

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE THANINGTON WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL held at the Ashford Road Social Clubhouse, Ashford Road, on Monday, 11th April 1988 at 8 pm.

PRESENT: Councillors Mr. C. H. Church, Mr. G. Page, Mr. C. H. Day, Mrs. V. Sanders, Mrs. P. Blackman, Mrs. L. New, Miss S. Knott.

Councillor Miss S. Knott was welcomed after her absence due to illness.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Mr. J. Bertram away on holiday and Councillor Mr. R. Eden due to illness.

CHAIRMAN: Councillor Mr. C. H. Church.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING:

CONTROLLED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING: It was noted that parking restrictions in the area would come into force on 28th March 1988.

Work not yet commenced on the controlled crossing and enquiries to be made as to when this would be likely to commence.

PARISH COUNCIL NOTICE BOARDS: The Clerk had telephoned and written to Mr. M. Langley regarding the notice board and finger post but had received no reply. Enquiries to be made in other directions regarding these.

Canterbury City Council agreeable to the notice board being sited by the telephone kiosk opposite the recreation ground in Thanington Road.

BRIDGE OVER THE RIVER STOUR AT TONFORD: Enquiries to be made as to when the work would commence. Harbledown Parish Council to be notified.

TREE REPLANTING: A letter of appreciation for the donation received from the City Chief Executive, Mr. C. C. Gay.

ASHENDEN CLOSE/STRANGERS LANE: No reply yet.

TONFORD LANE: Councillor Mrs. P. Blackman reported that the road had been measured, but Segas were again working in the area.

RIDGEWAY INVESTMENT RE BOTTLE BANKS: A reply received that size of banks is approximately 3ft in diameter and 4ft high and would require only a small space, but access would be important as the service vehicle is rather large. Councillors asked to survey the area for a possible site, and the matter to be brought to the Annual Assembly.

BRAMBLES AT 23 Cockering Road: Councillor Mrs. L. New reported that these had been trimmed back.

ONE WAY SECTION OF TONFORD LANE: Councillor Mrs. P. Blackman reported that the signs had now been correctly positioned and firmly bedded in.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS:

<u>Miss Eyles, Clerk:</u>	3 months salary Jan/March 1988	£261.00	
	Postages and phone calls	2.90	£263.90

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. L. New, seconded by Councillor Mrs. V. Sanders and carried, that this be paid.

<u>K.A.P.C. Subscription:</u>		£128.57	
	Local Council Reviews 9 copies	27.00	
	Parish News 2 copies	1.80	£157.37

Proposed by Councillor Mr. C. H. Church, seconded by Councillor Mr. G. Page and carried, that this be paid.

FINANCE: The Clerk authorised to dispense money for the delivery of the Parish Council letters prior to the Annual Assembly, and it was proposed by Councillor Mr. C. H. Day, seconded by Councillor Mrs. L. New and carried, that this be £25.

The Chairman, Councillor Mr. C. H. Church, reported that a new edition of the Parish Councillors Guide is to be published shortly and asked that a new one be purchased for the Clerk and the old one passed on to the Chairman. Proposed by Councillor Mr. C. H. Church, seconded by Councillor Mrs. P. Blackman and carried, that this be done.

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NATIONAL SAVINGS INVESTMENT ACCOUNT: Clerk's gratuity.
The Chairman; Councillor Mr. C. H. Church, intimated that a further transfer should be made and also that a sum of £250 be transferred on a yearly basis so that the account is kept going.
 It was proposed by Councillor Mr. C. H. Church, seconded by Councillor Mrs. V. Sanders and carried, that £1,000 be transferred from the Midland Bank High Interest Cheque account to the National Savings Investment account for the Clerk's Gratuity Fund. The interest on the National Savings Investment account should remain in that account and not transferred to the general fund of the Parish Council.

SEEBOARD: Increase in charges should be £1.36 for maintenance and 77p for energy.

K.A.P.C. Now registered with Customs and Excise for VAT which could be reclaimed by the Parish Councils.

CORRESPONDENCE:

K.A.P.C. Parish News No. 152
 List of local Parish Council Clerk's received. Very useful.
 Courses for Councillors. Noted.
 N.A.L.C. Legal Topic Note 28. Local Council Elections. Noted.
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 K.A.P.C. Insurance of village halls. Noted. It was agreed that this could be passed to the Ashford Road Social Club and also to the Church authorities and the Community Centre.
 Kent Conservation booklet. Noted.

K.C.C. Supplies Dept. bulletin noted. Visits may be arranged.

CANTERBURY CITY COUNCIL: Dog control - New model byelaws. After discussion it was agreed that the problem goes far wider than the recommendations. Possibly there should be no bans, but also no fouling of footpaths. Under what form should the format be?

STREET LIGHTING: The Clerk had communicated with Canterbury City Council and Seeboard with reference to the number of street lights in the area which were not operating. Some had now been repaired. It had been ascertained that the Thanington Housing Estate street lighting had not yet been transferred to the Parish Council but was still the responsibility of the Canterbury City Council.

REPORT S: The Chairman, Councillor Mr. C. H. Church, had attended a meeting called by Harbledown Parish Council which, while interesting, did not appear to be of benefit to a number of Parish Councils. The Village appraisal again brought to the attention of those present. Agreed that this should be brought to the Annual Assembly. The future of St. Augustine's Hospital was discussed but remained vague. The general guidelines were for continued institutional use, but it would quite well finish as a residential site or for offices.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

18 New House Close: liquid petroleum gas bulk tank. It was agreed there were no objections, subject to none from neighbours.

Land at Junction of Strangers Lane/Thanington Road: Amended plan to 2 houses and garage block. It was agreed that one of the objections made by the Parish Council was overcrowding of the site, and while the amended plan reduced the number of houses, the site would be left open for a further application for additional dwellings in the future and would restore the overcrowding. The access also remained a problem. As the Parish Council considered the application is not the most sensible use of the land and does not pay attention to the traffic problems, it therefore recommends the application should not be granted.

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS cont:

43 New House Lane: rear extension. This was studied and agreed that subject to no objections from neighbours, the Parish Council had no objection to make.

26 Cockering Road: second storey bathroom extension over ground floor walkway. Studied, and provided there are no objections from neighbours, the Parish Council had no objections to make.

Land reaf of Strangers Close: This consid ered a vague application and there is no indication as to whether the garages are to remain or be demolished and a query also arises over access.

Applicattions granted.

16 Ashenden Close: first floor extension.

Rose Brae, Iffin Lane: two storey extension.

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY: Monday, 25th April 1988 at 7.30 pm. St. Faith's Hall.

Councillor Miss S. Knott kindly agreed to arrange refreshments.

The Vicar ao be asked to put a notice in the church porch and also to mention the meeting in his notices.

Mr. Mansell Jagger to be reminded, also the Ward Councillors.

Agenda agreed.

Transport for Councillors and Clerk arranged.

PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS: The Balance sheet studied and it was agreed to be a satisfactory state of financial affairs, and to be passed to the Annual Assembly.

HARRIS PENSION CHARITY: Balance sheet studied and agreed that this goes forward to the Annual Assembly.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

The Chairman, Councillor Mr. C. H. Church reported that the Ashford Road Social Club Youth Group had received £350 towards sports equipment from the Canterbury City Council Lottery Fund, and also the Thanington 87 Group had received £150 toward's a cupboard and board games from this fund.

He also reported that there is a very large pothole outside 56 New House Lane and also a hole that had been excavated and covered with corrugated iron sheeting and left. Applications to be made for these to be repaired.

The Clerk reported that the fence on the elevated footpath in Hollow Lane to the south of the bypass bridge was now flat on the ground. Application to be made for repairs to be given priority.

Councillor Mr. G. Page reported that the light outside Townsends surgical repair works is not functioning. Canterbury City Council to be notified.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday, 9th May 1988 at 8 pm.

T here being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

Glenn H. Church
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