

MINUTES OF THE THANINGTON WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL held at the Ashford Road Community Association Hall, Ashford Rd, Monday 12th NOVEMBER 1990 at 8 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs. P. Blackman, Mrs. N. Burton, Mr. C. Church,  
Mrs. F. Hughes, Miss S. Knott, Mr. G. Page & Mr. K. Stokes.  
Eleven local electors were present.  
Mons. F. Belleteste, a French student of Local Government, at  
Canterbury University was present, by invitation.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Cllr. Mr. R. Eden, who is incapacitated.  
His apology was accepted. The Chairman reported that Cllr. Eden had intimated  
his intention to submit his resignation, on the grounds of ill-health. He added  
that this would be accepted with regret. He asked councillors to consider  
recommending suitable candidates for the casual vacancy which would ensue  
upon the receipt of Cllr. Eden's resignation.  
Cllr. Mr. G. Furness was also absent from the meeting.

CHAIRMAN: Cllr. Mr. C. H. Church.

At the suggestion of the Chairman, it was approved that **ITEM 13** on the  
Agenda, **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**, be dealt with first of all, in order to  
accommodate the Chairman & Secretary of that organisation. They had been  
invited to attend in order to report on difficulties. Mr. Keith  
Miller, Chairman, announced that Herne Bay & Canterbury areas had been  
combined and would be co-ordinated by a full-time Police officer. He was not  
optimistic but would reserve judgement.  
He stated that neither he nor the Secretary would be willing to stand  
for re-election and that, unless someone came forward, the local  
organisation would have to be abandoned. They would be publicising the  
situation and would be grateful for support from the Parish Council e.g. in the  
Chairman's regular report in the Church Magazine. They would report to the  
Council on the outcome of their February 4th meeting.

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

2. MATTERS ARISING

- [1.] The Clerk confirmed that he had sent condolences to the family of  
Mr. Kenneth McMillan of New House, on behalf of the Parish Council.
- [2.] The Clerk confirmed that CCC had been advised that Mrs. N. Burton had been co-  
opted as a councillor for North Ward. It was noted that arrangements for  
bank account signature would be made.
- [3.] The Clerk reported that a reply had been received from CCC stating that there  
were provisional plans to plant three lime trees along Thanington Road. He had  
written to inform and thank the Tree Warden, Mr. Glenn Sharman.
- [4.] The Clerk reported that he had not yet heard from the Vicar in the matter of  
the Lottery Fund.
- [5.] Cllr. Knott opined that the repaired seat would be returned in due course. She  
drew attention to the need to consider the position of electric cables.
- [6.] The Clerk reported that after he had written about materials left by Council  
workers, most specifically at the lower end of Strangers Lane, he had received  
a telephone call from CCC intimating that this would be included in clearing up  
after the new pavement works. The Clerk has subsequently written to state that  
the clearance was not very well done.
- [7.] Cllr. Stokes commented that the 'skips' situation was virtually unchanged. It

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- was agree to consider the position at the next meeting.
- [18.] The Clerk reported that the road name at Strangers Close had now been replaced.
- [19.] The Clerk had received a reply from Tonford Farm stating that repairs to the broken fence, by the footpath from Tonford Lane CB 456, were now in hand.
- [10.] On the subject of the Lottery Fund, Cllr. Knott reported that the Hilltop Club would be meeting next week. A reply from the Ashford Road Community Association was read. It was proposed by the Chairman and unanimously approved that the Council would support their application for £213 to purchase 30 green chairs for the hall.
- [11.] The Clerk confirmed that he had signed and returned the new SEEBOARD Agreement.
- [12.] The Clerk reported that he had written to KCC to propose bringing increased pressure on the Government and British Rail, as suggested by NDRC and had sent a copy to NDRC.
- [13.] The Clerk informed that he had sent for, and received, a copy of DoE Circular 17/90: Rights of Way Act '90
- [14.] Concerning Planning Application CA/90/1111/THA 179-183 Ashford Road, for the erection of six 2 bedroom dwellings, the Clerk reported that he had consulted past records and found no significant reservations. Whereupon, he had replied that the Council had no objections but he stated councillors' various concerns.
- [15.] The Clerk reported that SEEBOARD had written to say that they had repaired the light outside 53 New House Lane and six others in the area. Although normally chargeable, this work had been carried out at SEEBOARD's own cost.
- [16.] The Clerk reported that he had been informed by telephone that the requested estimate for the conversion to photo-cell lighting controls in the New House Lane area, was in the pipe-line. It was noted that this figure is needed for budgeting.
- [17.] The Clerk reported that CCC had telephoned in the matter of the 'No Cycling' 'Warning-Children' notices, stating that the matters were being investigated. The same applied concerning the dangerous corner on lower Hollow Lane and also the rubbish in Cockering Road. The Clerk was asked to bear these matters in mind.
- [18] The Clerk reported that he had notified CCC about the missing 'Thanington Road' sign. The Clerk undertook to contact CCC again to clarify the location.
- [19] The Clerk reported that he had written to thank Cllr. Martin Vye who had written about the stiles erected at the points where footpaths CB 464 & 485 cross the road. The Clerk had also received a letter from Mr. Tory, Wincheap, Farm, regarding Footpath CB 491
- [20.] The Clerk reported not having had a reply from Mr. Armishaw, regarding Emergency Planning, and having been unsuccessful in attempts to contact him, just prior to the meeting. The Clerk was asked to try again.
- [21.] Since the Clerk had reported writing to express local dissatisfaction with pavement surfaces and pavement & street cleaning, some councillors were pleased to note some small signs of activity and improvement. In particular, a street sweeper had been seen in action. Kiosk cleaning had also impressed one councillor.
- The possibility of the Clerk writing positively, in the future, to point out that these actions had been observed and appreciated, was recommended and approved.

### 3. TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS:

GEERINGS (Paper supplies)

£22.70

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inc. VAT 2.96  
Payment was proposed by Cllr. Knott and seconded by Cllr. Page.

KAPC £8.50  
(Lunches for 2 representatives at AGM)  
This had already been approved in principle and was signed on 10/10/90 by Cllr. G. Page and Cllr. K. Stokes. This was confirmed and unanimously approved.

SEEBOARD £382,95  
Bramley Ave. lighting. including VAT 49,95  
Payment was proposed by Cllr. Church and seconded by Cllr. Stokes

4. FINANCE:

The Clerk reported that a VAT Refund of £128 had been received and banked

*Election Expenses.* Letters from KAPC & CCC were read. These outlined considerations to be borne in mind when preparing next year's Precept.

A letter from *Commercial Union Assurance* was read. It provided details of charges for 'All risks cover' or 'Impact only', for Street Lighting; £120 or £80 respectively. It was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Cllr. Page that the 'All risks' option be selected. This was unanimously agreed. The Clerk stated that he could now go ahead with completion of the revised Assurance Policy details.

Details of a *Centenary Appeal* for NALC funds, at a suggested rate of 0.5% of the Precept for the next three years, was discussed. It was proposed by Cllr. Page and seconded by Cllr. Knott that an amount of £30 be pledged for each of the years 1991/2, 1992/3 and 1993/4. The Clerk was instructed to see to the matter

Details of the *Irish Bank high interest account*, which had been received through the KAPC, were discussed. The Clerk was instructed to obtain further details from the Midland Bank and the Irish Bank, especially in the light of the abolition of the Composite Rate Tax on April 6th 1991.

5. CORRESPONDENCE:

- KCC: Planning (i) Common Land Conference : noted.
- (ii) Request to store inert material at Milton Processing Plant. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to KCC to point out the probable increase in traffic since the approval in 1975.
- (iii) Local Plan for Waste disposal. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to express the Council's wish to encourage recycling, especially using of bottle banks. There was, however, difficulty with siting. Perhaps consideration could be given to this problem in the Draft Plan.

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(v) Kent Structure Plan. A proposed third Review was noted.  
 CCC: MINUTES had been circulated. They were presumed to currently  
 be with Cllr. Furness  
 CCC: ANNUAL REPORT of Chief Executive. To be circulated.  
 KAPC: Parish News No: 173 circulated.  
 K. T. N. C.: Roadside Verge Management Information was noted  
 GLASDON: Winter Safety: brochure to be filed.

6. REPORTS:

KAPC AGM. November 3rd

Cllr. Page presented a detailed report of the meeting attended by Cllr. Stokes and himself. These details of the outcome of resolutions will be available, but attention was drawn to the new subscription rates. The Clerk was asked to compare with the existing amount. Attention was also drawn to the question of VAT payments. Some literature hand-outs were brought back by the representatives.

*KAPC Canterbury Area Quarterly meeting.* Cllr. Page also presented a report on this meeting which he had attended, together with Cllr. Church. The main item for comment was the disparity between the figures for provision of housing in the St. Augustine's development, presented by the Chairman of the CCC Planning Committee, who addressed the meeting on the subject of the Canterbury Local Plan, and those previously announced. The Clerk was asked to write to the Planning Officer to express concern and query if the figures were correct.

Footpaths: A report submitted by Miss Stella Williams, on behalf of the Footpaths Group, was presented by the Clerk, under the separate Item 11. FOOTPATHS on the Agenda.

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS: CA/90/0596/THA

(a) Miscellaneous

Ashford Rd. & Cockerling Rd. Link road. Granted.

CA/90/1152/THA 16 Bramley Ave.

Conservatory & dormer window to rear of the development.

CA/90/1143/THA 13 Cockerling Road. Extension to Motor  
 Vehicle Workshop.

Both the above applications were circulated by the Clerk together with a copy of details of a previously refused application for 16, Bramley Ave.

Comments indicating 'no objection subject to none from neighbours' were forwarded to CCC. for both, in time for dead-line date..

(b)

CA/90/1190/THA. Wincheap Farm. Leisure development to provide a Golf Course & Driving Range with associated uses and including related and ancillary development.

*NOTE: In view of this being such a large development, affecting so many residents, an Open Meeting was called, to be held one hour before this Council Meeting. The media were informed. Mr. Tory the land-owner, a representative of the Planning Department of CCC and a*

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**Open views**

Residents will be able to express their views about plans to build a golf course and other leisure facilities at Wincheap Farm at an open meeting on Monday at 7pm. The meeting will be held at the Ashford Road Community Association's clubhouse, Ashford Road, Tharlington.

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representative of the press, as well as approximately fifty local electors had attended this Open Meeting. A presentation by Mr. Tory and a question & answer session were recorded by the Clerk.

Mr. Tory stated that golf specialist consultants had deemed the site to be very suitable for a golf course. He indicated that main buildings were visualised in a central position with two points of access from New House Lane and the north. He was aware of traffic difficulties, especially in Hollow Lane, and recognised that the final application would have to satisfy authorities in this respect. Concern over traffic was the main concern and often repeated.

A decision about the type of membership had not yet been made, but probably a Club, with about 300 members. It was estimated by advisers that about 10 cars an hour would arrive. This was challenged. There were several enquiries about ancillary buildings and Mr. Tory said that he would have to come back with such details. Anxiety about the footpath and even possible danger from golf balls was not considered by Mr. Tory to be a great problem and the footpaths would be fully preserved and taken into consideration in planning the course and safety matters taken into consideration by experts. There would be landscaping and tree planting. Any proposed driving range would not be extensive nor floodlit. Course play would only be in daylight.

Mr. Tory seemed keen to encourage horse-riding and thought that existing buildings might basically be very suitable. This would be concentrated on indoor dressage and not riding out along adjacent roads.


Considerable concern was expressed over the loss of agricultural land. Mr. Tory denied that he currently had alternative development plans, if the golf course application were refused. The Chairman pointed out that there were several safeguards in the Structural Plan.

Reference was made to the fact that about forty applications for conversion of agricultural land to golf courses had been received in Kent. It was understood that a guide-lines report was expected soon from the District Council.

Mr. Tory expressed disappointment that he had not been able to meet with the Planning Department before this stage had been reached.

The public were invited to stay on to the Council meeting but were advised by the Chairman that they would not be allowed to make uninvited comments. He added that, since the CCC had asked the developers for further information, a more detailed outline application might then be circulated for comment. Thus, it seemed almost certain that there would be further deliberations and future opportunities for another Open Meeting with more detail provided; possibly with St. Faith's Hall as the venue.

Having listened to what was said at the Open Meeting, the councillors presented their own views. They noted that the majority opinion at the Meeting had been opposed to the idea. Generally, the Councillors sympathised with this, although some Councillors were aware that in some circumstances a golf course might be worth considering in principle rather than other forms of development. However, the present application was by far too vague and problematic to be acceptable. There were a number of areas of concern. These

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included (i) the loss of agricultural land, (ii) various footpath problems, (iii) ancillary developments, (iv) construction work and (v) traffic. It was suggested that a comment be made to the effect that the Planning formed used did not seem very suitable in this instance. It was also hoped that a General report on Planning Applications for Golf Courses would be soon available.

Summing up, the Chairman noted that the view, clearly expressed, was that the proposal was too vague and should be rejected. However, it was noted that a re-submission might be forthcoming, in which case further public consultation would be necessary. In the interim, the Clerk was asked to contact the Planning Office and check whether the deadline of November 16th still stood. If so, he was to convey the Council's negative view and to follow it up with a fuller submission once a draft had been circulated to all Councillors, for their views. If the dead-line had been relaxed, the full report could be submitted whenever ready. He was also asked to contact Mrs. Le Pelley, of the Planning Department, about her prepared general report on Golf Courses in the District.

The Chairman's proposals were unanimously approved and the Clerk was instructed to carry out these suggestions.

8. ST. AUGUSTINE'S DEVELOPMENT AND A 28 ROUNDABOUT:

It was noted that under item 7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS, on the Agenda, reference had been made to the granting of Application CA/90/0596/THA, in connection with the proposed link road.

9. KENT MINERALS LOCAL PLAN: CONSTRUCTION AGGREGATES:

Further information had been circulated to all councillors. The Chairman referred to the Planning Committee site inspection on Oct. 24th and of comments made by Cllr. Whitemore and by Chartham P.C. Chairman to KCC. It was proposed by the Chairman and agreed by the meeting that the Clerk should write to KCC in support of the comments made by CCC, especially P.21 (c) of their Consultative Draft

10. PARISH AFFAIRS:

The Clerk had reported a missing litter bin from Ashford Rd/Grays Way and had requested an extra on the opposite corner.

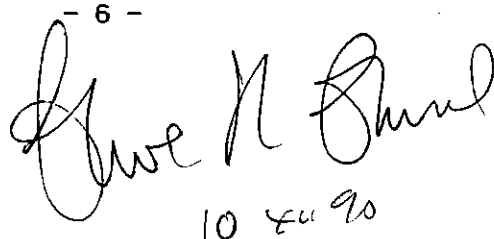
He reported the completion of a new pavement at the lower end of Strangers Lane and two new-style replacement phone boxes at Thanington Road.

The Clerk had requested more posters from the Citizens Advice Bureau and had delivered them to Thanington Within Community Centre and sent one to Cllr. Knott for St. Faith's Hall.

The Clerk had reported defaced road name signs at Alfred Close and Godwin Ave.

Clerk reported receipt of confirmation of Thanington Road notice board siting, from City Estates.

This board has since been vandalised and the Clerk is enquiring about repairs. The Clerk queried the possibility of minuting permission for him to be able to immediately initiate future, similar repairs, subject to certain limitations. It was proposed by the Chairman and unanimously agreed to allow this, up to a limit of approximately £50.

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The Clerk reported that, in connection with the GLOSCAT course, he hopes to sit in on Council meetings in all three neighbouring parishes in the next month.

Cllr. Knott raised the question of a caravan parked in a front garden in Athelstan Road. The Clerk was instructed by the meeting to enquire from the Planning Department about general regulations governing such matters.

Cllr. Knott also reported that a tractor had deposited a lot of mud on New House Lane. She had telephoned to the Police and Council workers arrived to clear it, very quickly.

Cllr. Knott reported a rut in the road outside 4 New House Lane. Speaking on behalf of Cllr. Eden, Cllr. Page reported 2"-3" of muddy sludge at the extreme eastern end of Cockering Road. The Clerk was asked to refer this to CCC and to inform Mr. Tory, when next in communication with him.

Cllr. Page reported that a litter bin was missing from Hanging Banks lay-by.

Cllr. Blackman reported that the footway from Milton Bridge to Ashford Road is in a poor condition.

- 11. FOOTPATHS: A letter from KCC Highways regarding small funds for voluntary works. was noted.

The Clerk reported a telephone call from Cllr. Vye concerning proposed Golf Course, especially from the point of view of footpaths. He requested to be kept informed.

On the subject of ownership of the land on which CB 491 is situated, the Clerk had written to Mr. Tory, Wincheap Farm. His reply denied ownership. The Clerk followed up with the same query to KCC Highways who telephoned, that they would investigate.

A Report made by Miss Stella Williams commented favourably on most of the footpaths. The Footpaths Group had walked them all, very recently. The only real section causing concern was CB 464 (CC 58) which was almost completely obstructed in places and used for dumping. It is behind houses on the southern side of Ashenden Close. The Clerk was asked to enquire if Cllr. Furness would look into this matter. A note was made of all the Group's observations and a copy sent to the CCC Footpaths Officer. Some specific questions were asked and plastic markers requested. The Clerk was asked to thank Miss Williams on behalf of the Council.

- 12. BRAMLEY AVENUE LIGHTING: The Clerk reported that this was now completed.

- 13. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH: This matter was dealt with at the start of the Meeting.

- 14. HARRIS CHARITY: There was nothing to report.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: this was set for MONDAY DECEMBER 10th 1990 at 8 p.m.

Close of Meeting: There being no other business, the Chairman declared the Meeting closed at 10.06 p.m.

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