEY Members were advised of a customer survey which was being carried out by Dartford Borough Council in Centres of Leisure and Arts. Swanscombe Centre was being included in this exercise and Julie Scott was working with the Borough Council to put together a questionnaire applicable to this Centre.

The survey was to be carried out during May/June and December/January for the next 4 years. The Borough Council were collating the results of the questionnaires and the information would be available to staff of the Centre.

493 F A N S Members were advised that an application form was available in the Centre for the scheme for Free Admission for National Sports People.

494 DISCOUNT ON HIRE OF HALL The question was raised about the possibility of local Clubs being given a discount on the hire of the hall and it was,

RECOMMENDED

That the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Recreation, Leisure and Amenities Committee liaise with the Senior Leisure Officer and provide a report on how this could be promoted to local sports clubs.

495 HEALTH CENTRE After consideration it was,

RECOMMENDED

That arrangements be made for Councillors Caller and Defty, in their capacity as Leader and Town Mayor of the Council, to meet with representatives from the Health Centre alongwith two Resident Association Councillors, and a date to be set at the Meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

B. R. F.

496 CHRISTMAS LIGHTING Members were advised of the concerns of the resident whose garage housed the electricity meter for the Christmas lighting.

The Clerk was asked to obtain the cost of moving the meter and make arrangements to meet with the resident concerned.

497 SKIP HIRE A letter had been received advising of the increased cost of hiring skips from 4th January. There was also the possibility of a further increase in October when the Landfill Tax came into effect. NOTED

498 DOWNS BOWLS CLUB Members were informed of a letter received, seeking permission to use the pavilion in Swanscombe Park. It was

RECOMMENDED

That the Downs Club be advised that permission has not yet been given for a new pavilion to be built and the tenants were still using this facility.

If and when the pavilion was vacated, Members would give this application their consideration.

499 ENERGY CONSULTANT Members were provided with a copy of the letter which had been received from Integrated Energy Associates and it was agreed that the Clerk arrange a consultation.

500 CONSULTATION EXERCISE Members were provided with copies of the replies which had been received from KCC's Schools' Service Manager and Councillor Joyce Esterson - Co-Chairperson of the Education Committee. NOTED

501 ACCESS WAY - KEMSLEY CLOSE, GREENHITHE Reference Minute 329, Members were advised of the reply sent from the Borough Council to the resident of Greenhithe who had made the complaint. NOTED

Councillor P S Crow left the Meeting.

502 CAR REPAIR BUSINESS Reference Minute 331, Members were advised of the reply received from Kent Highways informing that this problem had been referred to the Police and the Planning Enforcement Officer. NOTED

503 BUS SHELTER, TAUNTON ROAD Reference Minute 364, Members were advised of the reply received from Kent Highways informing that the shelter would be inspected and an assessment made as to whether removal was necessary.

504 APPLICATION - SWALE MOTOR CO. Reference Minute 363, Members were provided with a copy of the reply which had been received from Dartford Borough Council. NOTED

505 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW Members were advised that the Commissioner's recommendations for Gravesham and Dartford was that there be no change, whilst a single unitary authority was proposed for Gillingham and Rochester.

B. R. F.

Members were informed that a full copy of the final recommendations could be obtained from the Local Government Commission, on request.

Kent County Council had forwarded a copy of their formal response and voiced their appreciation for the support they had received from the Town Council.

506 APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES AND SUB-COMMITTEES It was,

RECOMMENDED

That Councillors B R Francis and B G Poppy serve on the Allotments Sub-Committee;

That Councillors W Freed and R M White serve on the Executive Committee; and

That Councillors M J Munn and B G Poppy serve on the Local Government Committee.

507 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES It was,

RECOMMENDED

That the following be appointed to serve upon the various Committees for the remainder of the Council Year:-

Swanscombe and Greenhithe Association of Sports Clubs:
Councillor R M White;

Knockhall Landfill Site: Councillor Miss M J Lawrie;

Heritage Park Working Party: Councillor W Freed;

Crime Prevention Committee: Councillor P R Defty.

508 AUTHORITY FOR PAYMENT OF CHEQUES It was,

RECOMMENDED

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

Barclays Current Account - Councillors T V Dixon and W Freed.

Town Mayor's Account - Councillors P R Defty and R M White.

509 RURALITY OF AREA Members were provided with a copy of the correspondence received from the Kent Family Health Services Authority. After consideration it was agreed that the Clerk advise that Members had no comments to make.

510 DEVELOPMENT CONTROL SUB-COMMITTEE Members were advised of a letter received from the Borough Council informing that the meeting of the Development Control Sub-Committee had been moved from Tuesday, 9th to Thursday, 11th January 1996.

511 BLUEWATER DA/95/9560/REV. Members were advised that the period of consultation could not be extended, as requested, and

B R F.

therefore Councillor Defty, in his capacity as Town Mayor, had recommended that No Observations be made on this application.

RECOMMENDED

That the action taken by Councillor Defty be endorsed.

512 TOWN PLANNING The following Planning Applications had been received from Dartford Borough Council and were submitted for Members' consideration:-

DA/95/00721/FUL Raising of parapet wall in connection with provision of a pitched roof in place of a flat roof.
101 Mounts Road, Greenhithe.

OBSERVATIONS: No Observations.

DA/95/00728/FUL Erection of a single storey side extension for garage.
20 Mounts Road, Greenhithe.

OBSERVATIONS: No Objections providing no objections were received from neighbouring properties.

Members were advised that the following Decision Notice had been received from the Borough Council granting permission for development:

DA/94/00461/REM - Site of Greenhithe Community Centre and Residential Development, Wakefield Road, Greenhithe.

Councillor Read left the Committee Room.

513 EASTERN QUARRY Members were advised of the contents of a letter from Councillor White, who was unable to attend the Meeting due to work commitments and it was,

RECOMMENDED

That Councillor White continue his research into the retention of Eastern Quarry within the Green Belt and Members support him in this work.

514 SATURDAY SURGERIES After consideration, it was

RECOMMENDED

That a small advertisement be placed in the local paper after the Clerk had clarified the position with KAPC.

Members to put their names forward to enable Councillor Munn to arrange a rota and it was agreed, in principle, that the Committee Room be used for an hour each Saturday for a Council Surgery to be held.

515 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC Due to the Confidential Nature of the Business to be transacted, it was

B. R. F.

RESOLVED

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

516 S & G ASSOCIATION OF SPORTS CLUBS Members were advised of a letter which had been received from the Treasurer of the Association alongwith a cheque for the rent. NOTED B. R. F.

CHAIRMAN *B. R. Francis*

MINUTES of the MEETING of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held at the LEISURE CENTRE, CRAYLANDS LANE, SWANSCOMBE on TUESDAY, 16th JANUARY 1996 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Cllr. P R Defty, Town Mayor
Cllr. L G Caller
Cllr. T J Carrington
Cllr. W Freed
Cllr. R M White

Miss Julie Scott - Senior Leisure Officer

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors' T V Dixon, B R Francis and B E Read.

517 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS Councillor White declared a non-pecuniary interest in the Allotment Association.

518 MINUTES The Minutes of the Meetings held on 30th July, 3rd November and 20th November 1995 were confirmed and signed.

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

RESOLVED

That the Press and Public be excluded from the Meeting whilst the following items were discussed.

520 STAFFING Miss Scott advised Members that a Receptionist was now required and suggested that someone be employed for a minimum of 10 hours per week, with the option of 15 hours being worked if required. After consideration it was,

RECOMMENDED

That an advertisement be placed for a Receptionist and the candidates be interviewed by the Town Clerk and the Senior Leisure Officer. The closing date for applications to be returned was 2nd February.

521 QUIZ NIGHT Members were reminded that the Quiz Night and Disco was being held on 27th January for teams of 4 to 8 people and admission was £1.50 and 75p for children.

522 CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT Members were provided with details of staff's holiday and sick leave entitlement, as requested, and it was,

RECOMMENDED

That the Clerk provide Members of the Executive Committee with details of the cost of part time employees being given 3 weeks annual leave.

523 ANNUAL INCREASE Members were informed of the letter which had been received from the NJC advising of the increase in the London and Fringe Area Allowances - effective from 1st June 1995. It was,

RECOMMENDED

That this increase be accepted and payment be back-dated to 1st June 1995.

524 ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK Members were advised that Linda Barnett would have satisfactorily completed her period of probation in February and they were asked to consider an increase in salary. After consideration it was,

RECOMMENDED

That the salary be increased by £500 per annum, effective from 1st January 1996.

525 INDUSTRIAL TRIBUNAL Members were advised of the letter received from the Solicitor informing that the claim for unfair dismissal had been dismissed.

The Press and Public were invited to return to the Committee Room.

526 KENT RURAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL Members were advised of an invitation which had been received from KRCC to attend their quarterly Council Meeting at County Hall, Maidstone at 2pm on 26th January 1996. NOTED

527 RIGHT OF WAY DRG SACKS A letter had been received regarding a proposed alternative route through the site and it was,

RECOMMENDED

That a reply be sent advising that this Council fully supported the alternative route which was being proposed - joining FP DS17 to Taunton Road.

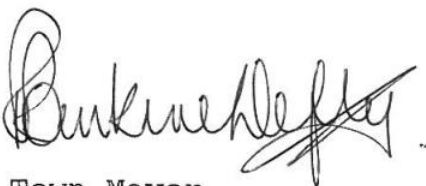
528 TRAINING BULLETIN Members were informed that the Training Bulletin for January '96 had been received from S E Employers Ass. NOTED

529 BYE-ELECTION Members were asked to consider whether polling cards were to be delivered, should an election be requested.

After consideration it was,

RECOMMENDED

That this Council would not elect to have polling cards distributed.



Town Mayor

MINUTES of the MEETING of the FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE held at the LEISURE CENTRE, CRAYLANDS LANE, SWANSCOMBE on THURSDAY, 25th JANUARY 1996 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Cllr. L G Caller - Chairman
Cllr. T J Carrington Cllr. T G Parry
Cllr. P R Defty Cllr. B G Poppy
Cllr. W Freed Cllr. B E Read
Cllr. B R Francis Cllr. R M White

530 MINUTES The Minutes of the Meeting held on 23rd November 1995 were confirmed and signed.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors' T V Dixon, Miss M J Lawrie and M J Munn.

531 DECLARATION OF INTEREST The following declarations of interests were made by Members':

Councillor Francis - non-pecuniary interest in items relating to the garage rear of 110 Milton Road;

Councillor White - non-pecuniary interest in the Allotment Association;

Councillor Carrington - non-pecuniary interest in 14 High Street, Greenhithe; and

Councillor Defty - pecuniary interest in Age Concern.

532 INCOME FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER The income for November and December 1995 amounting to £21,683.97 was received as set out in the annexed list.

533 ACCOUNTS PAID NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER The Town Clerk reported that accounts amounting to £51,597.41 had been paid during November and December 1995.

Councillor Read entered the Committee Room.

534 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT Members were advised that the following invoices had been received for payment:

Darent Valley Electrical Co.	£2,937.50;
T Miller (Roofing)	£620.00; and
C B H B & P	£2,585.00

RECOMMENDED

That these accounts to be paid.

535 BARNARDOS After consideration it was,

RECOMMENDED

That a donation of £40 be made to Barnardos under Section 137 of the 1972 Local Government Act.

536 FOOTBALL PITCHES Reference Minute 482 - a letter had been

received from Sports Turf and it was agreed that this item be deferred for consideration to the Meeting of the Recreation, Leisure and Amenities Committee when further information should be available.

Councillor Francis left the Committee Room.

537 AUDIT FEE 1995/96 Reference Minute 412, Members were advised of the reply which had been received from the Auditor and it was agreed that the situation would be monitored to see what hours were spent on the '96 audit.

538 SOCIETY OF LOCAL COUNCIL CLERKS Members were advised that the annual subscription was due for renewal in the sum of £65 and it was,

RECOMMENDED

That this subscription be renewed.

539 MEETING WITH PETER SKINNER MEP Members had been provided with a report of the Meeting which had been held on 7th December.

NOTED

540 BYE-ELECTION Members were advised that a request had been made for an election to be held to fill the two vacancies for the Knockhall Ward. NOTED

541 FIRST AID ROOM As the quotes had not been received, it was agreed that this item be referred to the Meeting of the Town Council.

542 HEALTH CENTRE Reference Minute 495, it was agreed that the Meeting be held at 7.30pm on Thursday, 8th February at the Leisure Centre.

543 EMERGENCY COMMITTEE Reference Minute 469, arrangements were made for the Meeting of the Emergency Committee to be held at the Leisure Centre on Thursday, 22nd February at 7.30pm.

544 CHANNEL TUNNEL RAIL LINK Members were advised of correspondence which had been received, updating information on the progress of the Select Committee - copies of which had been circulated to Members of the Rail Link Action Group. NOTED

545 KAPC DARTFORD AREA COMMITTEE Members were provided with the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd October and were given a report on the meeting which had been held at Stone Parish Council offices on 16th January 1996. NOTED

546 MMI SCHEME OF ARRANGEMENT Members were advised that a copy of the schedule relating to the scheme of arrangement for the six months to 30th September had been received. NOTED

547 CAR REPAIR BUSINESS Reference Minute 331 - Members were provided with copies of the replies which had been received from Dartford Borough Council and the County Constabulary.

After consideration it was,

RECOMMENDED

That the Borough Council be asked why restrictions were not placed on this application and request that such conditions be imposed on business' of this nature in the future.

548 PARISH BOUNDARIES Reference Minute 401, Members were provided with copies of replies which had been received from Dartford Borough Council and the Kent Association of Parish Councils. NOTED

549 WEST KENT COLLEGE Members were provided with a copy of the correspondence received from the Chairman of the Governing Body of the College. NOTED

550 BUS STOP - CHURCH ROAD Reference Minute 436 - Members were provided with a copy of the reply received from the Borough Council's Senior Engineer. NOTED

551 DARTFORD DISTRICT VOLUNTEER BUREAU Members were advised that a letter of thanks had been received for the donation made to the Bureau. NOTED

Councillor Freed entered the Committee Room.

552 COOPERS ROAD, SWANSCOMBE Members were advised of a request which had been made to the Borough Council for the road (leading to the former High School) to be named Coopers Road.

Although there was no recollection of this name, Members raised no objections to this request.

553 STREET LIGHTING Members were advised of correspondence which had been received from Seeboard advising of increases in prices, effective from December 1995. NOTED

554 KENT RURAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL Members were provided with a copy of the 8th edition of Rural News and were advised of an invitation to attend the Kent Community Halls Conference at Singleton Village Hall on 16th March 1996. It was

RECOMMENDED

That further information be obtained from KRCC regarding the availability of lottery monies.

555 CIVIC AWARDS FOR VOLUNTEERS 1995/96 Members were provided with a copy of the letter received from the Mayor of Dartford informing of the awards he was intending to make for Outstanding Service in the Voluntary Sector.

It was agreed that Members would advise the Clerk of anyone they wished to nominate for consideration.

556 KENT ASSOCIATION OF YOUTH CLUBS Members were provided with a copy of the letter received from KAYC seeking financial assistance. It was,

RECOMMENDED

That a letter be sent to Club 84 asking if they would like to apply for a donation from the Town Council.

557 SWANLEY COURT HOTEL Members were advised of a letter which had been received informing of subsidised accommodation which was available for elderly residents. NOTED

558 THAMES ESTUARY PROJECT Members were informed of an invitation which had been received to attend a public consultation meeting on 22nd February at St Andrew's Art Centre, Gravesend.

559 SWANSCOMBE BOWLING CLUB Members were advised of a letter received from the Bowling Club, seeking a refund of the charges paid for water used during the 1995 season. After consideration it was,

RECOMMENDED

That a refund of £368.36 be made to the Bowling Club, with a request that a water meter be installed for correct readings to be obtained in the future.

560 KENT ASSOCIATION OF TWINNING ORGANISATIONS Members were advised of an invitation to attend the 18th Twinning Conference and AGM at Ashford on 13th April 1996. NOTED

561 KENT AMENITY HORTICULTURE NVQ CONSORTIUM An invitation had been received to attend the launch of the Kent Amenity Horticultural consortium at Ashford International Hotel on Wednesday, 21st February. NOTED

562 FINANCIAL APPEAL Members were advised of a request for financial assistance which had been received from St Michael and All Angels Church, Wilmington. It was

RECOMMENDED

That a reply be sent advising that, unfortunately, this Council were unable to assist on this occasion.

563 LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSION SCHEME A letter had been received from KCC informing of the amount of the employee's contributions for the three years commencing 1st April 1996. NOTED

564 TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE Members were informed of the notice which had been received from the Borough Council advising of the closure and diversion order for Hedge Place Road. The order was valid from 12th February 1996 for a period of 18 months. NOTED

565 CARER'S MOBILE INFORMATION BUS A letter had been received requesting permission to park the Mobile Information Bus in the Grove Car Park on 8th October from 10am to 12noon. It was

RECOMMENDED

That the Carers Association be allowed to use the Grove Car Park for this purpose.

566 EBBSFLEET DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT FRAMEWORK Members were advised that a copy of the Framework document had been received and it was,

RECOMMENDED

That representatives from Dartford and Gravesham Councils be invited to attend the Meeting of the Town Council on Thursday, 15th February.

567 S E EMPLOYERS Members were informed that the Training Bulletin for February '96 had been received alongwith the Training and Services publication for 1996/97. NOTED

568 VIREMENTS It was,

RECOMMENDED

That the sum of £2,000 be vired from Miscellaneous to Equipment in the 95/96 Leisure Centre budget to cover the cost of providing tumble tots equipment.

569 DRAFT ANNUAL ESTIMATES 1996/97 Members had been provided with a copy of the draft annual estimates for 1996/97 and it was,

RECOMMENDED

That the draft estimates for 1996/97 be accepted and a rate for Council Tax for band 'D' properties be set at £59.05.

570 TOWN PLANNING The following planning applications had been received from Dartford Borough Council and were submitted for members' observations:-

DA/95/00744/REM Submission of reserved matters & discharge of conditions 1, 5, 20, 26 & 27 (all in part) pursuant to Planning Permission DA/88/0336/OUT (as amended) for a regional shopping centre, in respect of off-site highways.

Bluewater Western Quarry, West of Bean Road, Greenhithe.

OBSERVATIONS: No Observations.

DA/96/00019/LBC Application for Listed Building Consent for refurbishment of property, including new front door, paving to front apron and provision of anchor plates on front elevation together with demolition of rear coal shed.

14 High Street, Greenhithe.

OBSERVATIONS: No Objections providing no objections are made by neighbours.

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

DA/95/00410/REM Land at the Wharf, High Street, Greenhithe;
DA/95/00656/FUL 18 Knockhall Chase, Greenhithe;
DA/95/00670/FUL The Mount Nursing Home, 28 Bean Road, Greenhithe.

Members were provided with a copy of the response made by the Borough Council on application DA/95/00669/CPO which had been received from KCC.

Chairman

Income November 1995

Parks	Football	200.00	
	Refund tel.A/C	21.24	221.24
Community Halls	Grove Hall		528.57
Administration	Copier		0.41
Leisure Centre	Income		3,854.20
Bar	Income	3,557.18	
	Food	931.73	
	Gaming m/c's	204.26	4,693.17

			£9,297.59

ACCOUNTS PAID NOVEMBER 1995

	<u>TOWN COUNCIL</u>	<u>LEISURE CENTRE</u>
Wages - Wk 31	677.30	
Cleaning Materials	11.46	51.84
Equipment Repairs		58.75
Uniforms		44.00
Boiler Maintenance		354.85
Maintenance - Sewage Pump		560.71
Maintenance		134.34
Wages		35.00
Window Cleaner	25.00	
DBC Business Rates	280.00	1,341.00
Wages- Wk 32	324.00	30.85
Parks - Supplies	128.87	
Parks - Supplies	90.43	
Parks - repairs	391.05	
Returnable deposit		50.00
Bar - Supplies		41.37
Electricity - Street lighting	38.08	
Gas		10.20
Parks - fuel	30.00	
Inland Revenue	1,458.93	1,276.75
Bar - Food		18.00
Bar - Supplies		59.08
Parks - Knockhall Rd fence	534.62	
Parks - Equipment - Spreader	172.73	
Salary		795.49
Hygiene Service	5.40	
KCC Supplies	166.45	124.84
Parks - Bedding Plants	180.00	
Parks - fuel	66.00	
Security Service	33.15	66.28
Bar - Supplies		1,345.29
Cancellation Fee		75.00
Bar - Supplies		707.32
Advertising		94.00
Mobile phone	16.35	
Poppy Wreaths	22.50	
Electricity - Street lighting	35.42	
Administration Fee - CTRL	20.00	
Parks - Skip hire	94.00	
Internal Audit	70.00	
Wages - Wk 33	472.34	
Floral Tribute	21.50	
Wages - Wk 34	515.66	
Salaries - Month 8	2,667.87	3,195.80
Parks - Service for Hayterette	129.70	
Admin - Copier	38.81	
Advertising		38.60
Entertainers deposit		10.00
Name Badges		8.91
Wages - Wk 35	462.24	
Bar - Food		64.80
Maintenance - Security System		203.28
C/fwd.	<u>9,179.77</u>	<u>10,796.44</u>

B/fwd.	9,179.77	10,796.44
Membership Renewal - KTNC	19.50	
First Aid Publication		12.00
New Year Tickets		17.50
Bar - Supplies		171.85
Bar - Supplies		219.56
DBC - Election Expenses (May '95)	3,250.12	
Annual Subscription - NAGM	30.00	
Music & Dance Licence		750.00
Donation Dartford Volunteer Bureau	50.00	
Refunds due to Cancellation		20.00
Bar - Supplies		235.43
Refund of Deposit		50.00
Maintenance of Pay 'phone		32.00
Window Cleaner		40.00
Bar - New freezer		238.98
Refund of Hire Fee		100.00
Bar - Gaming, m/c Licence etc.,		181.00
Wages		277.67
Bar - Food		365.11
Bar - Transfer of Licence Fee		12.50
Electric A/C		728.37
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	£12,529.39	£14,248.41
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<u>Grand Total £26,777.80</u>		

INCOME DECEMBER 1995

Parks	Cricket	200.00	
	Football	300.00	500.00
Community Halls	Grove Hall	79.10	
	Sports Pavilion rent	1,338.75	1,417.85
Admin.	Copier	1.02	
	Interest	3,084.48	
	Transferred assets (DBC)	1,000.00	4,085.50
Leisure Centre	Income		2,609.14
Bar	Income	2,997.29	
	Food	567.66	
	Gaming machines	208.94	3,773.89
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			£12,386.38
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ACCOUNTS PAID DECEMBER 1995

	<u>TOWN COUNCIL</u>	<u>LEISURE CENTRE</u>
Bar - Rental snack machine		357.74
Refund of deposit		50.00
Wages - Wk 36	642.08	
Wages - Wk 37	55.80	
Bar - Licence extension		4.00
Admin legal fees (Church Rd Hall)	105.75	
Bar - Supplies		839.84
Wages - Wk 37	499.10	
Inland Revenue - Tax & N.I.	1,625.89	1,395.63
Electricity - Parks Mess room	129.00	
Parks - Replace strimmer (Ins)	393.80	
Parks - Service to equipment	361.41	
Parks - Skip hire	94.00	
Security Service	34.13	68.27
Bar - Supplies		1,097.63
Advertising (Vacancy)		86.13
Cleaning materials		26.85
British Telecom, mobile	18.66	
Christmas Trees	27.00	8.00
Admin. Internal Audit	70.00	
DBC Business rates	280.00	1,341.00
Salaries - Month 9	2,659.72	3,341.42
PWLB loan repayment		2,910.00
Wages - Wks 38,39 & 40	1,575.63	
Admin - Copier	37.46	
Electricity - Street lighting	38.08	
" - Energy charge	35.42	
Bar - Supplies		41.35
Bar - Food		14.40
Parks - Materials	10.52	
Parks - Fuel a/c	45.00	
Admin - Copier rental	258.37	
Heritage Park fencing	130.79	
Admin - Fete sound system	52.87	
Parks - Vehicle repair	127.04	
Bar - Vending m/c rental		141.00
Advertising (Vacancy)		40.63
Bar - Supplies/Food		76.10
Keyholding Service		145.70
Cleaning materials		60.40
Bar - Supplies		257.13
" "		62.00
Electricity		1,694.56
Bar - Food		12.46
Health & Safety Course	86.96	86.95
Parks - Conifers height reduced	169.20	
Parks - Vehicle repairs & ins. claim	172.87	
Maintenance - Sound System		65.74
" - Heating System		126.02
Carriage Fee (trampoline)		12.91
Donation for Childrens Party	140.00	
Bar - Gaming m/c's Licence & rental		181.00
Bar - Casual staff wages		210.50
Bar - Food		158.70
Bar - Licence extension		4.00
Window cleaner		20.00
Refund for returned tickets		5.00
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	9,596.55	15,223.06
<u>Grand Total : £24,819.61</u>		

MINUTES of the MEETING of the SWANSCOMBE AND GREENHITHE TOWN COUNCIL held at the LEISURE CENTRE, CRAYLANDS LANE, SWANSCOMBE on THURSDAY, 15th FEBRUARY 1996 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Cllr. P R Defty, Town Mayor
Cllr. H Broadley Cllr. Miss M J Lawrie
Cllr. L G Caller Cllr. T G Parry
Cllr. T J Carrington Cllr. B G Poppy
Cllr. P S Crow Cllr. M J Munn
Cllr. T V Dixon Cllr. B E Read
Cllr. W Freed Cllr. R M White

Mr A Penfold, Head of Planning and Design and Mr J Underhill, Development Planning Manager were introduced to Members by Councillor Defty.

Councillor Broadley entered the Committee Room

Prayers were read by Reverend Richard Barron.

Councillor Crow entered the Committee Room followed by Councillor Miss Lawrie.

571 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS The following pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests were declared:

Councillor Munn - Pecuniary interest in Blue Circle and non-pecuniary interest in St John Ambulance.

Councillor Defty - Pecuniary interest in Age Concern and non-pecuniary interest in the Senior Citizen's Club.

Councillor Miss Lawrie - non-pecuniary interest in Age Concern.

572 MINUTES The Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th December 1995 were confirmed and signed.

Mr Penfold and Mr Underhill were then invited to explain and discuss the Ebbsfleet Development and Framework document.

It was explained that the Regional Guidance document had been adopted by the Government and now formed the planning strategy.

The document entitled Kent Thameside - Looking to the Future had been produced jointly by Local Authorities and Business' and responses which had been received were now being analysed and a report would be available in the near future.

Councillor Read entered the Committee Room

The Framework document for Ebbsfleet Development and Framework, which had been jointly prepared by Dartford Borough, Gravesham Borough and Kent County Councils, was now at the consultation stage.

Blue Circle had submitted an application and this would shortly be circulated for consultation but it was currently being checked to see if it was acceptable or if more information would be required.

Members were concerned that Swanscombe and Greenhithe Stations were not mentioned and wanted to see both of these stations as well as the one at Northfleet retained and even upgraded.

It was explained that reference to Northfleet Station had been made in an effort to deter people from using private cars as access could be gained from this area. Northfleet was also part of the Valley and reference had also made to other forms of transport.

Members were concerned that the Light Railway system may be used to replace existing Railway Stations but they were advised by Mr Penfold that the Borough Council would be opposed to any suggestions put forward for the closure of existing Stations.

Members then voiced concern about the possibility of new roads from Ebbsfleet leading directly into Swanscombe and it was explained that the details in the Framework document were different to those which were included in the current planning application.

It was suggested that, as the South Thames Development Route was now going from Bluewater, there should be a road built to service Empire Paper Mills and other Business' in that area - using land which had been set aside for this purpose.

Mr Penfold agreed with this suggestion and felt public transport links should also be considered.

With reference to air quality etc., it was explained that there was a regular monitoring process in place and this framework document was promoting use of public transport and employment closer to home to cut down on use of vehicles.

The need to improve public transport was voiced and Mr Penfold advised that, in Europe, alternative travel is promoted and these ideas should also be tried in this area but national support would also be needed.

Members were advised that the Borough Council had been provided with funding to investigate public transport needs etc.

No specific sites had been defined for sports facilities which were to be lost in this area and it was asked if the Borough Council would ensure these sites were included.

The replacement of the allotment site was mentioned and it was felt this should also be included in the response made by the Town Council. Both Dartford and Gravesham Borough Councils would be looking to ensure that these items were included in the planning applications.

Members voiced concern that the Public Footpath (known as Northfields) was retained as this was the measured route used by KCC for local children attending schools in Northfleet and Members would be looking to the Borough Council to ensure that Union Railways were not allowed to stamp over this area.

Members were advised by Mr Penfold of the Statement of Intent.



Members spoke of the possibility of boundary changes which were being mentioned in the local press and they were advised that the commitment of both Dartford and Gravesham Councils would not be reduced by talk of boundary changes.

Questions were asked about the percentage of affordable housing to be included in the development and were advised that the document referred to a balanced mix to provide for a balanced community. An assessment was to be made to see what proportion of affordable housing would be required.

Councillor Crow left the Committee Room

Questions were asked about local employment and whether local views would be taken into account and a watching brief ensure that historical monuments and areas were not destroyed.

Mr Underhill advised that a programme was underway to look after these items.

With reference to the planning application submitted by Blue Circle, this had not yet been accepted by the Borough Council and all Local Authorities and interested parties would be invited to comment.

An item was included in the brief to ensure that the Developers would be forced to adhere to the rules of construction and a County wide ecological survey had been carried out and database was available.

Councillor Freed entered the Committee Room

The problems identified at Baker's Hole had been quickly dealt with and Members were pleased to see that similar measures would apply to this development.

Councillor Defty then thanked both Officers of the Borough Council for attending and the Meeting continued.

Councillor Read left the Meeting.

573 EBBSFLEET DEVELOPMENT After consideration, it was

RESOLVED

That the Clerk include the salient points which had been raised, in the initial response to the Ebbsfleet Development and Environment Framework document.

574 CRAYLANDS LANE DEVELOPMENT Members were advised that a meeting had been requested by Blue Circle and were provided with dates which had been suggested. After consideration, it was

RESOLVED

That arrangements be made for the meeting to be held at the Leisure Centre at 7pm on Monday, 11th March 1996.

575 TOWN COUNCIL SURGERIES Members were advised that the

surgeries would be held weekly from Saturday, 2nd March for one hour from 10.30am.

576 RURALITY OF AREA Members were advised that copies of comments which had been forwarded to the Kent Family Health Services Authority had been received and were available in the office. NOTED

577 PROPOSED NEW SECONDARY SCHOOL Members had received copies of the public consultation document relating to proposals for a new secondary school and Members were asked to respond individually to this document. It was

RESOLVED

That KCC be advised that this Council supported the building of a mixed comprehensive school, preferably within the existing population area of Swanscombe and Greenhithe.

578 NATIONAL SPRING CLEAN Members were informed of receipt of a letter advising that this years event was to be held between 12th and 21st April and if this Council wished to participate they should respond by 15th April.

This item was noted and the Borough Council were to be asked for earlier notification in the future.

579 PARISH NEWS Members were provided with copies of Parish News, numbered 226 and 227, which had been received from KAPC.

NOTED

580 HRD WEEK 1996 Members were advised of the Conference which was to be held at Wembley from 19th to 21st March by the Institute of Personnel and Development. NOTED

581 DARTFORD ARTS STRATEGY Members were advised of a letter which had been received from the Borough Council inviting representatives to a meeting to discuss the Arts Strategy. Arrangements had been made for two Members to attend and the Clerk was asked to contact Councillor Read for a representative from the S & G Residents' Councillors to be invited.

582 HIGHWAY SURFACE WATER - REMEDIAL WORKS A letter had been received from the Borough Council advising of remedial works which were to be carried out in Port Avenue from 19th February.

583 KENT LEARNING : OUR FUTURE Members had been provided with a copy of the letter received from KCC and it was,

RESOLVED

That Members make their individual comments known to KCC.

584 ANNUAL ESTIMATES 1996/97 It was unanimously

RESOLVED

That the draft estimates presented to the Finance and General Purposes Committee on 25th January be accepted.

585 COUNCIL TAX It was unanimously

RESOLVED

That the Council Tax for Band D be set at £59.05 for 1996/97, as agreed at the Meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee on 25th January 1996.

586 EASTERN QUARRY/DEPOSIT OF PROPOSALS FOR KENT MINERALS LOCAL PLAN (CHALK AND CLAY/OIL AND GAS) Members were advised that Councillor White had studied the proposals for the Kent Minerals Plan in detail and it was agreed that Members should be provided with a copy of Councillor White's letter and this item was to be included on the agenda for the next meeting of the Recreation, Leisure and Amenities Committee.

587 RECREATION, LEISURE AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE Moved by Councillor W Freed and seconded by Councillor B G Poppy,

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Recreation, Leisure and Amenities Committee held on 4th January, 1996 be confirmed and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

588 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Moved by Councillor P R Defty and seconded by Councillor L G Caller,

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Executive Committee held on 16th January 1996 be confirmed and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

589 FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE Moved by Councillor L G Caller and seconded by Councillor P R Defty,

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 25th January 1996 be confirmed and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

590 TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS Members were reminded of the invitation to attend the Town Mayor's Reception and were asked to respond as soon as possible.

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

DA/96/00056/REM Submission of Archaeological details pursuant to Condition 25 of Planning Permission ref. DA/88/0336/OUT for the development of a regional shopping centre.

Blue Water, Western Quarry, Bean Road, Greenhithe.

OBSERVATIONS: Members of the Town Council supported the endeavours being undertaken to preserve these



ancient sites.

DA/96/00061/FUL Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to vary Condition 1 of the outline planning permission ref. DA/88/0336/OUT, subsequently amended, to allow for a further extension of time to submit reserved matters.

Bluewater, Western Quarry, Bean Road, Greenhithe.

OBSERVATIONS: No Objections.

Members were advised of the following Decision Notices which had been received from the Borough Council, granting permission for development:

DA/95/00660/REM The Wharf, Mariners Haven, High Street, Greenhithe;
DA/95/00287/REM Land at the Wharf, Greenhithe;
DA/95/00496/FUL 54 Swanscombe Street, Swanscombe;
DA/95/00560/REM Bluewater, Western Quarry, Bean Road, Greenhithe;
DA/95/00455/REM Bluewater, Western Quarry, Bean Road, Greenhithe; and
DA/95/00728/FUL 20 Mounts Road, Greenhithe.

Planning permission for the following application had been refused:

DA/95/00721/FUL 101 Mounts Road, Greenhithe.

592 PARKING PROBLEMS - GREENHITHE It was asked if this item could be included on the agenda for the Recreation, Leisure and Amenities Committee for consideration.

593 GROVE CAR PARK It was asked if the Park's Foreman could keep a watchful eye on vehicles in the Grove Car Park.



Town Mayor

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RECREATION, LEISURE AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD AT THE LEISURE CENTRE, CRAYLANDS LANE, SWANSCOMBE ON THURSDAY, 7TH MARCH 1996 AT 7.30PM.

PRESENT: Cllr. B R Francis - Chairman
Cllr. A M Barham Cllr. T V Dixon
Cllr. H Broadley Cllr. J C D Holmes
Cllr. L G Caller Cllr. Miss M J Lawrie
Cllr. T J Carrington Cllr. T G Parry
Cllr. P R Defty Cllr. B G Poppy

Councillors A M Barham and J C D Holmes were welcomed as newly-elected Members to their first Meeting.

594 MINUTES The Minutes of the Meeting held on 4th January 1996 were confirmed and signed.

Councillor H Broadley entered the Committee Room.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors' P S Crow, M J Munn, B E Read and R M White.

595 DECLARATION OF INTEREST Councillor Defty declared a pecuniary interest in Age Concern and a non-pecuniary interest in the Senior Citizen's Club.

Councillor Dixon declared a pecuniary interest in items relating to P J H Builders.

596 SAFETY SURFACING Members were advised of the following quotes which had been received to supply and lay wet-pour surfacing around the swings at Broomfield Road Sports Ground:

- a) £2,465.00
- b) £2,116.00

After consideration, it was

RECOMMENDED

That quote 'b' be accepted and the work be carried out as soon as possible.

597 PARK GARAGE It was suggested that a metal re-inforced door be fitted into the side of the garage and it was,

RECOMMENDED

That quotes be obtained for consideration.

598 PARKING PROBLEMS It was suggested that the wooden posts which had been installed along the grass verge by the Leisure Centre be replaced with metal posts. After consideration it was,

RECOMMENDED

That this proposal be accepted and the posts be painted white.

599 MEETING WITH FOOTBALL CLUBS Members were provided with a report of the meeting which had been held with representatives of the Football Clubs on 31st January 1996. It was

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B.P.

RECOMMENDED

That this report be accepted and a letter be sent to the Secretary of the League, as suggested in the report.

With reference to the suggestion that alternative pitches be used, Members accepted the advice of the Park's Foreman and agreed that the situation should remain as before and all matches be cancelled if any one pitch was unfit for use.

600 FOOTBALL PITCHES Members were provided with copies of correspondence which had been received reference work required on the pitches and were advised of items which were required for the tractor. After consideration it was agreed that this item be referred to the Finance and General Purposes Committee for consideration when more information was available.

601 MANOR PARK Members were advised of a site meeting which had been held at Manor Park on 9th February and at that time all outstanding works, with the exception of rubbish which needed to be cleared, had been completed.

Members were also advised of a complaint which had been received from a resident of St Paul's Close regarding overgrown trees which were in need of attention.

A letter had also been received asking when the formal handover of the site was to be completed and after consideration, it was

RECOMMENDED

That this item be deferred to the Meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee for consideration, providing replies had been received.

602 SWANSCOMBE CEMETERY - OPENING AND CLOSING Reference Minute 478, Members were provided with a copy of the letter received from the Borough Council. NOTED

603 VALLEY VIEW PLAY AREA Members were provided with a copy of the letter which had been received from the Assistant Chief Executive of the Borough Council and were advised that, following receipt of further complaints, the Clerk had recently asked for an update on the situation. NOTED

604 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE Members were advised that a quote had been received for the continuation of the gang-mowing and maintenance in the sum of £2,587.30 plus an additional £392 for the upkeep of Manor Park if required.

RECOMMENDED

That the quote of £2,587.30 be accepted.

605 HERITAGE PARK Members were provided with reports of the meetings of the Heritage Park Working Party held on 2nd December and 30th January alongwith further correspondence received from Groundwork Trust. The following quotes had been received to supply and fix 24 metres of 1.2m high post and rail fencing:

- a) £1,708.58 b) £1,468.00 or
- c) £1,873.00 (galvanised fencing)

After consideration it was,

RECOMMENDED

That quote 'b' be accepted in the sum of £1,468.00, the willow fence be replaced and concrete posts be purchased with the remainder of the budget.

606 FUN FAIR Members were advised of a letter which had been received seeking permission for the Fun Fair to visit Swanscombe and Knockhall in 1996. After consideration it was,

RECOMMENDED

That a letter be sent suggesting that the visit to Knockhall be made during the first 2 weeks of August (prior to commencement of the football season) and ask for dates to be provided for the suggested visit to Broomfield earlier in the season.

With reference the visit to Broomfield - vehicles were to arrive and leave the site via. Broomfield Road after 9am.

607 TENDERS - CAR PARK, SWANSCOMBE PARK Members were advised that the following Tenders had been received:

- a) £7,221 plus contingency of £721.10;
- b) £6,687.20 plus contingency of £668.72;
- c) £8,448.60 plus contingency of £844.86 (lining £271);
- d) £5,522.25 plus contingency of £552.22 (lining £250 and installation of traffic hump £400 to BS Standard or £150 for small hump).
- e) £7,795.50 plus contingency of £779.55.

After consideration, it was

RECOMMENDED

That quote 'd' be accepted in the sum of £5,522.25 plus £250 to line the car park and £400 for installation of the traffic hump.

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

RESOLVED

That the Press and Public be excluded from the Meeting whilst the next items were discussed.

609 ACCIDENT IN SWANSCOMBE PARK Members were advised of the contents of a letter which had been received from Zurich Municipal and it was,

RECOMMENDED

That the Clerk reply and advise of the information which had been

obtained.

The Park's Foreman left the Committee Room

610 SPORTS PAVILION Members were advised of a letter which had been received from the Chairman of the S & G Association of Sports Clubs. After consideration, it was

RECOMMENDED

That the Clerk investigate the legality of this suggestion and include this item for further consideration by Members of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

A reply be sent to the Association of Sports Clubs advising that the legalities of this situation were being investigated and request that copies of most recent accounts be provided, although no promises were being made at this stage.

The Press and Public were invited to return to the Committee Room.

611 BAR VENDING MACHINES Members were provided with details of quotes which had been obtained for vending machines:

- a) £37 per week Snacks (including service & maintenance)
- b) £28.89 snacks, £16.46 drinks, £31.05 combined weekly (including 3 year warranty - quarterly maintenance & service contract £150 + VAT per annum)
- c) £155.44 snacks, £30 drinks - monthly (including 12 months parts & labour).

RECOMMENDED

That quote 'b' be accepted, as recommended by the Senior Leisure Officer and the proposal to increase crisps by 5p per packet be accepted.

612 DISCOUNT ON FUNCTIONS Members were provided with details of the costs involved in setting up for events and were advised by the Senior Leisure Officer that it would not be a viable proposition to reduce the hire fee. It was,

RECOMMENDED

That the advice of the Senior Leisure Officer be accepted and discounts not be allowed on events held in the hall of the Leisure Centre.

It was also suggested that proposals be put forward at the next meeting of the Recreation, Leisure and Amenities Committee to curb the practice of patrons bringing their own alcohol on to the premises at functions held in the Leisure Centre

613 SOFT PLAY ACTIVITIES Members were advised that the new equipment was proving very successful and a recent advertisement had resulted in an overwhelming response. NOTED with pleasure.

614 SATELLITE TELEVISION Members were advised that the cost of viewing cards had dramatically increased and it was therefore

felt that, until the bar trade had increased, this suggestion should not be considered. NOTED

615 DOWNSTAIRS BAR As the quotes to decorate the bar had not been received, it was agreed that this item should be referred to the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

616 WATER FOUNTAIN Members were advised that quotes were being obtained to replace the existing water fountain. NOTED

617 RE-INSTATEMENT OF GRASS AREA Members were advised of a letter which had been received from the Borough Council informing that the re-instatement work was being held in abeyance until the roof works had been completed. NOTED

618 LETTER OF COMPLAINT Members were provided with a copy of the letter of complaint which had been received from a local resident. After consideration, it was

RECOMMENDED

That a letter of thanks be sent for the comments, advising that some of the suggestions were being implemented and it was hoped that such constructive comments would be received in the future.

619 DARTFORD VOLUNTEER BUREAU Members were advised of a verbal request which had been received to use the Leisure Centre for a quiz night. After consideration it was,

RECOMMENDED

That a discount of £35 be allowed with the proviso that no food or drink be brought on to the premises.

620 SWANSCOMBE SKULL SITE Members were advised that a letter had been received from the Solicitor informing that the property lawyers had now confirmed that responsibility for repair of the boundary fence was to be deleted from the agreement.

English Nature had not taken on responsibility for the fencing and the Town Council would be advised as soon as the engrossment of the Counterpart Lease was available for sealing by the Council. NOTED

621 PARKING PROVISION IN GREENHITHE Members were provided with a copy of the letter provided by Councillor Carrington regarding the parking problems in Greenhithe and it was,

RECOMMENDED

That this suggestion be supported and the letter be sent to the Borough Council's Chairman of Planning and Transportation - Councillor J Muckle.

622 CRAYLAND LANE DEVELOPMENT Members were reminded of the meeting which was being held with representatives from Blue Circle on Monday, 11th March 1996.

623 HIRE FEES - GROVE HALL Members were asked to consider whether the hire fee for the Cygnets should be increased and it was,

RECOMMENDED

That the rent be increased by 10p per hour - with effect from 1st April 1996.

Councillor Carrington left the Committee Room followed by Councillor Broadley.

624 ST PETER AND ST PAUL CHURCHYARD BOUNDARY WALL Members were provided with details of the second phase of the work which needed to be carried out and permission was requested to vire £250 from the budget for contributions to organisations to allow this work to be completed. After consideration it was,

RECOMMENDED

That this proposal be accepted and the sum of £250 be vired to have this work completed in the sum of £3,207.60.

625 TRANSFER OF LICENCE Members were advised of the notice of application which had been received for transfer of the licence for the Wheatsheaf Public House to William John Thomas Outram and Elizabeth McCrindle, which was to be heard at Dartford Magistrates Court on 15th March. NOTED

626 ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANSING Members were provided with a copy of the letter which had been received from the Borough Council, dated 8th February, advising of the on-demand service which was now being provided. It was,

RECOMMENDED

That a letter of appreciation for this service be sent, advising that improvements had already been noted, and inform that this Council hoped the service could be extended in due course.

627 SITE OF FORMER KNOCKHALL SCHOOL Members were provided with a copy of the letter which had been received from a resident of Knockhall Road. After consideration it was agreed that this letter be forwarded to Dartford Borough Council for their attention and the complainant be advised accordingly.

628 FOOTBRIDGE AT SWANSCOMBE CUTTING Members were advised that notice had been received from KCC advising of their intention to make an order prohibiting the use by pedestrians on the footbridge and its approaches, where the footbridge crosses the A2 for a distance of approximately 100 metres, on or after 19th February for an estimated period of 3 weeks. The alternative route for pedestrians, whilst special investigations were being carried out, was via the Public Footpath DR20, Sandy Lane and Watling Street. NOTED

629 PARISH NEWS Members were provided with copies of the Parish News no. 228, which had been received from KAPC. NOTED

630 ACCESS FOR THE DISABLED A letter had been received from the Borough Council advising that, due to the poor initial response, a small budget was still available for improvements to be made for access by disabled persons to public buildings. NOTED

Councillor Miss Lawrie entered the Committee room.

631 CUPBOARD - GROVE HALL Members were advised that a quote had been obtained in the sum of £1,896 to build an extension to form an internal cleaning cupboard in the Grove Hall. NOTED

632 GROVE HALL FLOOR Members were advised that the following quotes had been obtained to sand and seal the wooden floor at the Grove Hall:

- a) £531.25 + VAT b) £960 plus £320 + VAT

After consideration, it was

RECOMMENDED

That quote 'a' be accepted in the sum of £531.25 + VAT and £50 be vired from Contributions to Organisations to allow this work to be completed within this financial year.

633 GROVE HALL BLINDS Members were informed of a quote which had been received to replace the worn blinds in the Grove Hall in the sum of £347 + VAT and it was,

RECOMMENDED

That this quote be accepted and the sum of £146 be vired from Contributions to Organisations to allow this work to be completed within this financial year.

634 LOTTERY FUNDING Members were advised of information which had been received from KRCC and the Borough Council and it was agreed that this item should be included for consideration at the next Meeting of the Recreation, Leisure and Amenities Committee.

635 CHURCH ROAD HALL Members were advised that Southern Water had refunded the sum of £485 in respect of overpayment of charges. NOTED

636 CHURCH ROAD HALL REFURBISHMENT Members were provided with details of a proposal to accept quote A of the Tenders which had been received, omitting replacement of floor coverings (£3,600) and the external work to the rear of the Hall (£620).

It was suggested that the internal work be carried out in the sum of £3,573.75 within the estimates for 1995/96 and the remainder of the contract be carried out, in the sum of £2,603, within the 96/97 budget.

After consideration it was,

RECOMMENDED

That this proposal be accepted.

637 KENT STRUCTURE PLAN THIRD REVIEW - PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS Members were provided with a copy of the letter received from KCC and were advised that a statement of the decisions and reasons in respect of objections to proposed modifications had also been received and was available in the office. NOTED

638 KENT MINERALS LOCAL PLAN/EASTERN QUARRY Members were advised that a copy of the deposit draft of the Kent Minerals Local Plan - Chalk and Clay/Oil and Gas had been received and was

available in the office.

Objections to and representations in respect of the proposals had to be made to the County Planning Officer by 15th March and if no objections had been received during the 6 week consultation period (ending on 15th March) the proposals would be adopted by Kent County Council.

It was agreed that no comments would be made at this stage.

639 EASTERN QUARRY Members were provided with a copy of the letter which had been received from the Council for the Protection of Rural England and it was,

RECOMMENDED

That a letter of thanks be sent and an invitation be extended to meet representatives of this Council for a general discussion.

640 EASTERN QUARRY Members were provided with copies of correspondence relating to the Eastern Quarry which had been sent by Councillor White and it was agreed that the Council Staff would provide the service of typing such correspondence in the future.

641 YOUTH ASSOCIATION Members were advised of the situation during school holidays when the youth of the area were looking for a place they could meet, particularly during the evenings.

A group of parents had approached Members of the Council seeking assistance and were looking for support to assist these young people to run their own project.

After consideration it was,

RECOMMENDED

That a donation, under Section 137 of the 1972 Local Government Act, of £50 be made to assist with the launch of the proposed Youth Association and if this Council were kept fully informed they would hope to provide further support.

Members also looked forward to receiving an invitation to appoint a representative to serve on the Committee of this organisation once it had been formally constituted and they hoped the name could be altered to include Swanscombe and Greenhithe.

642 CLUB 84 A query was raised regarding representation of the Town Council on the Committee of the Youth Club and the Clerk was asked to obtain details and include this item on the agenda for the Annual General Meeting.

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

DA/95/0744/REM Submission of reserved matters (condition 1) and application to discharge conditions pursuant to outline planning permission, ref. DA/88/0336/OUT granted on 11 May 1990, and as subsequently amended, for development of a regional shopping

centre at Western Quarry, Stone, Dartford.

Submission under conditions 1, 5, 20, 26 and 27 (all in part) in so far as they relate to off site highways.

Bluewater, Bean Road, Greenhithe.

OBSERVATIONS: Members were advised that, as observations had to be made to the Borough Council within 10 days of receipt of this application, Councillor Defty in his capacity as Town Mayor had replied advising 'No Further Observations'.

It was,

RECOMMENDED

That the action taken by Councillor Defty be endorsed.

DA/96/00123/REM Application to discharge conditions 16 & 26 in part & 18 relating to pollution control during main construction period pursuant to Planning Permission DA/88/0336/OUT for development of a Regional Shopping Centre.

Bluewater, Western Quarry, Bean Road, Greenhithe.

OBSERVATIONS: No Observations.

DA/96/00120/REM Application to discharge Condition 1 of Planning Permission DA/95/00455/REM relating to drainage Condition requiring details of an additional borehole.

Bluewater, Western Quarry, Bean Road, Greenhithe.

OBSERVATIONS: No Observations.

DA/96/00121/REM Discharge of Conditions 18 and 20-22-details of testing regime for fill, temp. access, wheel washing, internal roundabout and security gates pursuant to DA/95/0560/REM for Regional Shopping Centre.

Bluewater Western Quarry, Bean Road, Greenhithe.

OBSERVATIONS: No Observations.

DA/94/00060/FUL Erection of 172 two, three and four bedroom houses with associated roads, parking and garaging, public open space, two football pitches and a car park for existing Leisure Centre.

Land East and West of Craylands Lane, Swanscombe.

OBSERVATIONS: The Clerk was instructed to send a letter deploring the fact that this application had not been received in time to allow Members to make their observations known, prior to it being included for consideration by Members of the Borough Council's Planning and Transportation Committee.

DA/96/00111/FUL Erection of a detached single storey building for use as a clubhouse.

Empire Bowls Club Sports Ground R/O 25 Knockhall Road, Greenhithe.

OBSERVATIONS: No Objections providing no objections are made by residents in nearby properties.

DA/96/00133/REM Submission of details of Conditions 1, 5, 16 and 27 (all in part) relating to main retail centre pursuant to Planning Permission DA/88/0336/OUT (as amended) for development of a Regional Shopping Centre.

Bluewater, Bean Road, Greenhithe.

OBSERVATIONS: No Observations.

DA/96/00047/OUT Application for the development of the Ebbsfleet site for mixed use up to an approximate maximum of 789,550 sq. m. comprising:

up to approximately 493,700 sq m - employment (B1) (a) (b) and (c);

up to approximately 310,420 sq m - residential (approximately 3,200 dwellings), and

up to approximately 52,300 sq m - uses supporting the residential use (including schools, community facilities, local shops);

up to approximately 163,740 sq m - core space including hotels, leisure, entertainment and supporting retail;

and the provision of car parking including car parking structures, laying out of open space, roads and infrastructure works.

OBSERVATIONS: It was proposed that Members look at these plans in the office and Dartford Borough Council and Blue Circle be invited to attend a public meeting to explain and discuss these proposals.

The Clerk to try and arrange the meeting at the Leisure Centre on 1st, 2nd or 3rd of April and then place an advertisement in the press advising of the public meeting.

Members were advised that the following Decision Notices had been received from the Borough Council - granting permission for development:

DA/95/00604/FUL 30 Milton Street, Swanscombe;

DA/96/00019/LBC 14 High Street, Greenhithe.

Chairman

B. Pacey

MINUTES of a MEETING of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held at the LEISURE CENTRE, CRAYLANDS LANE, SWANSCOMBE on SATURDAY, 23rd MARCH 1996 at 9.30am.

PRESENT: Cllr. P R Defty - Town Mayor Cllr. T V Dixon
Cllr. L G Caller Cllr. B R Francis
Cllr. P S Crow Cllr. W Freed
Cllr. T J Carrington Cllr. B G Poppy

Councillor T G Parry was also in attendance.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor R M White.

644 SUBSTITUTES Councillor T G Parry attended the Meeting as substitute for Councillor R M White.

645 MINUTES The Minutes of the Meeting held on 16th January 1996 were confirmed and signed.

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

RESOLVED

That the Press and Public be excluded from the Meeting.

647 STAFFING Members were advised of the letter of resignation which had been received from the Senior Leisure Officer.

Councillor Carrington entered the Committee Room.

Following a lengthy discussion it was,

RECOMMENDED

That the position of Senior Leisure Officer be advertised in the Job Centre, Local Press, Catering magazine and the Leisure Publication.

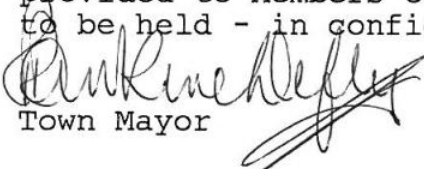
The Contract for this position to be initially for a fixed term of 1 year, with the possibility of renewal thereafter.

The advertisement to be placed for 2 weeks with a closing date of 19th April with interviews being held on 29th April. The interview panel to comprise Councillors' P R Defty, B R Francis plus one Member to be nominated by the Leader of the Resident Association Members alongwith the Town Clerk.

648 LEAVING INTERVIEW It was,

RECOMMENDED

That a leaving interview be arranged, attended by Councillors' P R Defty and M J Munn and a full, frank and honest report to be provided to Members of the Executive Committee for a discussion to be held - in confidence.


Town Mayor

MINUTES of the MEETING of the FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE held at the LEISURE CENTRE, CRAYLANDS LANE, SWANSCOMBE on THURSDAY, 28th MARCH 1996 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Cllr. L G Caller - Chairman
Cllr. A M Barham Cllr. W Freed
Cllr. T J Carrington Cllr. J C D Holmes
Cllr. P R Defty Cllr. M J Munn
Cllr. T V Dixon Cllr. T G Parry
Cllr. B R Francis Cllr. B G Poppy

649 MINUTES The Minutes of the Meeting held on 25th January 1996 were confirmed and signed.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor R M White.

650 DECLARATION OF INTEREST Councillor Dixon declared a pecuniary interest in P H J Builders.

Councillor Francis declared a non-pecuniary interest in the garage rear of 110 Milton Road, Swanscombe.

Councillor Defty declared a non-pecuniary interest in the Senior Citizen's Club and a pecuniary interest in Age Concern.

Councillor Munn declared a pecuniary interest in Blue Circle Industries and a non-pecuniary interest in St John Ambulance.

Councillor Freed declared a non-pecuniary interest in the following - 2nd Swanscombe Scout Group, Senior Citizen's Club, Sports Association, Top House FC and Greenhithe Community Assoc.

651 INCOME FOR JANUARY The income for January 1996, amounting to £11,829.91, was received as set out in the annexed list.

652 ACCOUNTS PAID IN JANUARY The Town Clerk reported that accounts amounting to £22,588.36 had been paid during January 1996.

Councillor Miss Lawrie entered the Committee room.

653 SOURCES OF EUROPEAN COMMUNITY FUNDING Members were advised that the publication informing of sources of European funding had been received from the Office of Peter Skinner MEP and was available in the office. NOTED

654 MEETING WITH LEADER OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL Members had been provided with a report of the Meeting which had been held at the Leisure Centre on 17th January 1996. NOTED

655 HEALTH CENTRE Members were provided with a report of the Meeting which had been held on 8th February 1996 with Dr. DeSai and Mrs Borrows.

It was agreed that a letter be sent asking for written confirmation of the area required and details of other Clinics etc. which were being considered for that area.

656 EMERGENCY COMMITTEE Members were provided with a report of

the Meeting which was held at the Leisure Centre on 22nd February 1996. NOTED

Members were also provided with a copy of the letter which had been received from Dartford Borough Council regarding Emergency Planning and it was,

RECOMMENDED

That Officers of the Borough Council be invited to attend the next Meeting of the Emergency Committee.

657 CRAYLANDS LANE DEVELOPMENT Members were provided with a report of the Meeting held at the Leisure Centre with representatives of Blue Circle and the Borough Council on Monday, 11th March 1996. NOTED

658 MANOR PARK Reference Minute 601, Members were advised that the work had been carried out on the trees on 7th March and that the rubbish was to be cleared within the next 10 days.

The Land Director of Crest Homes had indicated that he hoped the legal documentation could now proceed on the basis of the work being completed within the given timescale.

After consideration it was,

RECOMMENDED

That the document be signed at the Meeting of the Town Council - subject to outstanding work being completed.

659 CHRISTMAS LIGHTING Members were advised that Seaboard had suggested a mains supply box be fitted to a lamp column for the Christmas Lighting to be connected and a quote had been obtained for this work to be carried out in the sum of £259 plus VAT.

The Clerk then advised of the suggestion put forward by the owner of the premises which housed the meter currently used for this purpose, which was for a rental of £5 to £10 per week and after consideration, it was

RECOMMENDED

That the quote in the sum of £259 be accepted and arrangements be made to have the supply disconnected from the formerly used meter.

660 KENT ASSOCIATION OF PARISH COUNCILS Members were advised that the annual subscription was due for renewal in the sum of £475 plus VAT and copies of the Local Council Review were available at an annual cost of £8.95 per copy.

RECOMMENDED

That the subscription be renewed and Members of the Borough Council would supply the office with copies of the Local Council Review.

661 YOUTH CLUB Members had been advised of the Inter-Agency Meeting which was to be held at Club 84 on 27th March and anyone wishing to attend was to contact Mrs Crocker. Members were then

provided with a verbal report of that meeting.

After consideration it was,

RECOMMENDED

That a letter be sent to Mr Heely of Blue Circle, requesting a joint meeting be held with representatives of the Town Council and the S & G Association of Youth Clubs. The 4 representatives of the Town Council to be Councillors' B R Francis, W Freed, M J Munn and one Member of the Resident Association Councillors.

Councillor Parry left the Committee Room.

It was also agreed that the Youth Association should have free use of the Grove Hall for their first Meeting and Members should be advised of the date.

Three representatives were to be nominated to serve on the Committee of the Youth Association at the Annual General Meeting of the Town Council.

662 INDUSTRIAL TRIBUNAL The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from Zurich Municipal advising that the costs incurred in the recent tribunal were not recoverable. NOTED

663 INSURANCE Members were provided with a copy of the letter which had been received from Byas Mosley & Co Ltd and it was,

RECOMMENDED

That Byas Mosly be asked to provide a quote for renewal of the insurance policy and the Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee have delegated power to deal with this item.

664 LOWER BAR As the quotes to decorate the bar had not been received it was agreed that this item be referred to the Meeting of the Recreation, Leisure and Amenities Committee.

665 FOOTBALL PITCHES Members were provided with details of the cost of the maintenance work and tyres which were needed for the tractor alongwith a copy of further quotes which had been received for work needed on the football pitches.

It was agreed that advice should be obtained for a maintenance programme to improve the pitches and this item be included on the Agenda for the Town Council Meeting.

666 TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES Members were advised of the following quotes which had been received to refurbish the offices of the Town Council in the sum of £2,887.47 and £2,596.48.

Quotes had also been received to replace the carpeting as follows:

Iron Duke Carpeting	£784.62 or £862.00
Heckmonwike Supacord	£836.46

After consideration it was,

RECOMMENDED



That the quote of £2,596.48 be accepted to refurbish the offices and the carpet be replaced within the 95/96 budget at a cost of £836.46 and a tape recorder also be purchased.

667 SWANSCOMBE SKULL SITE Members were provided with a copy of the lease for the site and it was,

RECOMMENDED

That the lease be signed and sealed at the next Meeting of the Town Council.

668 CHURCH SERVICE IN SWANSCOMBE PARK No objections were raised to the verbal request which had been received to allow a short procession and service to be held in Swanscombe Park on Friday 5th April.

669 MAY FAYRE Members were advised of a request which had been received from the Fund Raising Organiser, requesting permission to use the corner of Swanscombe Park for maypole dancing as part of St Peter and Paul's Church May Fayre celebrations on 18th May.

Members were pleased to agree to this request.

670 CHURCH BELL RESTORATION FUND After consideration it was,

RECOMMENDED

That a donation of £150 be made to the Church Bell Restoration Fund of St Peter and St Paul Church, under Section 137 of the 1972 Local Government Act, in memory of the late Harold Porter.

671 ST MARY'S CHURCH, GREENHITHE Members were provided with a copy of the letter which had been received from the Church Warden seeking financial assistance with the cost of repairing the flint wall of St Mary's Church. It was,

RECOMMENDED

That a donation of £400 be made under Section 137 of the 1972 Local Government Act.

672 S & G OLD PEOPLE'S WELFARE COMMITTEE Members were provided with a copy of the letter received from the Area Organiser seeking financial assistance towards the cost of the garage which was needed to house the ambulances. After consideration it was,

RECOMMENDED

That a donation of £250 be made under Section 137 of the 1972 Local Government Act.

Councillor Defty took no part in the discussion on the abovementioned item.

673 GREENHITHE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION Members were provided with a copy of the letter which had been received from the Chairman of the Association seeking financial assistance towards various items of equipment which were required and it was,



RECOMMENDED

That a donation of £330 be made under Section 137 of the 1972 Local Government Act.

674 LOCAL GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT BOARD Members were advised of correspondence which had been received informing of publications which were available. NOTED

675 BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION The Clerk advised that an entry form for the competition had been received. NOTED

676 CAR REPAIR BUSINESS Reference Minute 547, Members were provided with a copy of the reply which had been received from the Borough Council. NOTED

677 RURALITY OF AREA Members were advised that a letter had been received from the Kent Family Health Services Authority informing that the Medical and Pharmaceutical Services Sub-Committee had met on Thursday, 15th February and had agreed that the whole of the area, outlined in blue on the map, was urban in character.

The Local Medical and Pharmaceutical Committee had until 20th March to appeal against this decision. NOTED

678 THE GREAT BRITISH POPPY CHAIN The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from the Royal British Legion, asking if Members would consider sponsoring one yard of the chain for the sum of £36 for this event, which was being organised to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the British Legion.

RECOMMENDED

That a donation of £36 be made from the 96/97 budget, under Section 137 of the 1972 Local Government Act.

679 SEMINAR - THE FLEXIBLE WORKFORCE Members were advised that details had been received of a Seminar which was being held at Gatwick on 17th May at a cost of £99. NOTED

680 KENT YOUTH TRUST Members were informed of an invitation which had been received to attend the "back to school luncheon" at Sutton Valence School on 12th April. NOTED

681 NEW EBBSFLEET Members were advised that a copy of the questionnaire had recently been received for completion.

It was agreed that the observations of this Council should be that Members deplored the submission of a planning application prior to completion of the period of consultation.

The various sections of the planning application submitted by Blue Circle for Ebbsfleet were distributed to interested Members of the Council and were to be returned for discussion to take place at a later Meeting.

682 LOCAL COUNCIL REVIEW The March edition of the Local Council Review had been received and was available in the office. NOTED

683 LASCO Members were advised of a letter received from LASCO introducing themselves as a Company which had been formed to provide support services for Town and Parish Councils. NOTED

684 SWANSCOMBE BOWLING CLUB Members were advised of a letter which had been received from the Secretary of the Bowling Club, requesting a meeting be held to discuss the proposed pavilion.

After consideration, it was

RECOMMENDED

That arrangements be made for a meeting to be held at the Leisure Centre at 7.30pm on Monday, 22nd April.

685 CIRCUS CAROUSEL A letter had been received seeking permission to visit Swanscombe park from Thursday, 18th to 22nd of April. After consideration it was,

RECOMMENDED

That this request be accepted.

686 DARTFORD FESTIVAL ALLOTMENT COMPETITION Members were advised that details of the 1996 competition had been received and that this year trophies would be presented for the best plot and the best plot cultivated by a novice gardener. NOTED

687 KENT POLICE AUTHORITY A copy of the February edition of the KPA Newsletter had been received and was available in the office. NOTED

688 OPPORTUNITIES FOR RURAL YOUTH Members were provided with a copy of the letter which had been received from the Kent Rural Community Council and it was,

RECOMMENDED

That this information be forwarded to the S & G Youth Association.

689 CHANNEL TUNNEL RAIL LINK Members were advised that the following correspondence had been received, copies of which had been provided to the Rail Link Action Group representatives:

The Final Announcement made by the Select Committee on 31st January 1996;

A copy of the Channel Tunnel Railways Update;

A copy of the Special Report from the Select Committee on the Channel Tunnel Rail Link Bill;

A copy of the Select Committee Update - no 29; and

A copy of the Promotors' Response to decisions announced by the House of Commons Select Committee on 31st January.

NOTED

690 DOWNS BOWLS CLUB The Clerk reported receipt of a letter

from the Secretary of the Downs Bowls Club, seeking permission to hire 3 rinks on the public green for the coming season.

After consideration, it was

RECOMMENDED

That this request be agreed and the hire fee for 1996 be £505.68.

691 GRAVESEND COUNTY COURT A letter had been received advising that the Immigration Appellate Authority had been using the court premises for up to four days each week since November.

As a result, there was no intention of going ahead with the planned closure of the County court at this stage but the situation would be reviewed if and when the IAA reduced or terminated it's use of the building. NOTED

692 INSURANCE A letter had been received confirming various items of cover included on the Town Council's policy. NOTED

693 CHURCHYARD BOUNDARY WALL The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from the Churchwarden advising of a hole in the brickwork of the churchyard boundary wall. The Clerk had asked for an estimate to be provided for the cost of this repair and it was,

RECOMMENDED

That the Chairman be given delegated authority to deal with this item.

694 PUBLIC LIGHTING MAINTENANCE A letter had been received informing of the increase in the cost of maintenance charges for 1996/97. NOTED

695 PUBLIC SERVICE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT A copy of the March issue of the PSLG publication had been received. NOTED

696 CHURCH ROAD HALL Members were provided with details of the additional work required at the Church Road Hall, as advised in a letter received from the Contractor. It was,

RECOMMENDED

That items 1, 2, 3, & 4 be accepted - making the new contract sum £7,197.57.

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

RESOLVED

That the Press and Public be excluded whilst the next item was discussed.

698 SPORTS PAVILION Members were provided with a copy of the letter which had been received from the chairman of the Association of Sports Clubs alongwith a copy of their Treasurer's report for February '96 and were advised that a copy of the estimate for installation of the alarm system had also been

received.

After discussion, it was

RECOMMENDED

That a request be made for a copy of the music and dance licence and the entertainments licence to be provided.

The request for assistance was still being considered and Members asked to see details of the present financial situation and a projection of income and expenditure for the next 6 months.

The Press and Public were invited to return to the Committee Room.

699 EASTERN QUARRY Members were advised of a letter which had been received from KCC enclosing a copy of the Minister's letter dated 14th August 1952 alongwith a plan referred to in the letter.

700 TOWN PLANNING The following planning applications were submitted for Members' consideration:

DA/96/00167/68/REM Submission of details pursuant to Conditions 1, 5, 16 & 27 (all in part) of DA/88/0336/OUT & Condition 1 (in part) of DA/93/374 relating to northern and southern decked car parks for Regional Shopping Centre.

Bluewater, Western Quarry, Bean Road, Greenhithe.

OBSERVATIONS: No Observations.

DA/96/00147 Erection of a single storey side extension to provide a garage, a single storey rear extension for utility room together with a 2m high boundary wall.

31 Manor Road, Swanscombe.

OBSERVATIONS: No objections providing neighbours have no objections to this application.

DA/96/00143/LBC Partial demolition of existing workshop building and provision of new fencing and gates.

Bendigo Wharf, High Street, Greenhithe.

OBSERVATIONS As advised in letter sent to Councillor Muckle.

DA/96/00144/FUL Provision of two dormer windows in side elevation to form a room in the roof space.

3 Hasted Close, Greenhithe.

OBSERVATIONS No observations.

DA/96/00150/LBC Application for Conservation Area Consent to partially demolish workshop building and provision of new boundary fencing and gates.

Bendigo Wharf, Pier Road, Greenhithe.

OBSERVATIONS As advised in letter sent to Councillor Muckle.

DA/96/00153/FUL Erection of a detached two bedroom house with integral garage.

Land adjacent 72 Swanscombe Street, Swanscombe.

OBSERVATIONS The Town Council object to this application on the grounds that the public right of way would be severely restricted by this development.

DA/96/00160/FUL Erection of a four bedroom, four storey end of terrace dwelling house.

6 Cobham Terrace, Bean Road, Greenhithe.

OSERVATIONS No objections provided owners of neighbouring properties have no objections.

DA/96/00182/CPO Consultation on an application for the erection of 500 tonne pulverised fuel ash (PFA) storage silo at quarry washmills.

Eastern Quarry, Watling Street, Swanscombe.

OBSERVATIONS No Objections.

The following decision notices had been received from the Borough Council, granting permission for development:


DA/96/00061/FUL Bluewater, Bean Road, Greenhithe;

DA/95/00348/REM Land at the junction of Mounts Road/Bean Road, Greenhithe;

DA/95/00642/FUL Land at the junction of London Road and Knockhall Chase, Greenhithe;

DA/95/00378/REM Land junction of Mounts Road/ Bean Road, Greenhithe.

Chairman


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INCOME JANUARY 1996

Parks	Football	800.00	
	Bowling Club Contribution	1,583.76	
	Insurance Claim	293.80	2,677.56
Community Halls	Grove Hall		528.59
Admin.	Copier	0.09	
	Interest	496.12	496.21
Street Lighting	Wayleave		0.42
Leisure Centre	Income		3,929.88
Bar	Income	3,312.18	
	Food	586.00	
	Gaming Machines	299.07	4,197.25
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			£11,829.91
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ACCOUNTS PAID JANUARY 1996

	<u>Town Council</u>	<u>Leisure Centre</u>
Inland Revenue	1,559.28	1,191.50
Rent - Heritage Park	14.69	
Coaching Fees		24.00
Business Rates	280.00	1,341.00
British Gas		1,450.45
Seeboard	19.67	
Bar supplies		291.26
Cleaning materials		42.51
Thomson Directories		217.38
Parks - Repairs to Bowls Pavilion	58.87	
Coaching Fees		188.00
Parks - Service equipment	269.56	
Telephone Rental		111.63
Wages - Week 41	542.81	
Parks - Fuel Acc.	58.20	
Hygiene Service	5.40	
Thames Water	121.77	169.94
Parks - Mobile phone	17.63	
Seeboard - Street lighting	35.42	
Bar - food		32.40
Bar - Supplies		885.82
Bar - Supplies		2,444.25
Security Service	34.13	68.27
Advertising		51.54
Equipment		139.14
Equipment		181.26
Maintenance - Smoke alarm/beacon		221.04
Maintenance - Heating System		117.50
Uniform		30.00
Advertising		100.46
Wages - Week 42	527.61	
Equipment - Tumble Tots		632.74
Seeboard - parks	24.40	
British Gas - Halls	365.01	
British Telecom - Alarm maintenance		55.55
Seeboard - Street lighting	38.08	
Copier	29.60	
Deposit Refunded		50.00
Wages - Week 43	489.76	
Salaries - Month 10	2,739.63	3,794.96
Customs & Excise VAT	145.13	
Admin - Internal Audit	70.00	
Maintenance - Hire of tower		54.76
New Year Disco		292.50
Maintenance - Carpet cleaning		70.00
Equipment		12.91
Bar - Licences & rent gaming m/c's		275.50
Wages - Bar/Leisure Centre		221.31
Bar - food	63.01	259.12
Window Cleaner		60.00

£7,509.66

£15,078.70

GRAND TOTAL : £22,588.36

MINUTES of a MEETING of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held at the LEISURE CENTRE, CRAYLANDS LANE, SWANSCOMBE on SATURDAY, 6th APRIL 1996 at 9.30am.

PRESENT: Cllr. P R Defty, Town Mayor Cllr. B R Francis
 Cllr. L G Caller Cllr. B G Poppy
 Cllr. P S Crow Cllr. R M White

Councillor T G Parry was also in attendance.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors' T J Carrington, T V Dixon, M J Munn and B E Read.

701 SUBSTITUTES Councillor Parry attended the Meeting as substitute for Councillor Dixon.

Councillor Poppy entered the Committee Room.

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

RESOLVED

That the press and public be excluded from the Meeting.

703 STAFFING Members were advised of the request which had been received from the Senior Leisure Officer.

After a lengthy discussion, it was unanimously

RECOMMENDED

That the Clerk advise of the offer made by the Executive Committee.

Should the offer not be accepted, the resignation of the Senior Leisure Officer would be accepted and the advertisement placed on Tuesday, 9th April.


Town Mayor

MINUTES of the MEETING of the SWANSCOMBE AND GREENHITHE TOWN COUNCIL held at the LEISURE CENTRE, CRAYLANDS LANE, SWANSCOMBE on THURSDAY 18th APRIL, 1996 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Cllr. P R Defty, Town Mayor Cllr. Miss M J Lawrie
 Cllr. A M Barham Cllr. M J Munn
 Cllr. L G Caller Cllr. T G Parry
 Cllr. T J Carrington Cllr. B G Poppy
 Cllr. W Freed Cllr. B E Read
 Cllr. J C D Holmes Cllr. R M White

Prayers were read by Reverend Richard Barron.

Apologies were received from Councillors' P S Crow and T V Dixon.

704 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS Councillor M J Munn declared a pecuniary interest in Blue Circle and non-pecuniary interest in St. John Ambulance.

Councillor B E Read entered.

705 MINUTES The Minutes of the Meeting held on 15th February 1996, amended to include the presence of Councillor M J Munn, were confirmed and signed.

706 FOOTBALL PITCH MAINTENANCE Members were provided with a report which included maintenance and repairs required on the tractor and suggestions for equipment and maintenance on the football pitches. After discussion it was,

RESOLVED

That the tractor be repaired to make it fully functional for the work which was needed.


Councillor A M Barham entered

A tilther rake and mounting frame be purchased plus the necessary materials to enable the football pitches to be maintained to a higher standard in the future - as suggested by the Contractor and included in the report.

The quotes which had been received for verti-draining and lateral draining were not to be accepted.

707 COMMUNITY YOUTH ASSOCIATION Members were provided with copies of a letter which had been received from the Community Youth Association and were advised that arrangements had been made for their first meeting to be held at the Grove Hall at 7.30pm on 8th May 1996. After consideration it was,

RESOLVED

That the C.Y.A. be permitted to park their bus in the car park of Swanscombe Park and be allowed use of the public toilets - for a trial period of 1 month. 

The Clerk was to advise that a manual typewriter and a

duplicating machine could also be loaned from the Council until the Association was set up.

Members were advised of the 3 dates put forward by Blue Circle for the meeting with representatives from the Youth Association and 3 Members of the Council and it was,

RESOLVED

Councillor T J Carrington entered the Committee Room.

That the date of 7th May be accepted and Councillor Barham attend the Meeting as Substitute for Councillor Munn.

708 EASTERN QUARRY Members were provided with a copy of the letter which had been received from Mr Kipps and were advised that he would be willing to attend a meeting at the Leisure Centre. After consideration it was,

RESOLVED

That Councillors' R M White, B G Poppy, T G Parry and J C D Holmes plus a Member of the S & G Resident Association Councillors attend the Meeting with Mr Kipps at the Leisure Centre at 7.30pm on Monday 20th May 1996.

709 LAND ADJACENT 72 SWANSCOMBE STREET With reference to the application to build on land adjacent to 72 Swanscombe Street, Members were advised that a copy of the letter sent by Kent Highways to the applicant had been received. NOTED

710 RH ASSET MANAGEMENT Members were advised of an invitation which had been received to attend a Seminar on "Making Money from the Markets" on 30th April, 1996 at St Ermins Hotel, London. NOTED

711 HOLIDAY PLAY ACTIVITIES Members were advised of a letter received from Dartford Borough Council seeking details of events and activities being held during the summer, to enable up to date information to be available for the public.

The Clerk was asked to write and ask what activities were being provided by the Borough Council for this area.

712 CIVIC SERVICE Members were advised of an invitation which had been received from the Mayor of Dartford to attend a Civic Service of Thanksgiving on Sunday 12th May 1996 at 11am at St Edmunds Church.

713 KENT ASSOCIATION OF PARISH COUNCILS Members were supplied with copies of Parish News no. 229. It was

RESOLVED

That the Town Clerk and Assistant Town Clerk attend the Clerks Information Day at Harrietsham on 11th May 1996.

714 BOROUGH FORUM Members had been provided with a copy of the letter received from the Borough Council advising that the

Borough Forum was to be held on 17th April in the Wellcome Gymnasium at 8pm.

715 MGA CONSULTANTS - NEW EBBSFLEET Members were advised of an invitation which had been received for one person to attend a Workshop at Ebbsfleet Sports Pavilion on 23rd April, 1996. It was

RESOLVED

That, if available, Councillor Carrington would accept otherwise the Clerk was to arrange for another Member to attend.

716 MEETING WITH LEADER OF GRAVESHAM COUNCIL Members were advised of a letter received from Councillor Graham Green inviting 3 Members of the Council to attend a meeting at the Civic Centre.

It was felt that Borough Councillors should be excluded from attending this meeting and it was,

RESOLVED

That Councillors' L G Caller and R M White attend the meeting alongwith a third Member from the Resident's Association on 30th April or 8th May at 8pm.

717 CLUB 84 Members were advised of a letter received from the Centre Bursar advising that there were, at present, no vacancies on their Management Committee. NOTED

718 NEW PHARMACY APPLICATION - BLUE WATER Members were advised of a letter received from the Kent Health Authorities' Support Agency advising that 2 applications had been received to open new Pharmacies at the Bluewater Park Shopping Centre. Comments on these applications had to be made by 4th May. It was

RESOLVED

That the Clerk advise that no comments were made by Members.

719 EBBSFLEET DEVELOPMENT Various parts of the planning application had been circulated to Members and Councillor Munn provided a report on the Economic and Market Background.

Councillor Miss Lawrie gave a verbal report on Community Development - 1st Stages.

Councillor Carrington advised Members of his interest in environmental projects and gave a verbal report on the Environmental Statement.

Councillor L G Caller felt this community should endeavour to obtain a fair share of the benefits from this Development and also attempt to ensure that the widest possible area of open space was included between this development and the residential area of Swanscombe.

Members were thanked for providing the reports and it was felt that each Councillor should attempt to read them in turn.

RESOLVED



That a letter be sent to Dartford Borough Council, thanking them for the information received to date and advise that Members would like to be kept fully informed.

An item to be included on every Agenda for Members to have frequent discussions on the Ebbsfleet Development.

A Working Party for Ebbsfleet to be appointed at the Annual General Meeting.

720 RECREATION, LEISURE AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE Moved by Councillor B G Poppy and seconded by Councillor R M White,

RESOLVED

That, with the exception of Minute 599 which was to be referred back for consideration, the Minutes of the Meeting of the Recreation, Leisure and Amenities Committee held on 7th March 1996 be confirmed and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

721 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Councillor Caller had attended the Meeting of the Executive Committee and had not been included in the list of those present and this was to be amended.

Moved by Councillor P R Defty and seconded by Councillor L G Caller.

RESOLVED

That the amended Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Committee held on 23rd March 1996 be confirmed and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

722 FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE Moved by Councillor L G Caller and seconded by Councillor B G Poppy.

RESOLVED

That, with the exception of Minute 654, the Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 28th March 1996 be confirmed and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

723 MEETING WITH LEADER OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL After consideration it was,

RESOLVED

That the report of the Meeting held on 17th January 1996 be circulated with the agenda for the next Meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee for re-consideration by Members of that Committee.

724 CHURCH ROAD HALL Reference Minute 696, Members were advised that the renovation work had been completed and the hall was now in need of decoration. After consideration, it was

RESOLVED

That the Chairmen of the Finance and Recreation Committees be

given delegated powers to accept estimates for this work to be carried out.

Councillor B E Read left the Meeting.

725 PARKING PROBLEMS - GREENHITHE Reference Minute 621, the Clerk was asked to write seeking a reply to the letter which had been sent to Councillor Muckle.

726 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Moved by Councillor P R Defty and seconded by Councillor B G Poppy.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Committee held on the 6th April, 1996 be confirmed and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

Councillor Caller expressed his pleasure at the withdrawal of the resignation of the Senior Leisure Officer and stated that he felt it would benefit the people of this area for her to remain in the employment of the Town Council.

727 REPORTS OF COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES Councillor Caller advised that the term of office for Peter French as Governor for Sweyne County Primary School would be completed on 31st August 1996. The Town Clerk was asked to write and see if he was willing to be re-elected.

728 SWANSCOMBE SKULL SITE It was

RESOLVED

That the Lease of the Swanscombe Skull Site be signed and sealed and it was duly signed and sealed by the Town Mayor.

729 MANOR PARK It was

RESOLVED

That the Lease for the land at Manor Park be signed and sealed and it was duly signed and sealed by the Town Mayor.

730 TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS Members were reminded of the Annual Town Meeting on 25th April and the Annual General Meeting on 2nd May 1996.

731 TOWN PLANNING The following planning applications had been received from the Borough Council and were submitted for Members consideration:

DA/96/00209/FUL Erection of a conservatory.

1 Skippers Close, Greenhithe, Kent.

OBSERVATIONS: No Observations.

DA/96/00233/FUL Installation of 6 security boxes.

Greenhithe Service Station, London Road, Greenhithe, Kent.

OBSERVATIONS: No Observations.

DA/96/00230/TPO Application to trim back one Horse Chestnut and one Lime tree subject to Tree Preservation Order No.3 1991.

St. Pauls Close, Swanscombe, Kent.

OBSERVATIONS: No Objections

Members were advised that the Town Mayor, Councillor P R Defty had been asked to make observations on the following application as it was to be included for consideration by Members of the Borough Council's Planning and Transportation Committee on 11th April 1996:

DA/95/00248/OUT Erection of a nursing home and alterations to existing access road.

Land R/O Railway Hotel, at the Junction of Bean Road and Breakneck hill, Greenhithe, Kent.

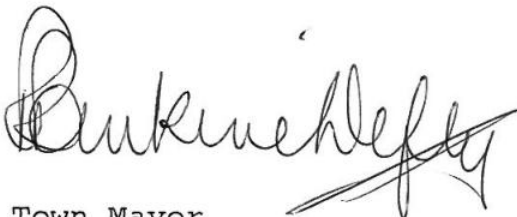
OBSERVATIONS The observations regarding access and parking made on the application dated 24th May 1995 are re-iterated.

RESOLVED

That the action taken by the Town Mayor be endorsed.

732 QUESTIONS The Town Mayor, Councillor P R Defty asked if a letter of condolence could be sent to the widow of Mr Pailes from Members of the Council.

733 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Arrangements were made for the next Meeting of the Executive Committee to be held on Monday, 29th April, 1996.



Town Mayor

MINUTES of a MEETING of the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE held at the LEISURE CENTRE, on MONDAY, 29th APRIL 1996 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Cllr. P R Defty - Town Mayor Cllr. B G Poppy
Cllr. L G Caller Cllr. B E Read
Cllr. W Freed Cllr. R M White

Councillor T G Parry was also in attendance.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors' P S Crow, T V Dixon and B R Francis.

734 SUBSTITUTES Councillor T G Parry attended the Meeting as substitute for Councillor B R Francis.

Councillor B E Read entered the Committee Room.

735 DECLARATION OF INTEREST Councillor Freed declared a pecuniary interest in Paper Save and a non-pecuniary interest in the Senior Citizens's Club, Greenhithe Community Association, Top House FC, the Sports Association and 2nd Swanscombe Scouts.

Councillor Defty declared a pecuniary interest in Age Concern and a non-pecuniary interest in the Senior Citizen's Club.

Councillor White declared a non-pecuniary interest in the Allotment Association.

736 MINUTES The Minutes of the Meetings held on 16th January, 23rd March (amended to include the attendance of Councillor Caller) and 6th April 1996 were confirmed and signed.

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

RESOLVED

That the Press and Public be excluded from the Meeting whilst the next items were discussed.

The Senior Leisure Officer was invited to attend the Meeting.

738 SENIOR LEISURE OFFICER Miss Scott was invited to give the reasons for her resignation.

Miss Scott left the Committee Room.

739 ANNUAL LEAVE Members were provided with a report containing the cost of increasing the amount of annual leave entitlement for part time employees alongwith details of employees who were entitled to an additional week's leave after being employed by the Town Council for 5 years.

The Clerk also advised Members of the situation regarding the sickness leave of the Receptionist.

After consideration it was,

RECOMMENDED

That the Park Attendant and Grove Hall Caretaker have their annual leave entitlement increased to 3 weeks per year, with effect from 1st April 1996. A decision for the remainder of staff was deferred pending the cost of covering sickness leave.

Councillor Parry left the Committee Room.

740 CARETAKER - CHURCH ROAD HALL Discussion took place regarding the employment of a caretaker once the hall had been renovated.

741 CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUNDS Members were advised of a letter which had been received from Councillor Parry and after consideration, it was

RECOMMENDED

That the Clerk investigate the possibility of re-scheduling the work of the Park Attendant to include an inspection of all children's playgrounds on Saturdays and Sundays.

The Clerk was also asked to contact the Borough Council to see if a service was provided to clear potentially dangerous objects from play areas.

742 MILEAGE ALLOWANCE Members were advised of receipt of a letter from the South East Employers Assoc. informing of an increase in the casual user allowance. It was

RECOMMENDED

That the increase be accepted, with effect from 1st April 1996.

743 COST OF LIVING INCREASE Members were advised of a letter received from the South East Employers Assoc. informing that the Employers' Side had accepted a 2.9% increase in salaries for A P T & C staff, with effect from 1st April 1996.

After consideration, it was

RECOMMENDED

That the increase of 2.9% be accepted, with effect from 1st April, and if necessary a review be made when the settlement was agreed for manual workers.

744 INNER LONDON FRINGE ALLOWANCE After consideration, it was

RECOMMENDED

That the increase in the ILFA could be accepted, providing it did not exceed 4% for 1996/97.

745 ATTACHMENT OF EARNINGS Members were advised of receipt of an order to make payments as directed. After consideration it was,

RECOMMENDED

That the Clerk act according to instructions.

Town Mayor



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