

Town Clerk,
Town Hall,
RINGWOOD.

Dear Sir,

My Council has had it's attention drawn to remarks made by the Mayor and Councillors of Ringwood reported in the Local Press last week.

As a result I have been directed to advise you of the following:

On May 3rd. 1951. Office Bearers of the Council of the League wrote to the Mayor of Ringwood asking for an interview with him regarding the Property at Ringwood and seeking his help and guidance.

His reply received on May 8th. did not intimate in any way that he was prepared to grant the interview as stated in the Local Press instead it asked for Particulars of the nature of the business to be discussed. My Council discussed this letter and decided that as some of the business it wished to deal with was of a legal nature, that the League's Hon. Solicitor was the right person to reply. It is very much regretted that this was not stated in his letter dated 27th June 1951.

With regard to the statement made by the Mayor that the Animal Welfare League had not fulfilled it's obligations, my Council would like to point out a few of the many disadvantages to the site purchased on the League's behalf by it's former Auxiliary., which has now resigned from the League.

a. It is found that there is no possibility of Electricity being connected to the Residence under twelve or eighteen months.

b. Cement is unobtainable, likewise many other necessary materials.

c. Owing to the low level of the land which is liable to flooding, a lot of draining and building up must be done.

Quite recently the full Executive Council of the League journeyed to Ringwood and inspected the Property, and it was then that all these difficulties were fully realised.

It has since been suggested that the property be sold and a more suitable position selected in the same district or there abouts and Sir, it was upon these matters that my Council hoped to receive your Council's advice and guidance as per letter dated 3rd. May 1951.

MONEYS COLLECTED ON THE LEAGUE'S BEHALF IN THE RINGWOOD DISTRICT. AS PER PRESS REPORT.

The Executive Council of the Animal Welfare League denies the Statement that the League has money in hand belonging to the people of Ringwood, and enclosed you will find a certified Balance Sheet from the Auxiliary, to the end of December 1950. My Council would like it noted that already fifteen hundred and thirty pounds (£1,530) has been spent on the project from the League's own resources. It should also be noted that the League awaits the final Balance Sheet from it's former Auxiliary.

The amount of Honorary Work which has been carried out by the League's Executive Council purely in the interest of animals over a period of a great many years should surely absolve it from such gross injustice as the report that it is deliberately shirking it's responsibilities, or wriggling out of them.

My Council feels that without the help and co-operation of the Ringwood City Council it would be very difficult to make a success of this project.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) E. Sansom.

SECRETARY.