



**MINUTES OF A MEETING
of
THANINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
held**

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Hilltop Community Association, New House Lane, Monday 14th March 2022

PRESENT: - Councillors, Terry Davis, Graham Page, David Smith, Susan Kilczewski, Adrian Baker, Angela Grover, and Clerk Susannah Jung

Visitors- Val Horne, Annette Stucker, Cllr Nick Eden Green, John Richardson

CHAIRMAN: - Councillor Graham Page

APOLOGIES: Ken Stokes (unwell) Toni Baker (Covid) Terry Maple (family funeral)

1) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: The Minutes of the February Meeting were unanimously approved and signed by the Chairman.

2) COUNCIL

- a) Declaration of any member's interest in agenda items-none
- b) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests-none
- c) Any other interests-none
- d) The Clerk confirmed that payments approved at the February meeting had been dispatched
- e) New back-up disc has been made and kept at clerk's office. Update also given to Cllr David Smith
- f) Discussion on consultation on NP- NP is unable to apply for funding for consultation until after the new financial year, asks that TPC fund the consultation in the interim until funding can be obtained due to the tight timeline. Clerk will get quotes from mailing companies and organise a sub meeting for council to discuss further.
- g) Employee pension plan for clerk-mandate for direct debit for payments signed by GP and DS
- h) Clerk submitted DD mandate for council to approve and sig for PO Box- signed by GP and DS
- i) Update on new website- website is live and fully accessible to the public
- j) Council to discuss the end of clerk's six moth probationary period- Clerk has passed the assessment
- k) Clerk confirms that Roger Cheeseworth will be offered the role of internal Auditor.
- l) AGM- Clerk unable to get a hold of PCSO Molly to ask if she would give a talk, clerk advised to try 101 using badge number, back up/additional speaker suggested as new local vicar Nick White, clerk to contact.
- m) Update on A28 crossing, correspondence from Sebastian Bures, Mike Sole and Colin Finch regarding options for crossing and funding.
- n) Update on groundskeeping contract, still no invoice from CS for the last two quarters, clerk will continue to chase. New contractor required, Clerk requests a guid on a walkround of Thanington to get an idea of the job, clerk will contact TB or SK.
- o) Clerk shows first draft of welcome letter for new residents on Saxon Fields for comment and suggestions.

3) DEVELOPMENT CONTROL:

List of Applications

- a) CA/22/00422-172 Ashford Road, Single-storey side extension
- b) CA/22/00449- 7 Bramley Avenue, Single-storey rear extension

List of Decisions-

- a) CA/21/03044- 178 Ashford Road, extend existing drop curb by 5m- Approved
- b) CA/20/00934- 155 Ashford Road, erection of 5no dwellings following demolition of existing bungalow- refused, appeal dismissed.

4) ONGOING PARISH MATTERS:

- a) Streetlight outside 45 Tonford Lane not working, reported by Ceila Crippen Ref 592191-problem forwarded to district council-council have stated that the streetlight is too old to be repaired and needs to be replaced
- b) Lay-Bye at start of Thanington Road, PC to support removal of yellow lines-out for public consultation, reported in the Gazette
- c) Graffiti Has started to appear again on Foot bridge on raised footpath-reported
- d) Graffiti on redundant Sub Station-Reported via CCC website—scheduled for removal
- e) Overgrown hedge along A28 – Ref 593866-no change-re reported with photograph

- f) Two fence posts downed along the raised footpath on New House Lane-contact made with Four Seasons Fencing, awaiting site visit and quote
- g) Road light out in Iffin Lane-light is too old to be fixed and needs to be replaced, company has applied to the council for permission/funding
- h) Decapitated road sign Iffin Lane-New sign has been placed
- i) Fly tipping along Cockering Road-reported-SK requests CCC be questions regarding cameras in this area to combat the problem-on pick up list ref FLT002919
- j) Debris along raised footpath and corner of Newhouse lane and Iffin Lane- on list to clear ref LIT00579
- k) SK makes request that CCC be asked for a bin at the corner by Saxon Fields, to tackle the huge amount of rubbish and debris that accumulates there, clerk to investigate.
- l) Traffic signals are out of sync along the A28 and the A2 exit keeps getting blocked by traffic-no change
- m) Vehicles keep blocking the path along Strangers Lane- no change
- n) Willow branches dumped on grass near Tonford Bridge-reported to BRETT-no change
- o) BT inspection cover on the Canterbury bound side of the A28 has come loose and is making a noise whenever a car goes over it-fixed
- p) black bin is stuck in the hedge along Iffin laneout of Canterbury, about 300 yards from the 30MPH sign on the left hand side-removed
- q) SK requested dual purpose bin stickers for the bins (dog waste and general rubbish)-clerk has so far been unable to locate a supplier.
- r) Fly tipping along the Ashford Road- ref FLT002918- cleared

5)

APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS:

| Item | Purpose | Cheque No | Amount | Note |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------|-----------------|------|
| a | Clerks Pay (March) | 200798 | £1015.58 | |
| b | HMRC (March) | 200799 | £58.22 | |
| c | Clerk's Allowance (March) | 200800 | £91.87 | |
| d | KCS (photocopier rental) | 200801 | £141.02 | |
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| Total for March 2022 | | | £1320.69 | |

Proposed by Cllr Graham Page Seconded by Cllr D Smith. These two councillors signed the cheques.

6) **FINANCES:**

| Type | Name | Paid out | Paid In | Balance | Note |
|---|--------------------------------|----------|---------|----------|-----------------|
| CQE | Balance brought forward | | | £8138.87 | |
| 200794 | Clerk's pay (Feb) | £1015.58 | | | |
| 200795 | HMRC (Feb) | £58.22 | | | |
| 200796 | Clerk's Allowance (Feb) | £91.87 | | | |
| 200797 | SLCC Training course | £144.00 | | | |
| DR | Bank Charges | £14.00 | | | |
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| Treasurer Account Current balance on 8th March 2022 | | | | £6815.20 | Sheet 400 match |

7) ACCOUNTING:

- a) HSBC Statement of No-Notice Account
 i) Current balance at 8th March sheet **£10,345.69 inc 26p interest**
- b) POSB Statement of Investment Account No 138409843
 i) Current balance on 1 January 2022 **£11,213.29 inc £1.12 interest**
- c) Bank Statements checked by Chair and agreed with Minutes.

d) Breakdown of Clerk's Salary

| Basic | Re-imburement | Travel | Additional | PAYE | Total Paid |
|-----------|---------------|--------|------------|--------|------------|
| £1,015.58 | £91.87 | £0.00 | | £58.22 | £1,165.67 |

e) Council Project Accounts

| Project | Lead | Date | Item Total | £3000.00 |
|----------------------------|---------|------------|------------|-----------|
| Raised Footpath repair | Clerk | 27/04/2021 | £495.00 | £2,505.00 |
| Rubbish Bin for North Ward | Cllr SK | 15/06/2021 | £309.51 | £2,195.49 |
| No Parking Signs | Cllr TM | 15/06/2021 | £139.98 | £2,055.51 |
| Safetysigns4less | Cllr SK | 22/07/2021 | £80.40 | £1,975.11 |
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f) Stamps

| Stamp | Start | Used | Balance |
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| Large First Class | 40 | 7 | 33 |
| Large Second Class | 38 | 0 | 38 |
| First Class | 45 | 24 | 21 |
| Second Class | 82 | 0 | 82 |

8) CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) *Agenda for Parish Council Meeting (emailed to Cllrs, and mailed to Chair & AG)*
- b) *Email-Val and Nick regarding the footpath/cycle path between Redrow site and A28*
- c) *CCC consultation regarding renewable energy sites*
- d) *Email regarding consultation on reduction of funding for public busses*

9) **REPORTS:**

- a) Update on FOI request regarding attendance of CCC planning meetings. CCC do not hold data on time spent by officers in specific locations, and attendance details can be found on the meeting minutes available online.
- b) DS- Attended a meeting with the Association of Canterbury Residents
- c) GP- 159 Ashford Road, complaints about litter accumulating at the unoccupied residence.
- d) GP- 172 top of Grays Way, Water access inspection cover clanging when cars go over.
- e) The street sign that used to be in Cocking Road where it meets the top of St Nicholas road is was never replaced after the road modifications were finished.
- f) GP- complains from the public about the rise in council tax, GP has explained the rise to those who have brought it to him.
- g) Stickers for garden waste bins seem to be delayed.
- h) 25th Feb, a large black garden container was dumped at the top of Tonford Lane, this has since been removed.
- i) Several lights are permanently along Grays Way-clerk to report
- j) TD- There is a broken gate at the bottom of New House Lane, unsure if it belongs to the developers or not.
- k) SK- accumulation of litter along Cocking Road between Nicholas Road and Strangers Lane-Clerk to report
- l) Bin along Strangers Lane got blown over by the wind, it has been moved from its previous position to a more sheltered spot.
- m) Flytipping (mattress) along Nicholas Road-SK reported
- n) Val Horne and Annette Stucker report further building breaches on the care home site opposite Manor Close. Val and Annette have met with workers who are blocking the road and have copied CCC planning in emails to the developers.
- o) John Richardson-a local resident has volunteered to pick up litter if CCC is unwilling to do so.
- p) John Richardson- street light is out in New House Lane, directly opposite the Hill Top Community Hall-Clerk to report

10) **PARISH AFFAIRS**

NEXT MEETING: The next Meeting will be held at the Hilltop Community Association on **Monday 11th April 2022**

CLOSURE: There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at: 21:20