

THREATENED FOUNTAIN

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A Birchington Proposal

The possibility of the removal of the famous fountain in Birchington Square – to make way for an up-to-date shelter and thus 'improve' the appearance of the town – was discussed at a meeting of Birchington Parochial Committee on Wednesday.



The subject arose following the receipt of a letter from the East Kent Road Car Co. to the effect that the erection of a shelter at the junction of Broadley Avenue and Canterbury Road would scarcely be justified, as there were only 44(?) council houses in the immediate vicinity.

The letter went on to suggest that a more suitable position for an omnibus shelter would be the Square.

The Chairman (Councillor W.J. Gardner) said they could not very well allow one company to build a shelter in the Square, while he could not see that the fountain could be moved.

In reply to the chairman's question, the Surveyor (Capt. G.L. Butterworth) said he saw no difficulty in removing the fountain if necessary.

The Chairman suggested it might not be possible, for when they agreed to the erection of the fountain in the Square he understood it would be for all time. The Surveyor said: "Yes, but times change - it is no use now."

The Chairman suggested that a shelter be erected in place of the fountain, something of an artistic nature, somewhat like the shelter erected at Sandwich. Councillor F. Mellanby said he thought they wanted the Square for future conveniences, and suggested these be built under the shelter. Following discussion, it was decided that a committee consisting of the Chairman and Councillors A. Hodges, C.A. Edmonds and H.D. Press should meet on the spot, discuss the matter and report at the next meeting.