

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**  
**held at**  
**St Faith's Hall, New House Lane, THANINGTON WITHOUT**  
**on**  
**Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2006**

**PRESENT:** - Councillors Mrs Pam Blackman, G. Page, T. Maple, T. Davis, I. Bain and the Parish Clerk.

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| D. Swain – South Ward  | N. Eden-Green– CCC Cllr | Rev Aveyard – North Ward | S. Knott – South Ward  |
| J. Merza – Speaker     | F. Roche – South Ward   | C. Smith – South Ward    | D. Ashley – South Ward |
| D. Jenner – South Ward | S. Guest – South Ward   |                          |                        |

**CHAIRMAN:** - Councillor G. Page

**1) WELCOME:**

Cllr. Graham Page welcomed all to this meeting and expressed appreciation of the support. He introduced Janet Merza of Enterprise Trust

**2) APPOINTMENT OF CLERK:**

It was agreed that Mr Roger Cheeseworth, Clerk to the Parish Council, should take the Minutes of the Meeting.

**3) APOLOGIES:**

Paula Spencer, Cllr Alex Perkins, Cllr C. McCaul, Cllr K. Stokes, Cllr G. Furness

**4) NOTICE CALLING THIS MEETING:**

The Clerk confirmed that a notice had been posted on various Parish notice boards and they had been sent to the Parish organisations.

**5) MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:**

The Clerk issued all parishioners with a copy of the Minutes of the last meeting, They had been approved at the TWPC meeting April 2005

**6) MATTERS ARISING:**

Nothing arising from last minutes.

**7) GUEST SPEAKER**

Janet Merza – Enterprise Trust, Hambrook Marshes

**8) CHAIRMANS REPORT:**

The Parish Council recognises the need to protect and promote the interests of everyone who lives in the community.

The PC website is constantly updated and new features are added on a regular basis, He thanked Bretts for their continued support of the web site. There are also PC noticeboards placed in various parts of the Parish. In December 2005 we published our first twice yearly newsletter – Action 4 U. From feedback we have received, residents found it to be informative. The newsletter was circulated to all households in the Parish, as well as local organisations.

After a long battle, the bus shelter in Strangers Lane has been replaced. The Parish Council arranged for the improvements to the corner of Iffin Lane / New House Lane. Easier and safer access to Wincheap via the footpath of New House Lane, has been created by the erection of new rail fencing and posts.

The council is looking at updating the 1989 Parish appraisal during the year 2006.

The kissing gate leading to the Hambrook Marshes was supplied by funding from the Parish Council.

He showed the new speed watch equipment and explained how the scheme would work.

If you are interested in Parish Council affairs, why not come to one of our meetings? Meetings take place at ARCA Hall, Ashford Road on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month (except August) at 7:30pm.

Information on the activities of the Parish Council can be found on our Website. [www.thanington-pc.gov.uk](http://www.thanington-pc.gov.uk)

**9) FINANCIAL STATEMENT:**

The Chairman referred to the Balance Sheet provided on the back of the agenda. He worked through all the items of the Receipts and Payments columns, giving explanations on each of the items. He invited question. There were none. Proposed by Ian Bain, seconded by Colin Smith. He thanked the Clerk for preparing the accounts.

**10) HARRIS CHARITY FUND:**

The Chairman referred to the details of this fund found with agenda.. Suggestion was made by Rev Ian Aveyard (one of the Trustees) that consideration be given to winding up the charity and proceeds melded with another charity. This was endorsed by Cllr Nick Eden Green. The chairman said it would be discussed at a future P.C. Meeting.

**11) REPORTS:**

- a) Ashford Road Community Association  
Report by David Swain
- b) Thanington Neighbourhood Resource Centre  
Report by Nick Eden Green
- c) Hilltop Community Association  
Report by Mr Colin Smith Chairman of HCA
- d) St Nicholas Church and St Faith's  
Report by Rev Ian Aveyard
- e) Woman's Institute  
Report read by Chairman
- f) Canterbury City Council  
Report by Cllr Nick Eden Green

The Chairman then asked if there were any other Parish organisations wishing to report, There were no others.

**12) QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR / ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**13) CLOSURE:** The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20:45