

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL OF THANINGTON WITHOUT held at the Ashford Road Social Clubhouse, Ashford Road, on Monday, 12th December 1988 at 8 pm.

PRESENT: Councillors Mr. C. H. Church, Mr. C. H. Day, Mr. R. Eden, Mrs. V. Sanders, Mrs. P. Blackman, Mrs. L. New, Miss S. Knott, and Mr. G. Furness who joined the meeting later.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Mr. G. Page due to illness.

THE CHAIRMAN, Councillor Mr. C. H. Church reported that he had interviewed Mr. G. Furness with a view to filling the vacancy, and proposed that Mr. Furness be elected, this was seconded by Councillor Mrs. L. New.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING:

FOOTPATH SIGNS. Nothing heard as yet.

BRIDGE OVER THE RIVER STOUR AT TONFORD: A letter received from K.C.C. in which Mr. Norfolk states that he was aware of the difficulty in seeing the steps on the approaches to the bridge. Investigations into the best way of highlighting the steps are in hand and it is hoped that something will be done by Christmas or shortly afterwards. Noted.

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

STREET LIGHTING: Transfer to the Parish Council. The Clerk had spoken to Mr. Brooks, Canterbury City Council, who has not been able to get a conclusive decision from K.C.C. He is, however, still of the opinion that Canterbury City Council cannot transfer the responsibility to the Parish Council. Should he get a notification to the contrary he will notify the Parish Council immediately. Noted.

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY: Monday, 8th May 1989 at the Ashford Road Social Clubhouse, at 7.30 pm.

PARKED CARS AT JUNCTION OF GRAYS WAY/TONFORD LANE: Sgt. Trotter, Canterbury City Police has reported that he has kept watch on this area at different times when he is on duty. While the problems are not very bad, they are not good, and he is to make a report to the Canterbury City Council asking for double yellow lines at Grays Way to be extended. He will continue to monitor the situation. Noted.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH: Councillor Mrs. P. Blackman reported that an arrest has been made in Tonford Lane. Councillor Mr. R. Eden also reported that a prowler in Cockerling Road had been arrested. Noted.

STRANGERS LANE: The angle iron had been removed. Complaints also made on the overgrown rose bushes at the corner of Thanington Road.

GRAYS WAY: This position is the only access to the building site and damage to the footway is unavoidable. The Contractor has an obligation to make good any damage caused during the works and this will be done at the end of the work. Noted.

HOLLOW LANE. Hydrant cover. This is a Midkent Water temporary reinstatement and they have been asked to make safe this area. Noted.

ASHFORD ROAD: Broken inspection cover opposite No. 152. This had been put forward for consideration in the patching programme. Due to lack of funds for this financial year it can only be considered for next year's programme.

Previous complaint on potholes in footpath outside No. 172. Mr. F. Kemp had telephoned the Clerk to report that these potholes have been infilled. He conveyed his appreciation to the Parish Council for their help.

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STRANGERS LANE: Curbing: Thus has been inspected and immediate hazards noted. Due to limited funding Canterbury City Council cannot foresee any immediate major works being done.

COCKERING ROAD STREET LIGHTING: This has been passed to the Street Lighting section for their investigation. Street name plates. No comments received.

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL: Further Education funding and service. Leave for now.

SALT & GRIT BINS: Checked and all in order.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS:

Kent County Council: Mineral Subject Plan	£6.50
Audit Commission: 3 years audit fee	£89.13
Proposed by Councillor Mr. C. H. Church, seconded by Councillor Miss S. Knott and carried, that these be paid.	
Ashford Road Social Club: Rent for hire of hall	£34.50
Proposed by Councillor Mrs. P. Blackman, seconded by Councillor Mrs. L. New and carried, that this be paid.	
Miss Eyles, Clerk's Salary Oct./Dec. 1988	£261.00
$\frac{2}{3}$ phone rental incl. VAT	19.05
	<u>£280.05</u>

Proposed by Councillor Mr. C. H. Day, seconded by Co uncillor Mr. C. H. Church and carried, that this be paid.

Petty Cash £20.00

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

Unikent, Canterbury: photocopying £10.71

Proposed by Councillor Mrs. V. Sanders, seconded by Councillor Mr. R. Eden and carried, that this be paid.

FINANCE:

PHOTOCOPIER: The Clerk with Councillor Mrs. P. Blackman had seen a demonstration, by Geerings of Ashford, which proved satisfactory. Geerings had left the photocopier after demonstration. This to be rented on a 3 year contract as advised by K.C.C. Supplies and a requisition had been sent to K.C.C. Supplies. The Clerk expressed her appreciation.

A letter of appreciation to be sent to Messrs. Vella and Willson who had assisted the Clerk with photocopying in the past and the Clerk also thanked Councillor Mr. R. Eden for his help.

10 reams Nashua photocopier paper ordered from Geerings .. £34.04

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

PARISH PRECEPT 1989/90: Circulated to all Councillors. This studied in detail. The Chairman explained that there is still uncertainty regarding the responsibility for part of the street lighting payment and no figure had been stated for the Contingency Fund. He proposed that the sum of £5500 be adopted.

Councillor Mr. C. H. Day proposed an amendment to £5,000 in line with the Precept for 1988/89. A vote was taken resulting in the amendment being lost.

At the present time, the Parish Council has no knowledge on how the Community Tax will affect Parish Councils.

*** PHOTOCOPIER: Rental £33.75 per quarter plus .75p per copy for over 1500 copies.

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CORRESPONDENCE:

SEEBOARD: Maintenance schedule for December 1988. Noted.

K.C.C. Highways: Newsletter. Noted.

" British Rail timetable. Noted.

Kent Assoc. Boys Clubs; Left on table.

Kent Mineral Plan. Written statement. Noted.

Item for Parish Magazine. Noted.

K.A.P.C. Parish News No. 158. Items noted.

Community Rights Project: It was agreed that the Parish Council should support the campaign to apply the provision of the Local Government (Access to information) Act, and a letter also to be written to the local MP. Mr. Julian Brazier.

Clerk's Salary recommendation: It was agreed that the salary of the clerk should be increased to 64% of a penny rate product, i.e. £1194 per annum as from 1st July 1988. The Clerk expressed her thanks.
N.A.L.C. Annual Report. Noted.

LOCAL COUNCIL REVIEW: Booklets on the Community Charge to be obtained.

MRS. J. WOODS: Road safety: Mrs. Woods asks for consideration to be given to placing bollards on the kerb edge of Ashford Road opposite the turning into Tonford Lane (as placed in Castle Street and Wincheap).

REPORTS: Councillor Mr. C. H. Church reported on the meeting of the Channel Tunnel railway which had proved informative and interest.
Councillor Mr. C. H. Church expressed his thanks for being allowed to attend this meeting.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

CA/88/1861/THA - Treheathie, Iffin Lane. siting of temporary mobile home. After consideration it was proposed by Councillor Mr. C. H. Church, seconded by Councillor Miss S. Knott and carried that provided there were no objections from neighbours, the Parish Council had none.

CA/88/1886/THA - The Old Manor, Cockerling Road. Erection of garage block and open fronted outbuildings to replace existing animal shelters. After consideration it was proposed by Councillor Mrs. L. New, seconded by Councillor Mrs. P. Blackman and carried, that there were no objections to this.

41 Tonford Lane: CA/88/1907/THA - Bedroom extension. After consideration It was noted that neighbours feared that this would cause some lack of light to their properties which would not be acceptable.

CA/88/1891/THA - 179/183 Ashford Road; Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of three replacement houses. After consideration it was agreed that there were no objections.

CA/88/1922/THA - Thanington Court. Erection of detached bungalow. After consideration it was agreed there were no objections provided it was in keeping with the Thanington Court house and surrounding area.

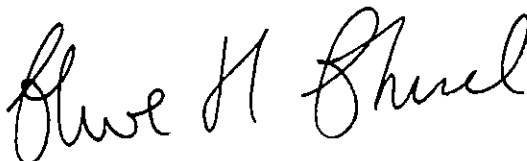
Previous applications: 26 Cockerling Road - two storey side extension. Granted.
Rose Brae, Iffin Lane - single storey rear extension, granted.

PARISH APPRAISAL: This appeared to be progressing well.

CASUAL VACANCY: Mr. G. Furness joined the meeting and welcomed. Mr. Furness then made his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

It was proposed by Councillor Mr. C. H. Church, seconded by Councillor Miss S. Knott and carried, that this increase should be made.

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TREE PLANTING, LARKEY VALLEY WOOD: Chartham Parish Council and the Chartham Society had invited the Thanington Without Parish Councillors to the tree planting in Larkey Valley Woods to mark the new parish boundary. All agreed that it was a most pleasant occasion and agreed that a letter should be written to Mrs. Litten, Chairman of Chartham Parish Council to congratulate her on this and also for establishing a contact with Thanington Without Parish Council.

ST. AUGUSTINES HOSPITAL SITE: The Chairman, Councillor Mr. C. H. Church and the Clerk had been to see the exhibition at the Salvation Army Hall at Chartham. The photographs etc., were very clear. The Parish Councillors encouraged to see this exhibition. There is to be a Public Meeting at a future date.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

THE CLERK reported that there is a large pothole against the manhole cover in Thanington Road adjacent to Strangers Lane, also the road surface is crumbling where the new gas pipes were laid recently. This to be reported to Canterbury City Council.

COUNCILLOR MISS S. KNOTT reported that the Hilltop Club, New House Lane, would shortly be making a claim for items from the Lottery Fund. She also queried the sheds appearing on the land on the eastern side of Hollow Lane. The Chairman agreed to make enquiries on this.

COUNCILLOR MRS. P. BLACKMAN asked whether an application could be made for the Mobile Library Van to call at Alfred Close. Many of the elderly in the flats would appreciate being able to obtain books. The Clerk to make enquiries.

COUNCILLOR MR. R. EDEN reported that he had approached a police officer regarding the hole in Wincheap which was causing traffic chaos. This hole was apparently being dug by contractors working for the Gas Board but were dealing with it in an unauthorised way. Shortly afterwards traffic lights were installed.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday, 9th January 1989 at 8 pm.

Councillor Mr. G. F. Furness gave his apologies as he would be away on holiday.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 10.30 pm.

Clive H. Furness

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