

MINUTES OF THE MEETING of the Thanington Without Parish Council held at the Ashford Road Social Clubhouse, Ashford Road, on Monday, 14th November 1988 at 8 pm.

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

APOLOGIES: None.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING:

LATE MR. J. BERTRAM: Letter of appreciation for flowers and cards and also donation to James Hora House, London Hospital, received from Mrs. Bertram.

FOOTPATH SIGNS: No information forthcoming as yet.

BRIDGE OVER THE RIVER STOUR AT TONFORD: Councillor Mrs. P. Blackman reported that this is now completed and daffodils have been planted at the approach. Residents delighted as the bridge is an asset. Comments have been received that the edge of the steps are not easily visible and it was agreed to contact K.C.C. asking if something could be done to remedy this - perhaps a white edge to the steps.

ASHENDEN CLOSE/STRANGERS LANE: Waiting restrictions. Nothing heard as yet.

STREET LIGHTING: Transfer to Parish Council: Nothing further heard. The Clerk asked to make a further enquiry immediately prior to the next meeting.

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY: Date to be fixed.

TELEPHONE KIOSK AT JUNCTION OF STRANGERS LANE/THANINGTON ROAD: This has been cleaned and painted. A vote of thanks recorded to Councillor Mr. G. Page for his help in this matter.

PARKED CARS AT JUNCTION OF GRAYS WAY/TONFORD LANE: Acknowledgement received from Canterbury City Police that they would look into this matter.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH, COCKERING ROAD: Councillor Mr. R. Eden reported that this had been formed.

HEDGE OF BURNED OUT HOUSE, NEW HOUSE CLOSE: Arrangements made for this to be cut back.

STRANGERS LANE, Angle iron: This to be removed when the vegetation is cleared.

HOLLOW LANE: Vegetation by the Oast: This to be cleared by Canterbury City Council in the near future.

FOOTPATH 490. Cockering Road/New House Lane: This has been inspected and found to be in a satisfactory state, in fact, better than a lot of others.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS:

Mr. S. T. Hughes, word processing of Councillor Mr. C. H. Day's 'History of Thanington, Milton and the environs'. .. .. @48.50

Proposed by Councillor Mr. C. H. Church, seconded by Councillor Mrs. V. Sanders and carried, that this be paid.

Miss Eyles, Speedprint of Appraisal Questionnaire .. .. £16.60

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. L. New, seconded by Councillor Mr. G. Page and carried, that this be paid.

K.R.C.C.: Fee for Chairman to attend Channel Tunnel Rail Link Conference, 2nd December .. .. £11.50

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

Councillor Mr. C. H. Church: Travel claim for taking the Clerk to the Finance Day conference .. .. £17.04

Proposed by Councillor Miss S. Knott, seconded by Councillor Mrs. P. Blackman and carried, that this be paid.

FINANCE: K.A.P.C.: Increase in subscription will be 8.35% of the P.R.P. This noted and an appropriate increase to be made in the forthcoming Precept.

Clerk's Salary: Percentage formula to be increased as from 1st July 1988 to a figure of 64% of current P.R.P. Noted. \$1194 pa.

Parish Requirements: Total rateable value £192892 and the estimated P.R.P. for 1989/1890 is £1869. Noted.

Midland Bank plc: A possibility of launching a current account with interest. This to be watched.

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## CORRESPONDENCE:

K.A.P.C.: Channel Tunnel Train Services presentation 2nd December. The Chairman, Councillor Mr. C. H. Church to attend.

Local Council administration: the need for trained clerks. Noted.

List of training and conferenced to March 1990. Noted.

Parish News No. 157: Items noted.

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL: Kent Minerals Local Plan: The Chairman perusing this.

Further Education: K.C.C. informed that the Parish Council did not receive this until 21st October thereby leaving insufficient time for discussion and also that there is insufficient precision in the document to enable the Parish Council to reach a clear understanding of either proposal and no Adult Education service is provided in the Parish. We remain to be convinced of the qualities of the existing service or its likely improvement and increased availability with a reduced level of funding and an increased level of fees for much of the Parish to imagine the proposed changes would mean a decreasing level of access.

Proposal (a) offers a better chance of extending services than merging with the Further Education colleges.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION: Review of East Sussex proposals. Noted.

GLASDON winter catalogue of snow and frost products: Noted. Councillors asked to inspect the level of the salt/grit bins in the existing containers.

CIVIL PROTECTION: Noted.

K.C.C. Autumn reports. Noted.

NEW HOMES REVIEW: Noted.

REPORTS: Police Advisory: Councillor Miss S. Knott reported on the meeting which she had attended in company with Councillor Mrs. L. New. It was an interesting meeting.

St. Augustin's Hospital site: Councillor Mr. C. H. Church reported that the proposals outlined in the appraisal would have an effect on the parish to a large extent relating to traffic flow problems. These must be taken seriously. Part of the site must be sold in advance of the main development for financial reasons of the Health Authority. There would be much pressure on the A28 which might also lead to further development. There is an exhibition at the Salvation Army Hall, Shalmsford Street on 1st December which he hoped Councillors would attend. Following this there would be a Public Exhibition in January 1989.

Finance Day: The Clerk outlined the many sides of finance as dealt with by the Parish Councils. This Parish Council has no problems and is attending to all matters in a correct manner.

The Clerk thanked the Parish Council for allowing her to attend and also the Chairman, Councillor Mr. C. H. Church for kindly providing the transport.

## PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

Rose Bae, Iffin Lane: CA/88/1736/T HA - extension to include conservatory w.c. and extension to kitchen. Provided there are no objections from neighbours, the Parish Council have none.

Land to rear of 75 New House Lane: CA/88/1754/THA - outline application for erection of single dwelling.

The Chairman, Councillor Mr. C. H. Church, declared an interest and refrained from joining the discussion. It was agreed to point out that the map is out of date. Access and other things needed some consideration and should be borne in mind. There appeared to be no real objection to this dwelling provided there are none from neighbours.

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS cont:

Footpath CB 482 part. Land at Thanington Without. Public Footpath Diversion, Second order.

As a minor technical informality was identified, in the original order and also a land owner reported not having received his statutory copy of the order, and to comply with the provision of the Highways Act 1980 and for the avoidance of doubt, the No. 2 Order was made. It was agreed that the Parish Council should adhere to its previous finding, i.e. no objection.

J. Perkins: Wistaria Cottage, Iffin Lane: CA/88/0239/THA - erection of dwelling with double garage and formation of vehicular access. An appeal had been made by Mr. Perkins following the refusal of planning permission. It was agreed that the Parish Council does not wish to withdraw or modify their comments in any way.

PREVIOUS APPLICATIONS:

The Old Manor, Cockerling Road. CA/88/0068/THA - granted.

37 Bramley Avenue: CA/88/1152/THA - granted.

171c Ashford Road: CA/88/1411/THA - granted.

12 Cockerling Road, CA/88/1440/tha - refused.

PARISH APPRAISAL: The Group to meet on Monday, 22nd November, 1988

CASUAL VACANCY: Having been notified by Canterbury City Council that no requests had been received for an election, the Parish Council may now proceed to fill the vacancy in accordance with Rule 8 (3) of the Local Elections (Parishes and Communities) Rules 1986. Two names have now been passed to the Parish Council and the Chairman, Councillor Mr. C. H. Church would interview both. The members of the Council were agreeable that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman should consult with a view to inviting one to attend the next meeting for possible election to the Council.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

COUNCILLOR MR. G. PAGE gave an excellent report on the recent meeting of the Larkey Valley Woods committee. The new Warden is proving very responsible. A large tree stump is to be prepared so that the ring marks may be counted and to be sited in the woods. There will also be way marks pointing to species of special interest.

COUNCILLOR MRS. P. BLACKMAN reported that the footpath at the top of Grays Way adjacent to the new building site is in a bad state. A request to be made for this to be repaired.

COUNCILLOR MISS S. KNOTT reported that the hydrant cover in Hollow Lane in the vicinity of Goodtrees had been knocked out. A request to be made for replacement.

COUNCILLOR MR. C. H. DAY reported that a cover in the road opposite No. 152 Ashford Road had been broken by a passing heavy vehicle. A request for replacement to be made.

COUNCILLOR MRS. L. NEW reported that she had contacted the Clerk regarding broken glass in the play area by the bypass in Thanington Road. This had been done and the glass to be removed as quickly as possible.

COUNCILLOR MRS. V. SANDERS reported that her husband had nearly fallen over the broken curbing at the Ashford Road end of Strangers Lane. This to be reported.

COUNCILLOR MR. R. EDEN reported that the area of Cockerling Road/junction of St. Nicholas Road is extremely badly lit. As this is a dangerous corner, a request to be made for further street lighting at this point. Also, there is no Cockerling Road street sign to identify the road and asked whether road signs could be put to point '8 to 17' and '18 to 47'. A request to be made for this. It was also suggested that St. Nicholas Road could be sign posted 'St. Nicholas Road leading to Cockerling Road'.

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## ANY OTHER BUSINESS cont:

THE CLERK enquired if there was a possibility of purchasing a photocopier again being considered. With the increasing work needing copies of letters and documents this would be very helpful. It was agreed that enquiries should be made at K.C.C. Supplies Dept.,

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Village Appraisal meeting 21st November at 7.30 pm.  
Parish Council Meeting, Monday, 12th December at 8 pm.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 10 pm.

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