

MINUTES OF THE THANINGTON WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL held at the Ashford Road Community Association Hall, Ashford Rd, Monday 11th JUNE 1990 at 8 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs. P. Blackman, Mr. R. Eden, Mrs. F. Hughes
Mr. G. Page. Mr. K. Stokes

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: had been expressed by Cllrs. Mr. C. Church, Mrs. L. New & Miss S. Knott at the previous meeting.
Cllr. G. Furness apologised for his absence, caused by study commitments.

CHAIRMAN: Cllr. Mr. G. Page

1. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING were confirmed and signed.

2. MATTERS ARISING:

- [1.] IN MEMORIAM: The Clerk reported that a donation of £25 had been sent to the Pilgrims Hospice and that a letter of receipt and appreciation had been received. He had informed Mrs. Palmer.
- [2.] KENT TRUST FOR NATURE CONSERVATION : The Clerk had informed K. T. N. C. of the Parish Council's policy decision but he had joined privately; thus documentation will be available.
- [3.] STREET LIGHTING IN COCKERING ROAD: The Clerk reported that he had written about the lights at the lower end of the road not coming on.
- [4.] STREET LIGHTING IN NEW HOUSE LANE: The Clerk had reported that the synchronisation was still faulty.
- [5.] MANOR CLOSE, DAMAGED FENCING: The Clerk reported having received a letter from the contractors (Tilbury Homes Ltd.) and that, in response, he had telephoned them and a site-visit would be arranged.
- [6.] CLERK'S COURSE FUNDING: The Clerk had written to K. C. C. to express the Parish Council's appreciation concerning the promise of funding.
- [7.] KCC CANTERBURY LIBRARY: The Clerk had telephoned to report that there were no special dates for Civil Parish activities during the summer.
- [8.] CLERK'S INFORMATION DAY on June 23rd 1990 at Charing. The Clerk has applied to attend.
- [9.] NATIONAL CODE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONDUCT: It was understood that Cllr. Church was circulating the copy.
- [10.] SECTION 137, Local Government Act 1972. The Clerk had obtained a copy of NALC Legal Topic Note 45.
- [11.] MR. P. N. TORY. Wincheap Farm. The Clerk had written as instructed.
- [12.] MATTERS ARISING FROM PARISH ASSEMBLY:
(i) PAVEMENTS: The Clerk had written to follow up on criticisms of pavements, made by Mrs. Brown (Strangers Lane), Mrs. Martin (Bramley Avenue) and

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- Cllr. Knott (specific reference to repairs needed in New House Close). The Clerk had enquired about the legality of the Parish contributing towards the cost of pavement repairs. A reply from K.A.P.C. indicated that such payments would not be illegal. The Meeting agreed to await the C.C.C. response to the current request for repairs to be carried out.
- (ii) THE CHARITIES DEPOSIT ACCOUNT: Cllr. Church had reported that the results of his investigations about a possible transfer of investment were not positive.
- (iii) PUBLIC FOOTPATHS. The Clerk had written to C.C.C., Cllr. Vye & Mr. Tory, as instructed. A reply from Cllr. Vye was read to the Meeting and it was agreed that the Clerk would contact the various people recommended therein.
- The Chairlady of Chartham Parish Council, Mrs. Veronica Litten had accepted the invitation to attend the July 9th Council meeting at approximately 8.30 p.m. The Clerk had promised her to arrange for transport back to Chartham.
- (iv) HOLLOW LANE TREES: The Clerk had reported this matter again, in writing.
- (v) NEW HOUSE CLOSE, 'Warning-Children' sign. The Clerk had requested this and one for New House Lane.
- (vi) DOGS, reported by Mr. Martin (Bramley Avenue). The Clerk had notified the Police. Inspector Skinner had telephoned to the Clerk and had explained the position regarding this and the three other matters raised. Basically the Public should report directly to the Police, with specific details, as soon as possible and be prepared to appear in Court. It was agreed that the Clerk would inform those who had raised the matters of this action and response.
- (vii) LITTER BINS: Cllr. Blackman reported that she had seen new ones in place on the corners of Strangers Lane & Grays Way, as well as at Hanging Banks; unfortunately they are most often overfull and surrounded by many full plastic bags. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to C.C.C. to express appreciation, but at the same time comment on the condition and need for regular emptying.
- [13.] UNEVEN PAVING STONES near the telephone kiosk on Thanington Road: some repairs had been carried out very quickly. A letter from the Technical Director, in connection with this matter, was read.
- [14.] SEEBOARD SUBSTATION: The Clerk reported that the damaged entrance near the telephone kiosk on Thanington Road has been repaired.
- [15.] RUBBISH TIPPING (1) on banking along Cockering Road. police comments are noted above, under Item 12 (vi) DOGS.
- [16.] RUBBISH TIPPING (2) near footpath/Cockering Road. The Clerk has reported and endeavoured to identify owner of site, through enquiries to C.C.C. & Mr. Tory.
- [17] PAVEMENT IN STRANGERS LANE: The Clerk has reported the poor condition.
- [18.] PARKING ON PAVEMENT outside Thanington Within Community Centre. The Clerk had reported to the Police. The response is given above, under Item 12 (vi) DOGS. However, Inspector Skinner undertook to arrange checking.

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[19.] ROAMING DOGS reported by Mr. Glenn Sharman, Conservation Warden. The Police response is stated above, under Item 12 (vi) DOGS. The Clerk was asked to inform Mr. Sharman.

3. APPROVE PAYMENTS.

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| Commercial Union Assurance | £94.49 |
| D.E. Gould. Clerk (reimbursement for Petty Cash) | £20.00 |
| K.A.P.C. (Clerk's Info. course) | £13.80 |

(All three above-mentioned cheques were signed urgently by Cllrs. Church & Knott, on May 16th).

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| C.H. Church. [Chairman's allowance]. | £50.00 |
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(Signed urgently by Cllrs. Page & Knott on May 16th)

NOTE: Confirmation of the above four payments was proposed by Cllr. Eden and seconded by Cllr. Blackman, in the absence of the actual signatories, Cllrs. Church & Knott.

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| SEEBOARD plc. [for Bramley Ave. lighting] | £142.60 |
| (inc. VAT £18.60) | |

Payment proposed by Cllr. Hughes and seconded by Cllr. Stokes.

4. FINANCE

Commercial Union Assurance: The Clerk explained that there was now a new N.A.L.C. Scheme for coverage. Cover had been ensured by immediate payment of the Renewal Notice, but any necessary future adjustments would depend on the reply awaited from Commercial Assurance. The Clerk had confirmed this by telephone.

Lottery Fund: The C.C.C. had advised that the unused balance is now £645. The Clerk had contacted Mr. Isherwood, as a representative of 'Thanington '87', but was informed that there was currently no need of further funding.

A letter from Thanington Within Play Group was read expressing appreciation of possible help to purchase specific items. It was proposed by Cllr. Blackman and seconded by Cllr Stokes that £200 be offered. Upon Cllr. Eden expressing the proviso that the use of the funds be specified, the Clerk reminded that this would be safeguarded in the form of application. On these conditions, the Clerk was instructed to process this arrangement.

SEEBOARD: A letter announcing Zero VAT rating from 1/7/90 was noted.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. & Mrs. Ludgrove: had written to express appreciation of the Chairman's presentation for their Golden Wedding.

K.C.C.: Railink No: 5 (Circulated and noted)

Budget Furniture: Noted & to be filed

N.A.L.C.: 'Review' (Circulated and noted)

SEEBOARD: Maintenance schedule for June. (Noted)

British Telecom: Re. Bramley Avenue. A long delayed reply that

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Telecom poles could not be used for lighting was noted.
 Citizens Advice Bureau, Canterbury: A letter about Home-visiting was read. It was proposed by Cllr. Eden and seconded by Cllr. Hughes that a grant of £12,50 be made. Cllr. Blackman proposed that the information be posted in the Clubhouse. The Clerk was asked to deal with these matters.
 C.C.C.: Details of City councillors. (These had been circulated and councillors expressed appreciation of their usefulness)
 K.A.P.C. Canterbury Area: Minutes of 25/4/90 and Agenda 18/7/90
 The Minutes had previously been reported and the Agenda was read out.
 Trees for Kent: Parish Tree Warden Scheme. It was proposed by Cllr. Blackman and seconded by Cllr. Stokes that Mr. Sharman be asked if he would be willing to assume this office and attend the meeting in Godmersham on July 1st. If so, travelling expenses would be defrayed by the Council. The Clerk was asked to approach Mr. Sharman about this matter.
 Leeds Conference Digest. Rail Link comments were noted.
 K.A.P.C. Parish News No: 170 was circulated. It was noted, together with enclosures:-
 (i) K.T.N.C. Road Verge Training Day.
 (ii) K.R.C.C. Rural sub-post offices questionnaire. The Clerk was instructed to pass this to the sub-postmaster.
 (iii) N.A.L.C. Clerks' salaries. The highlights were read, the paper was circulated and the contents noted.
 LOCAL CHARITY No: 2. (Circulated & noted as being a possibly useful publication, in the future)
 AUSPLAY: a catalogue of Playground equipment furniture. (Noted)
 OAST TO COAST: SUMMER 1990: (Circulated). Attention drawn to an article on Chartham's C.A.R.E. and to a Rights of Way Conference on September 12th.

6. REPORTS The Clerk referred very briefly to having participated in the KTNC-organised Walk, led by Mr. Glenn Sharman, through Larkey Valley Woods on May 20th. About 40 people took part and enjoyed a pleasant experience in excellent weather; the majority were from without the Parish.

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Wincheap Farmhouse CA/89/0510/CAN/51 Appeal. (27/6).

A letter had been received from C.C.C. in response to a request for the reasons for refusal of the application. The Clerk was instructed to write in support of the C.C.C.'s position and to stress the possible traffic difficulties.

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| <u>Milton Manor Barn</u> CA/89/1354/THA | Approved. |
| <u>Milton Manor Barn</u> CA/89/0153/THA | Approved |
| <u>16, Bramley Ave.</u> CA/90/0404/THA | Refused |

'Spindles', Cockerling Road. CA/90/0583/THA

Single-storey rear extension & erection of detached garage. This had been circulated and commented upon. The Clerk was instructed to summarise and express no Parish Council objection, subject to there being none from neighbours.

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'Whitegates', Tonford Lane: CA/90/0552/THA

Demolition of bungalow & erection of two-storey building. This had been circulated but had not been returned to the Meeting. Councillors present expressed no objections but commented that they would like the site to be tidied. The Clerk was instructed to attempt to obtain the comments completed as far as possible and to submit his summary accordingly.

A 28 / Cockering Rd. link road. CA/90/0596/THA (Circulated)

After lengthy discussion, the Clerk was asked to express basic approval, but to point out concern over the following aspects:-

- (a) The effect that the closure of Cockering Road would have on the residents to the east of the closure point (e.g. Manor Close) and on traffic leaving from there being forced to use the A28.
- (b) Item 7 on Planning Application Form 1 was queried, where it was indicated that there would be no alteration of an existing vehicular access.
- (c) Footpaths would be needed for pedestrian safety, both along the proposed new link road and the existing Cockering Road, west of the closure.
- (d) Adequate street lighting of all the roads involved.
- (e) Are Bretts or the developers of St. Augustine's site to provide the link road?

Cllr. Page pointed out that a letter had previously been submitted from the Parish Council on September 14th 1989.

64 Strangers Lane CA/90/0447/THA. A letter from the Technical Director replying to comments which had been made about this application to reconstruct and extend the existing garage was read. Notification of approval was also received and noted.

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

In addition to discussions referred to above, under PLANNING APPLICATIONS a letter from the City Technical Director was read, concerning progress of the Draft Development Brief.

9. PARISH AFFAIRS

- (i) The Clerk mentioned the Golden Wedding presentation to Mr & Mrs Ludgrove, referred to above under CORRESPONDENCE..
- (ii) A damaged street-name sign in Strangers Close had been reported by the Clerk.
- (iii) Damaged paving-stones alongside the Playing Field fence had been reported by the Clerk.
- (iv) Cllr. Page commented on the long lines of traffic along Thanington Road & Ashford Road, waiting to enter Canterbury. After discussions about traffic light phasing, it was agreed that the problem may well be connected with other more central delays and it would perhaps be better to wait before suggesting phasing changes.
- (v) Cllr. Eden said that the light in Cockering Road, opposite St. Nicholas Road, was largely hidden by foliage and so is the road-name sign. The Clerk was asked to report this.
- (vi) Cllr Blackman referred to overhanging shrubbery at No: 3 Tonford

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Lane. She also told of a few damaged British Telecom man-hole covers along Tonford Lane, north of the level-crossing. The Clerk was asked to report both matters to the respective authorities.

- (vii) Cllr. Stokes reported that the stile from Cockering Road leading to FP 490 had been sawn down. The Clerk was instructed to report this, but to take the opportunity to request a kissing-gate replacement and, additionally, to request that there should not be a stile replacement instead, until this has been agreed.

10. BRAMLEY AVENUE LIGHTING

In addition to the payment for the installation of two new lights, dealt with under 'APPROVE PAYMENTS', a letter from Seaboard was read, which gave details of alternative charges for various change-overs to photocell controls. A total additional charge of £132,90 per annum was estimated for all lights (except two) currently under Parish control. Mr. Bingham, the Contracting Engineer, commented in favour of photocells.

Whilst councillors discussions tended to favour also changing the existing Bramley Avenue lights to photocells, some concern was expressed over possible objections by residents in the area of the existing lights.. It was decided to ask Cllr. Furness to make local enquiries and unless he found considerable objection, to request Seaboard to make all lights in Bramley Avenue the photocell type. Meanwhile, the Clerk was also instructed to request a slight delay in installation..

11. STREET LIGHTING. TRANSFER OF RESPONSIBILITY

Whereas charges quoted in the letter from Seaboard regarding Bramley Avenue provide a guide, it was noted that the figures quoted had taken no account of columns intended to be adopted from Canterbury City Council.

12. HARRIS CHARITY FUND The Chairman reported on behalf of Cllr. Church.

It was suggested that, in connection with the probable combining of the Harris Fund with two other, smaller ones (Sankey & Powell), Canterbury City Cllr. Simon Dolby should be approached to act as the Parish Council's other nominated representative for those two, in addition to being the City Council representative for the Harris Fund. The Clerk was instructed to approach him and to confirm this action with the Vicar, when asking him to process the arrangement. Additionally, Cllr. Church proposed to write in the Parish Magazine, encouraging donations which would further increase the total of the combined Charities. Cllr. Eden wanted to be sure that the highest possible interest would be obtained from investments.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING : this was set for Monday, July 9th 1990 at 8 p.m.

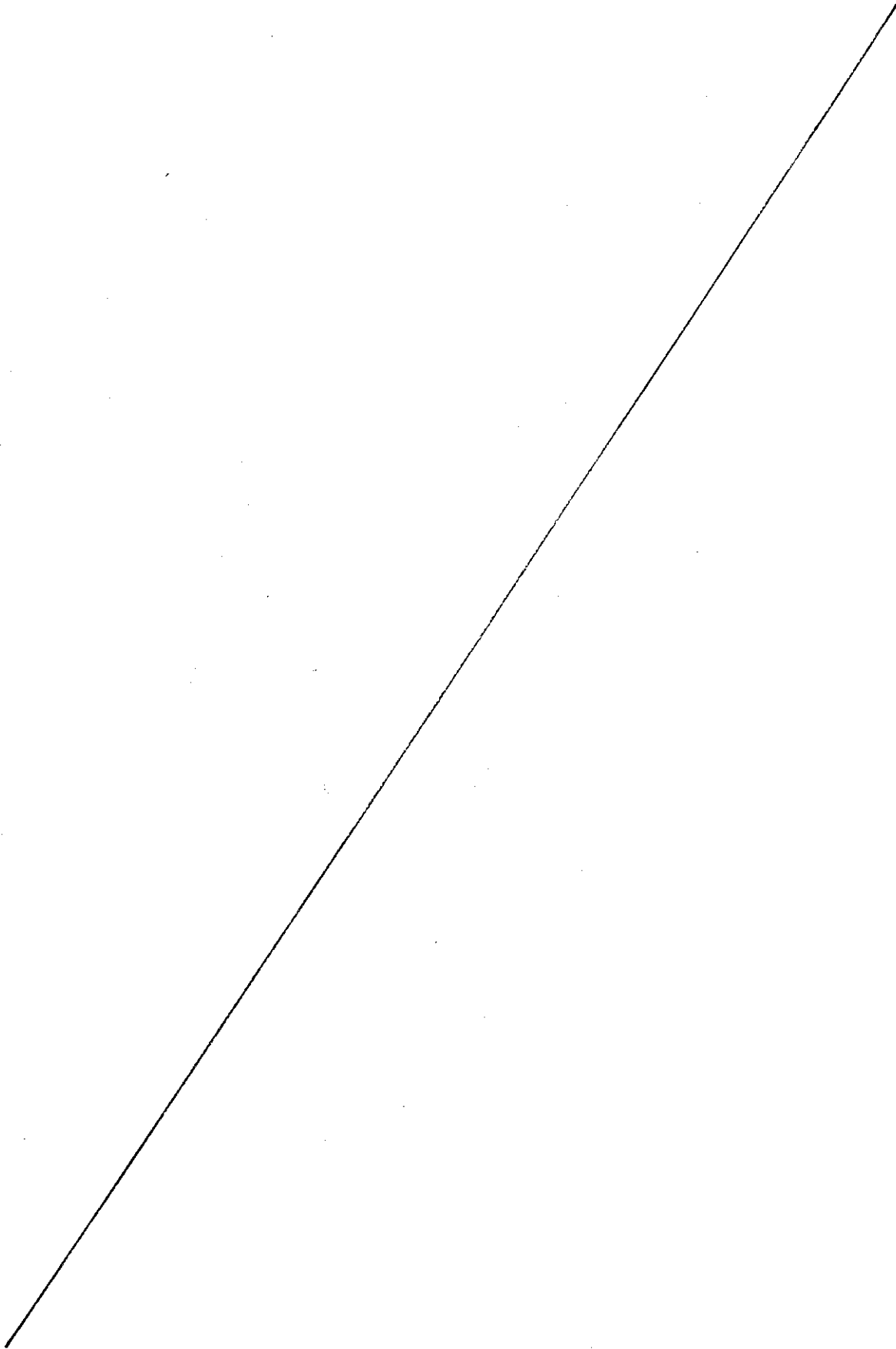
Cllr. Page presented his apologies in advance as he will be on holiday.

Close of Meeting: There being no other business, the Chairman declared the Meeting closed at 9.55 p.m.

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