

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE THANINGTON WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL held at the Ashford Road Community Association Hall, Ashford Rd, Monday 14th MAY 1990 at 8 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs. P. Blackman, Mr. C. Church, Mr. R. Eden, Mrs. F. Hughes, Miss S. Knott, Mrs. L. New, Mr. G. Page. Mr. K. Stokes

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were accepted from Cllr. Mr. G. Furness.
2. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN: Cllr. Mr. C.H. Church was unanimously re-elected.
3. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE: Cllr. Church read & signed.
4. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN. The proposal by Cllr. Church that Cllr. Mr. G. Page be re-elected, was unanimously accepted.
5. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE: Cllr. Page read & signed.
6. SELECTION OF TWO REPRESENTATIVES TO KAPC CANTERBURY AREA COMMITTEE: It was unanimously agreed that the Chairman & Vice-Chairman continue as representatives.
7. SELECTION OF TWO REPRESENTATIVES TO KAPC A.G.M.: The previous selection of Cllrs. Page & Stokes was confirmed..
8. CHAIRMAN'S ALLOWANCE: An annual amount of £50 was proposed by Cllr. Page, seconded by Cllr. Knott and unanimously agreed.
9. CONFIRM & SIGN MINUTES OF LAST MEETING.: After altering 'TONFORD LANE FOOTBRIDGE' to read 'TONFORD LANE NOTICE BOARD', the Minutes were approved and signed.
10. MATTERS ARISING
  - (i) IN MEMORIAM: Mr. Arthur Palmer: The Chairman expressed gratitude to Cllrs. Mrs. Blackman & Miss Knott for organising the delivery of flowers to Mrs. Palmer. His proposal that a donation of £25 be sent to the Pilgrims Hospice was seconded by Cllr. Mrs. Blackman and unanimously accepted. The Clerk was instructed so to do.
  - (ii) KENT TRUST FOR NATURE CONSERVATION: Cllr. Page expressed the opinion that, whilst feeling sympathetic towards the activities of the organisation, he thought it unwise to create a precedent by making such membership payments. There was unanimous agreement not to become a Group Member.
  - (iii) PLANNING APPLICATIONS: It was noted that CA/90/0250/THA 8 Manor Close had been granted. It was also noted that no clarification of the term 'controlled working hours', in connection with CA/89/798 Flint Extraction, had yet been received.
  - (iv) PLAYING FIELD FENCING: It was explained that, after correspondence with Canterbury City Council and Kent County Council, a site visit was made by the Clerk and Mr. Williams of the C.C.C. Amenities Department. Mr. Williams would

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obtain costings for reparations and inform the Parish Council about future action.

- (v) P.C. NOTICE BOARD, STRANGERS LANE. The Clerk reported that Mr. Foster had repaired and re-erected this.
- (vi) 'LEADING TO HASSALL REACH' SIGN: The Clerk reported that this had been returned and remounted.
- (vii) STREET LIGHTING IN COCKERING ROAD: Cllr. Eden stated that the lights at the lower end were not coming on. The Clerk was instructed to report this.
- (viii) STREET LIGHTING IN NEW HOUSE LANE: Cllr. Knott stated that the synchronisation was still faulty. The Clerk was instructed to report this.
- (ix) DAMAGED FENCING, HOLLOW LANE ELEVATED FOOTPATH: The Clerk reported that he had informed the City Technical Director.
- (x) MISSING IFFIN LANE ROAD SIGN: The Clerk said that he had reported this.
- (xi) MANOR CLOSE, DAMAGED FENCING: The Clerk reported that the returned letter had now been sent to the contractors at another address. Meanwhile, Mr. Saunders of Estates Department had said that it is not C.C.C. responsibility.
- (xii) MANOR CLOSE/COCKERING ROAD PAVEMENT DAMAGE: The Clerk stated that both the initial and subsequent damage, mentioned by Cllr. Stokes, had been reported.
- (xiii) 'COURIER' DELIVERIES: The Clerk reported that he had commented about irregular distribution and that he had, personally, noticed an improvement.

11. APPROVE PAYMENTS (i) M.J. Foster Services £25,00  
Notice board repair.

Proposed by Cllr. Page & seconded by Cllr. New.

(ii) Pilgrims Hospice £25,00  
Donation In Memoriam Arthur Palmer.

Proposed by Cllr. Church & seconded by Cllr. Blackman.

12. FINANCE (i) SEEBOARD: The revised monthly direct debit payment of £46,04 was noted.

- (ii) SEEBOARD: Bramley Avenue Street Lighting Estimate. The quotation of £395.00 + £59,25 was discussed. Notice was taken of what this would provide and of other alternatives available. The Clerk reported that Mr. Bingham had said, over the telephone, that a reduction of £15 per unit could be made for photo electric switching. It was unanimously agreed to instruct the Clerk to write requesting the installation of the two lanterns as quoted, but with photo electric cell switching.  
It was agreed to consider possible change-over to photo-electric on other lanterns when the Clerk had found out details of existing timing arrangements and obtained estimates for unit changes. He was instructed to do this.

- (iii) **LOTTERY FUND:** An existing balance of £520, after a debit of £220 for A. R. C. A tables, was noted.  
After the Clerk had reported that no address for 'Thanington 87' had yet been forthcoming, it was agreed to delay making new allocations. Cllr. Mrs. Hughes suggested enquiring if the Play Group of the Tenants' Association had specific needs. The Clerk was instructed to enquire there and maybe, thus, also be able to contact Thanington 87.
- (iv) **CLERK'S COURSE FUNDING:** Replies to the Clerk's requests to C. C. C. & K. C. C. were read. The former is unable to assist. The latter stated that K. A. P. C. had been awarded a grant of £5 000 for 90/91 & 91/92 and that the Clerk should be hearing from them in due course. The Chairman requested the Clerk to write to K. C. C. to express the Parish Council's appreciation.
- (v) **PRECEPT:** The Clerk reported the receipt of £7 500 which he had immediately credited to the Midland Bank H. I. C. A.
- (vi) **HARRIS CHARITY FUND:** The Clerk reported that he had been informed, per telephone, that the C. C. C. had nominated Cllr. Dolby as their Trustee representative.  
The Chairman reported that amalgamation with two other Parish charities seemed likely to be acceptable. He proposed consideration of a possible donation and/or creating interest in a Parish Fund. It was agreed that the idea should be placed on the next Agenda.
13. **CORRESPONDENCE:** KCC Canterbury Library: request for dates of Parish activities This had been circulated. The Clerk was asked to reply that there was none.
- KCC: 'Clean Kent'. Noted  
KCC: RAILINK. Circulated and noted.  
KCC: 'In Touch' Circulated and noted. (Spare copies available)
- CCC City Technical Director: Sewerage overflow. New House Lane. Noted.  
CCC: Minutes of April 11th 1990. Circulated and noted; in particular:-  
Planning appeal. Wincheap Farm.  
A 28 Ashford Road Roundabout.
- KAPC Canterbury Area: Broad Oak Reservoir. 3 booklets circulated & noted.  
KAPC Parish News No: 169 and enclosures. Especially noted in Parish News:-
- (i) Clerks' Information Day on June 23rd 1990 at Charing. It was unanimously agreed that expenses would be paid to allow the Clerk to attend.
- (ii) The amended final date, June 30th, for submission of resolutions for KAPC Annual Meeting, was noted.
- (iii) Clerks' salaries. Attention was drawn to the Item 4, concerning instances where the basing of salary on the number of chargepayers would result in a substantial increase. The Chairman gave his opinion that in view of the recent increase in the size of the Parish and the related work load, that the basis of £1 per Community Charge payer be adhered to. This was unanimously agreed.
- (iv) KCC had agreed to support GlosCAT course candidates by allocating £5 000 for each of the years 90/91 & 91/92, for KAPC to administer.
- (v) National Code of Local Government Conduct. The present voluntary

Code has been replaced by a statutory one. (A copy was enclosed and will be circulated). The existing declaration forms may be used during 1990.

- (vi) Section 137, Local Government Act 1972. The Clerk was instructed to obtain a copy of NALC Legal Topic Note 45, which provides full details of changes in the Act (whereby local councils may spend a limited amount of money for purposes for which they have no other specific statutory expenditure power).
- (vii) Parish Tree Wardens. The comments & leaflet were noted.

The enclosures from KAPC were distributed and the contents noted. They concerned:-  
 Kent Youth Music Association.  
 NALC Annual Report  
 Hadlow College Open Day on June 10th 1990.

Rural Development Commission: The contents of a letter and leaflet, dealing with Rural Transport problems, were noted.

Mrs. Palmer: A letter of appreciation for the flowers, sent at the time of Mr. Arthur Palmer's death, was read.

Mrs. M. Nicholson (Secretary of A.R.C.A.): Two letters were received:-  
 (a) expressing appreciation for the interchange of rooms and  
 (b) providing details of A.R.C.A. activities and invites members.

KIMBERLEY-CLARK: South East in Bloom Competition. Noted.  
 BARWICK: Low-cost housing. Noted.

Mr. P. N. Tory. Wincheap Farm. A reply regarding potentially dangerous child-play was read. The Clerk was instructed to write to express understanding of the farmer's view-point. The Chairman would be referring to the need to supervise children's behaviour in his Report from the Civil Parish Council, in the Parish Magazine. It was pointed out by a Councillor, who lives in Cockering Road, that whereas the hop-poles had been removed from the field, those on the road-side bank still remained.

14. REPORTS: Cllr. Page reported on the K.A.P.C. Canterbury Area Committee meeting which he had attended, together with Cllr. Church. In particular he commented on the presentation given by an official of Mid-Kent Water Co. The theme had been about the Broad Oak Reservoir scheme. Brochures were distributed and a possible programme of development was outlined.

It had also been reported that with the introduction of the Community Charge, District Councils no longer took responsibility for levying monies to pay for Rural Elections. Parishes were advised to bear in mind future increased costs when budgeting. This was agreed.

15. PARISH ASSEMBLY (1) General assessment. There was agreement that the Meeting had been a success. Attendance was slightly below that of last year but altogether greatly in excess of that of the recent past. The hall was comfortably full. The Chairman expressed some surprise over comments that had been made about past notification of the Meeting not having been received. Cllr. Blackman referred to positive remarks that had been made to her about the publicising of the event. Cllr. Church commented that the

advertising expense of approximately £70 seemed, therefore, to have been worthwhile, although it may be considered prudent to reduce it slightly next year. Keeping the distribution of the circularised letter in our own hands seemed to have been beneficial. The basic arrangements of the Meeting were approved and Cllr. Knott was thanked for organising refreshments.

(ii) Matters Arising. The Chairman worked through the items of the Minutes of the Parish Meeting, explaining that the Auditor had suggested that following the filling of a separate Minute Book in 1988 they be kept together with the Parish Council Minutes, in the same book, in future. This had already been done, but they would not be signed before the next Parish Assembly.

- (i) On the subject of providing trees, Cllr. Church referred to a comment by the Countryside Officer that there was currently no pressing need for more.
- (ii) The Clerk was instructed to follow up on criticisms of pavements, made by Mrs. Brown's (Strangers Lane), Mrs. Martin (Bramley Avenue). and Cllr. Knott's specific reference to repairs needed in New House Close. Cllr. Church wondered about the possibility of the Parish contributing towards the costs. The Clerk, undertook to enquire about the legality of this.
- (iii) Cllr. Church expressed appreciation of Mrs. Woods' (New House Lane) remarks concerning The Charities Deposit Account. He would investigate.
- (iv) On the subject of the public footpath, raised by Mr. Smith (New House Lane), the Clerk was advised to write to the District Council. Cllr. Church recommended contacting the Highways Office at Barham. The Clerk reported that after the Meeting, Cllr. Martin Vye had offered his guidance in the matter of Footpaths. Additionally, it was suggested by the Chairman that the matter of concern over footpaths be mentioned in the letter already due to be written to the farmer, Mr. Tory.  
Referring to the proposal at the Meeting of forming a Footpath Committee, it was suggested that the Chairlady of Chartham Parish Council, Mrs. Veronica Litten, be invited to attend our July Council meeting in order to be asked about their experiences of forming such a Footpath Committee. The Chairman suggested that the matter could be reviewed subsequently. The Clerk referred to relevant information and correspondence on file. Cllr. Church also reiterated his suggestion, made at the Parish Meeting, of endeavouring to obtain someone to speak about Footpaths, for next year's Assembly.
- (v) Cllr. Knott had drawn attention to potentially dangerous overhanging trees in Hollow Lane. The Clerk had already reported this matter. The Clerk, was instructed to mention this again when writing on other matters.
- (vi) Cllr. Knott had suggested that a 'Warning-Children' sign be positioned at the entrance to New House Close. Subsequently she requested one for New House Lane. The Clerk was instructed to report these requests.
- (vii) Mr. Martin (Bramley Avenue) had queried the position regarding measures that could be taken by the Council concerning noisy, aggressive dogs. The Clerk was asked to notify the Police.
- (viii) On the subject of the Square Mile scheme, the Clerk reported that he had delivered details to Mrs. Marshall, for consideration by the G.F.S.
- (ix) In connection with possible methods to combat the problems of litter, the Clerk reported that after the Meeting Mr. Daniels

(Bramley Avenue) had expressed willingness to participate. Cllr. Mrs. Blackman commented that she has recently seen new litter bins in place at Hanging Banks. The Chairman requested her to try to find out more details, with a view to further Council discussion and perhaps obtaining other bins.

- (x) The Chairman said that he had personally enjoyed Mr. Tony' Free's illustrated talk and that it appeared to have been generally appreciated. He explained that in addition to expressions of thanks at the end of the Meeting, the Clerk had had an opportunity to express them per telephone.

16. PLANNING APPLICATIONS The Clerk referred to a Press report that there was to be an appeal on June 27th against the City Council decision not to allow Wincheap Farm, Hollow Lane to be used for non-agricultural purposes. The Clerk was instructed to obtain further details of the application to facilitate discussion at the next Council Meeting.

8 Manor Close. C/QA/90/0250/THA Now granted.

CA/90/0404 16 Bramley Avenue. First floor side extension and roof conversion. Councillors comments had been received, summarised and submitted by the Clerk, stating that there was some concern over the disproportionate scale and the probable effect on neighbours' privacy but that there was no Parish Council objection, subject to there being none from neighbours.

CA/90/0447/THA 64 Strangers Lane. Reconstruction & extension to existing garage. Councillors comments were received, summarised and submitted by the Clerk, stating that there was no objection providing that there was none from neighbours and that the enlarged garage be not used for a vehicle repair business. At the meeting Cllr. Stokes drew attention to traffic danger on that corner where there were often several vehicles parked outside No: 64 and Cllr. Mrs. Blackman observed that a large tree in the front garden had already been removed although on the Planning Application Form, Question 8 (Trees), was answered 'No'. The Clerk was instructed to report these additional remarks in a supplementary letter.

17. ST. AUGUSTINE'S DEVELOPMENT & ASHFORD ROAD LINK ROUNDABOUT:

The Clerk had nothing further to report, but some reference to further stages had apparently been seen in an unspecified newspaper. The Clerk was instructed to obtain any additional, official information.

18. PARISH AFFAIRS: (i) The Clerk referred to a request by Mr. Tony Free for possible help with accommodation for volunteer workers in Larkey Valley Woods. The Clerk had recommended him to contact the A. R. C. A. Secretary.
- (ii) The Clerk reported that he had notified the appropriate authorities about faulty phasing in the Thanington Road and Manor Close street lights and had queried the delay in repairing the light opposite 135 Ashford Rd. He had also reported that lights opposite Nos: 1 & 3 in Manor Close were not operating.
- (iii) The broken lamp standard opposite 20, Cockering Road, reported by Cllr. New, had been referred to the appropriate authority
- (iv) Notices announcing a Guided Walk in Larkey Valley Woods on May 20th have been posted by the Clerk on Parish Council boards.

- (v) The Clerk reported some developments in his distance learning course and referred to payment probably being asked for in July. He also told of the four meetings in Gloucester which form an integral part of the course.
- (vi) Cllr. Furness had received complaints about the uneven paving stones near the telephone kiosk on Thanington Road near St. Nicholas Road. The Clerk had reported this matter.
- (vii) The Clerk had informed the City Technical Director of the missing road name sign at Windsor Road.
- (viii) The Clerk had informed Seeboard of the damaged entrance to the sub-station near the telephone kiosk on Thanington Road.
- (ix) Cllr. New reported that rubbish was being tipped by residents on the opposite banking along Cocking Road. She mentioned the occupants of No; 46 specifically. The Clerk was instructed to enquire about the best procedure for dealing with such problems.
- (x) Cllr. Stokes referred to an area approximately 20' by 20' at the top of Cocking Road, near the footpath, where there was a considerable quantity of tipped rubbish. The Clerk was instructed to endeavour to trace the owner of the site.
- (xi) Cllr. Hughes said that the pavement in Strangers Lane was in a generally poor condition. The Clerk was asked to report.
- (xii) Cllr. Eden that during an Auction at Thanington Within Community Centre, there were several cars parked on the pavement outside. The Clerk was asked to inform the Police.
- (xiii) Cllr. Page had been asked by Glenn Sharman, Conservation Warden, to request the Parish Council to inform the CCC of concern over dogs roaming on the farmer's land where 'travellers' are staying. The Clerk was instructed to do so and to inform the Police.

19. BRAMLEY AVENUE LIGHTS: This matter was dealt with under 'FINANCE'.

20. STREET LIGHTING. TRANSFER OF RESPONSIBILITY: A letter had been received from CCC Chief Executive requiring notification of the Parish Council's decision. They were perfectly satisfied when the Clerk reported having long since advised the Technical Director of this: i.e. to assume responsibility as from April 1991.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday, June 11th 1990 at 8 p.m. in Ashford Road Community Centre Clubhouse.

Cllr. Church announced that he would not be able to attend, due to commitment at work. He requested Cllr. Page to act as Chairman then. Cllrs. Miss Knott and Mrs. New tendered apologies in advance as they would be out of the country. These apologies were accepted.

Close of Meeting There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.35 p.m.