

## COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE THANINGTON WITHOUT PARISH<sup>A</sup> held at the Ashford Road Community Association Hall, Ashford Road, on Monday 9th APRIL 1990 at 8 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs. P. Blackman, Mr. C. Church, Mr. R. Eden, Mr. G. Furness, Mrs. F. Hughes, Miss S. Knott, Mr. G. Page, Mr. K. Stokes and two Local Government electors.

APOLOGIES: Cllr. Mrs. L. New was unable to attend.

CHAIRMAN: Councillor Mr. C.H. Church.

Mr. Arthur Palmer: Before going on to items on the Agenda, the Chairman informed the Meeting that Mr. Arthur Palmer was seriously ill. As a mark of respect and gratitude for his long services to the Parish, the Chairman proposed to send flowers to Mrs. Palmer. Cllr. Miss S. Knott undertook to arrange this and to enclose a card expressing the feelings of the members of the Parish Council and extending condolences.

1. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING. After the alteration of 'chairs' to 'tables' in FINANCE: Parish Lottery Fund, the Minutes were confirmed and signed as correct.

2. MATTERS ARISING

ST. AUGUSTINE'S DEVELOPMENT & A 28 LINK ROAD: The Clerk reported that he had submitted a summary of the Council's views to the City Technical Director before the close of the Public Consultation period. The Chairman had also written separately and very similarly.

GRAYS WAY, ONE-WAY TRAFFIC: The Clerk reported that he had written to the City Council to report continued local concern and had also informed Mrs. Hill of having done so.

CARS ON POST OFFICE FORECOURT: A reply from the Post Office, Counters District Office, Hastings was read. The Clerk was instructed to express written appreciation of the diplomatic handling of the matter and the hope that the situation would now improve.

TONFORD LANE FOOTBRIDGE: <sup>NOTICE BOARD</sup> A letter from British Rail (Southern Region) Works General Engineer was read. It stated that the situation would be investigated.

ASHFORD ROAD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION: The Clerk reported having acknowledged a letter expressing thanks for the donation of £100 and for the offer to pay for a member to attend the Village Halls Conference at Hothfield.

CANTERBURY AREA COMMITTEE of KAPC: Minutes had been received and circulated.

CLERK'S TRAINING COURSE: The Clerk reported having received further correspondence from GLOSCAT. Rather disappointingly it contained little new information. The Clerk reported that he had applied to both C.C.C. AND K.C.C. for possible financial assistance in connection with the distance learning course. K.C.C. had replied that this would be considered on April 19th.

FINANCE Parish Lottery Fund: The Clerk confirmed that he had written to support Ashford Road Community Centre's application. He was able to confirm that the chairs/tables error had not been repeated in that letter. The Clerk reported that he had still been unable to trace an address for

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'Thanington 87'. The Chairman recommended approaching the Kent County Council Social Worker for help in tracing them.

Bank account signature: The Clerk reported that the Authorisation form, for Cllr. Mr. K. Stokes to sign, had been forwarded to Midland Bank.

National Savings Investment Account signatures: The Clerk reported that acknowledgement of receipt of an Authorisation form for the signatures of all current councillors had been received.

CORRESPONDENCE: The Clerk reported that he had written to Mr. P. Day.

ARSC/ARCA The A. G. M. March 19th. was attended by the Council's Chairman, Vice-Chairman & Clerk. The Chairman commented on the success of the meeting and the transfer.

BRAMLEY AVENUE LIGHTS: The Clerk confirmed that he had written to Seeboard to request estimates for only two lights. No reply had yet been received.

PARISH AFFAIRS: The Clerk reported having received a telephone call in which immediate investigation of the sewage overflow problem, along New House Lane, had been promised. No report has yet been received.

The Clerk has written to the new owner of Wincheap Farm concerning the matter of children had been seen playing with hop-poles in the field. No reply yet received.

ROAD & PARISH NAME PLATES: The Clerk reported that he had written to the City Technical Director on this subject, as instructed.

### 3. APPROVE PAYMENTS

Confirmation of items omitted from previous Minutes: -

(i) MISS EYLES. Gratuity £2,600.00 (Nat. Savings a/c)

Proposed by Cllr. Church. Seconded by Cllr. Hughes.

(ii) COMMERCIAL UNION ASSURANCE. Annual insurance. £92,99

Proposed by Cllr. New & seconded by Cllr. Knott on 15/5/89: confirmed and now to be minuted.

KAPC. Information Day (Clerk) £10,35  
inc. VAT @ £1,35

Payment proposed by Cllr. Page & seconded by Cllr. Mr. G. Furness.

KAPC Annual Subscriptions to Association & 'Review' £282,54  
inc. VAT @ 32,74

Payment proposed by Cllr. Knott & seconded by Cllr. Page.

KCC. Photocopier rental £117.00

Payment proposed by Cllr. Eden & seconded by Cllr. Stokes

D. E. GOULD. Clerk's salary Feb/Mar. £228.14  
inc. £10,14 as 2/3 telephone rental (with VAT.)

Payment proposed by Cllr. Church & seconded by Cllr. Page.

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D. E. GOULD. Clerk's travel to Hollingbourne £9,52

Payment proposed by Cllr. Hughes. & seconded by Cllr. Blackman

KENT MESSENGER GROUP Advert. for Parish Assembly. £23,00  
inc. VAT @ 3,00

Payment proposed by Cllr. Knott & seconded by Cllr. Stokes

THE COURIER Advertisement for the Parish Assembly. £36,80  
inc. VAT @ 4,80

Payment proposed by Cllr. Blackman & seconded by Cllr. Eden.

[The Clerk was instructed to comment on irregular distribution of the Courier, in the Parish, when sending this remittance).

ADSCENE Advertisement for the Parish Assembly. £18,11  
inc. VAT @ 2,36

Payment proposed by Cllr. Church & seconded by Cllr. Page.

UNIKENT Printing of Parish Assembly Report £37,95

Payment proposed by Cllr. Hughes & seconded by Cllr. Eden.

#### 4. FINANCE

The Midland Bank HICA Interest to March 2nd '90 was announced as being in the sum of £215,33.

Copies of the End of Financial Year balance and report, to be presented at the Parish Assembly, were distributed.

The Ledger was signed by the Chairman and Clerk as representing a true Account.

KAPC Subscription increases were commented on by the Chairman. It was noted that the new system, by which the due amount is calculated, resulted in an increase of approximately £25 above the general 9% increase.

#### 5. CORRESPONDENCE

KAPC Canterbury Area. Minutes circulated.

The Men of the Trees Noted and passed to Cllr. Page

KCC PLANNING Best Kept Village.

Noted

KCC Railink update.

Circulated

KAPC. Parish News No: 168 Circulated.

Attention was drawn to the fact of return of Mr. Crispin Davies as Secretary of KAPC.

KAPC. Attention was drawn to the dates of the ANNUAL MEETING & INFORMATION DAY on NOV. 3rd '90. It was agreed that Cllrs. Page and Stokes be offered to attend as representatives and they both accepted the invitation to do so.

KTNC. Information about Sites of Nature Conservation Interest in the Parish and encouragement to P.C. to become Group Member of the Kent Trust for Nature Conservation, at £15 per annum. The Clerk was instructed to circulate the material, for consideration at the next meeting..

SEEBOARD: Schedule of Public Lighting Maintenance for April. Noted.

KCC Clean Kent Campaign. This was noted. The Clerk was instructed to send a copy to the Youth Club for their consideration regarding participation. This matter could be pursued at the Parish Meeting and the Clerk was requested to assess this possibility and to present it then.

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NALC 'Review' This was circulated and attention particularly drawn to comments about this Parish: Miss Eyles' retirement and the demise of three councillors.

CLCC 'The Clerk' This was circulated and attention particularly drawn to the comment on Miss Eyle's retirement.

NEW HOMES MARKETING BOARD. This was circulated and noted.

#### 6. REPORTS

Cllr. Church had attended a meeting of The Canterbury Divisional Manager of K. C. C. Highways & Transportation with representatives of Parish Councils, in Barham on March 28th. Cllr. Church spoke in positive terms about the way in which the current approach to Maintenance was outlined. The shift of emphasis to structural repair, as opposed to grass-cutting etc, had been based on public comment. More contracting was leading instances of more extensive work for the same cost. Winter maintenance was also discussed.

The Clerk had attended the Councillors' Information Day, organised by the KAPC on April 7th at Hollingbourne. He spoke with enthusiasm about the benefits which he felt he had derived from listening to the speakers' topics and the ensuing discussions. These were:- "How KAPC Works", "How NALC Works", "Parish Council Finance", "Planning & Parish Councils", "Meetings: Preparation, Content, Legal Aspects etc." and "Powers of Parish Councils and Councillors: Declaration of Interests/Pecuniary Interests".

The Clerk expressed his appreciation of being enabled to attend.

#### 7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Wincheap Farm CA/89/1455/THA Refused  
Details for erection of farmhouse.

8 Manor Close. C/QA/90/0250/THA Comments acknowledged

Bretts. CA/89/798 Flint Extraction, Chartham. Conditions imposed were noted. The Clerk was instructed to obtain a definition of "controlled operating hours"

Wistaria Cottage, Iffin Lane CA/90/0148/THA Approved.  
Erection of detached dwelling.

#### 8. ST. AUGUSTINE'S DEVELOPMENT & ASHFORD ROAD LINK ROUNDABOUT

Nothing further heard.

9. BRAMLEY AVENUE LIGHTS: Nothing heard about requested estimate, but Bramley Avenue features in the general topic raised in Item 12 (Street Lighting).

#### 10 PARISH AFFAIRS

The Clerk reported the following:-

- (i) An Anti-Poll Tax Union Meeting was held at the Community Centre on Monday March 19th at 8 p. m.
- (ii) Increased damage to the Playing Field fence had been referred to the City Technical Director.
- (iii) Vandalism (a) The Parish Notice Board support, in Strangers Lane, has been broken. The Clerk was instructed to make arrangements for reparations to be effected. It is currently in his custody.

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- (b) The notice: 'Leading to Hassall Reach' had been removed and is currently in the Clerk's custody. He has reported this to the City Technical Director.

A damaged bollard in Strangers Lane (opposite No: 8) was reported by the Clerk and a 'phone message received to confirm that repairs had been effected..

After being informed by Cllr. Eden that a light on the corner of Cockering Rd. & St. Nicholas Rd. was not functioning and also that those at the lower end of Cockering Rd. were out of synchronisation, the Clerk had reported this. Cllr. Eden could not confirm improvement.

GPO boxes at Post Office & corner of St. Nicholas Road have been repainted (thus removing graffiti on the latter)

Cllr. Knott reported that the lights in the South Ward were not synchronised correctly. The Clerk was instructed to report this. She also said that the fence along the elevated footpath, by Hollow Lane, was damaged. The Clerk, was instructed to identify those responsible for the property and to report the matter to them. Additionally, she commented on the missing Iffin Lane sign, opposite Merton Lane. The Clerk was instructed to report that fact, as well.

Cllr. Stokes reported that a fence in Manor Close was damaged. The Clerk stated that he had already written to the contractors. Cllr. Stokes also referred to damage done to the pathway at the junction of Manor Close and Cockering Road; ostensibly caused by heavy vehicles. The Clerk was instructed to report the damage and likely cause.

11. ANNUAL ASSEMBLY A copy of the Agenda was distributed to each councillor. Cllr. Furness expressed his apologies for not being able to attend. His apologies in advance were accepted. The Chairman thanked councillors for their comments on his draft Report, which he has amended. He briefly summarised the proposed programme of events, in particular mentioning that Cllr. Page would be dealing with the Financial report. He confirmed that the Clerk would be asked to read the Minutes of the last Parish Meeting. The Chairman requested a copy in advance. It was estimated that about 80 copies of the Agenda & Financial Reports would be required. Cllr. Knott confirmed that arrangements for refreshments were under control. The Clerk stated that he had informed local organisations, that insertion of advertisements had been arranged and that Wincheap City Councillors and County Councillor Vye would be invited. The Clerk passed round his suggested arrangements for delivery of the Invitation to Attend the Parish Meeting. As the printed letters had just been brought by Mrs. Margaret Nicholson, who had kindly helped in this matter, he suggested that these be shared out after the close of the meeting. This was agreed. It was suggested by the Chairman that distribution be made on, or about, April 20th.

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12. STREET LIGHTING A letter from the City Chief Executive was read. It referred to the fact that responsibility for Athelstan Road, Bramley Ave (part) and Cockering Road (part) now rests with the Parish Council. The Chairman had asked the Clerk to obtain confirmation of the estimated increased cost and the commencement date from Mr. Goldsack at the Technical Services Department of Canterbury City Council. The Clerk had written to Seaboard to request an indication of extra expenses. Their telephoned reply was:-

	ENERGY	MAINTENANCE	
Bramley	£8, 14	£15, 66	
Athelstan	12, 87	48, 69	
Cockering	114, 25	240, 01	
TOTALS	135, 26	304, 36	(£439, 62)

Mr. Goldsack's Energy estimate for 20 lights in 3 roads was £120. Willingness was expressed for the transfer date to be April 1st 1991 if this would be more acceptable to the Parish Council. The Chairman proposed April 1st 1990 as the transfer date, but it was felt by the other councillors that 1991 would be preferable and this was agreed. The Clerk was instructed to reply to the City Technical Director to accept the offer to undertake responsibility for the extra lighting from April 1st 1991.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Parish Assembly at St. Faith's Hall on Monday April 30th 1990 at 7.30 p.m.

Annual Parish Council Meeting on Monday May 14th 1990 at 8 p.m. in the smaller room of A. R. C. A. Clubhouse.

Close of Meeting There being no other business, the Meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.

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