

MINUTES OF THE THANINGTON WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL held at the Ashford Road Community Association Hall, Ashford Rd, Monday 14th JANUARY 1991 at 8 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs. P. Blackman, Mrs. N. Burton, Mr. G. Furness
Mr. G. Page & Mr. K. Stokes.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr. Mr. C. Church due to conflicting work commitments.
Cllr. Mrs. Hughes due to ill-health.
Cllr. Ms. Knott due to icy road conditions.
All these apologies were accepted.

CHAIRMAN: Cllr. Mr. G. Page.

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

2. MATTERS ARISING

Previous Apologies for Absence: The Clerk confirmed that he had written to Mr. Eden, as instructed. The Clerk drew attention to the fact that councillors' resignations should be addressed to the Chairman.

- (1.) The Clerk reported that he had written to SEEBOARD to instruct them to proceed with the conversion of the 10 lights, as instructed.
- (2.) The Clerk reported that a new 'Thanington Road' sign had been erected near the corner of Grays Way. He had been informed by CCC that the replacement near A2(T) was expected very soon.
- (3.) The Clerk reported that he had written to Mr. Armishaw, who had agreed to help with Emergency Planning. He added that he had received reading materials from the Emergency Planning Officer (Mr. Gavlin), which he would circulate. Following notification by Mr. Armishaw that he had still heard nothing from CCC, the Clerk left a message for Mr. Gavlin to this effect.
- (4.) The Clerk reported that he had instructed the Bank, regarding the Centenary Appeal for NALC funds, as requested.
- (5.) The Clerk reported that he had telephoned to CCC regarding the caravan. He was informed that it was a complicated internal matter. He was subsequently told that the appropriate department was following up the matter.
- (6.) The Clerk reported that he had written to the Irish Bank and the Midland Bank, as requested.
- (7.) The Clerk indicated that no action had been taken on the Community Rights Project: Public access to Health Authority matters.
- (8.) The Clerk confirmed that he had written to CCC about the provision of a larger litter bin at Hanging Banks and also regarding "Wheellie Bins", as requested. During a telephone conversation on other litter matters, he had received somewhat non-committal comments about provisions at Hanging Banks.

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3. TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS:

K. Stokes £10, 30
Travel claim KAPC AGM

This payment was proposed by Cllr. Page and seconded by Cllr. Burton.:

KCC (KCS) £109, 35
Photocopier rental.

This payment was proposed by Cllr Burton & seconded by Cllr. Blackman.

D. E. GOULD £590, 76
Salary Oct, Nov, Dec £555, 55
2/3 Telephone rental (with VAT) £15, 21
Petty Cash reimbursement £20, 00

This payment was proposed by Cllr. Stokes & seconded by Cllr. Blackman.

Commercial Union Assurance £39. 72

This payment was proposed by Cllr. Page & seconded by Cllr. Stokes.

KCC (KCS) £89, 68
Stationery

This payment was proposed by Cllr. Blackman & seconded by Cllr. Burton

4. FINANCE: The Clerk reported that he had submitted the 1991/92 Precept Application in the sum of £5800. He had also enquired about 'concurrent powers' but had not yet received a reply. He reported that it would probably be the amount of £1800 for Lighting (power & maintenance and improvement) which could come under that heading. This figure would represent just under £1 off the Parish Community Charge.

The Chairman read a letter received from the Canterbury Area of KAPC, drawing attention to the Cost of Parish Council Elections in 1991. The contents were noted.

On the subject of the Lottery Fund, the Clerk reported that he had not heard anything further from the Hilltop Club nor the Vicar of St. Nicholas Church.

It was proposed by the Chairman and unanimously agreed that, in response to an appeal by Kent Rural Community Council, a sum of £10 be forwarded for 1990/91 and a further £10 in 91/92. The Clerk was instructed to make these arrangements.

In order to up-date the record of signatories, as required for the National Savings Investment account, those present signed the form.

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The Chairman drew attention to a letter from KCC Supplies, indicating that Photocopier Charges would be increased by 2% as from January '91.

The Chairman read out a letter from Commercial Union Assurance Company, requesting payment of £39,72 as a pro-rata addition in the revised renewal premium.

The Midland HICA showed Interest to Dec. 7th 1990 as £368,67
 The Statement Balance at 27/12/90 was £12136,13
 The Current a/c Statement balance at 31/12/90 was £737.48
 The Clerk explained, at some length, a query concerning an Audit Information Charge for £28,75. He had been advised by KAPC to await a response from NALC.

5. CORRESPONDENCE:

- SLCC. Annual Conference. This was noted.
 KCC Railink No: 10 (Had been circulated)
 CCC TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: Footway: Milton Bridge to Ashford Rd. The Chairman read out this letter. Its contents were unenthusiastically noted.
 KAPC: PARISH NEWS NO: 175. Copies had been circulated. The Chairman drew attention to the Training & Conferences dates. He also emphasised the important dates in the 1991 Local Council Elections Timetable. The Clerk offered to collect Nomination Papers for all councillors, but stressed that returning them in good time was each individual's responsibility.
 GLASDON: Winter Safety brochure was circulated and will be filed.
 KRCC: Notice of the Village Halls Conference 1991: It was agreed that the Clerk should pass the papers to the Ashford Road Community Association, in case they were interested.
 SLCC. The Clerk remarked upon the late receipt of a communication which included a form for Subscription Renewal. This would appear on the next Agenda.

6. REPORTS: There was none.

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

- (a) CA/90/1190/THA. Wincheap Farm. Golf Course.
 The Clerk reported that there had been no new developments. He had up-dated the Policy statement by adding the paragraphs referred to in the December 1990 Minutes, which had arisen following the latest review.
 Attention was drawn to a copy of letter sent by Mr. & Mrs. Kimberley, of Westwinds, New House Lane, to the Planning Department. The Clerk was asked to write to say that their comments had been noted by the Parish Council.
- (b) Miscellaneous:
- CA/90/1388/THA St. Nicholas Church.
 Extension to vestry.
 Papers had been circulated. The published date for return was 11/1/91, but telephoned conversation

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agreed to submission after Jan. 14th Meeting, because of delayed posting. Unfortunately, they were not returned for discussion at the P.C. meeting. However, agreement was so strong, from the considerable majority who had already seen the Application details that, after some further explanation, it was unanimously agreed that the Clerk should write to state that there was no objection.

CA/90/1284/THA 4, Tonford Lane.
Single-storey side extension. This had been granted.

CA/90/1143/THA 13, Cockering Road.
Rear extension and car park. This had been granted.

c) The Chairman reiterated that March 20th 1991 was the date of the Appeal by Mr. & Mrs. Rice, Land at Wincheap Farm: (CA/89/1455/THA) for the erection of a farmhouse.

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

Copies of revised brief had been received and circulated. Apart from some relatively minor observations, there was general agreement that the Revised Brief was acceptable. It was noted that it had already been approved by the City Council.

9. CLEAN KENT CAMPAIGN:

The Clerk admitted to some apparent misunderstanding when he had noted a request for this item on the Agenda. Subsequently, no motivation for this request could be discovered and consequently councillors agreed to leave this item with no further discussion.

10. PARISH AFFAIRS:

Initial arrangements for the next Parish Meeting were discussed. After dates in March were considered, the Chairman referred to the fact that this would mean that the detailed Financial Statement would not allow for the use of the end of the year balance. This would result in a skewed comparison with last year's figures and most probably next year's as well. It was agreed that the Meeting should be timed to allow local expressions of opinion before the coming elections. Thursday April 4th was proposed by Cllr. Page and unanimously accepted. The Clerk was asked to obtain confirmation that the ARCA Clubhouse would be available.

The Clerk reported that he had received copies of Notices giving details of refuse Collection during the Christmas/New Year period. These had been posted on Parish notice boards.

A local resident reported street light failure outside 32 Manor Close. The Clerk notified the authorities. Repairs were carried out at 9 p.m. Mrs. Walker telephoned to express her appreciation to the Clerk, who passed on her message to Seeboard.

Cllr. Church had reported an unpleasant overflow from the cow byre at Iffin Meadow Farm, onto the road. He requested the Clerk to contact

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the Chartham Clerk and that message was passed on. He was later informed that the matter had been investigated.

Cllr. Church had also reported a rut in the road outside 7, New House Lane, near a man-hole cover. The Clerk informed the authority. He commented that he had recently reported a rut outside 4, New House Close. The Clerk said that the repairs had been reported to have been carried out.

The Clerk reported on a telephone call from the Cleansing Department. The litter basket which he had reported as missing from Ashford Road/Grays Way was being replaced. The clearing of litter from the bank along Cockering Road was due to be cleared. The Clerk had taken the opportunity to emphasise a letter which he had just written concerning rubbish in Larkey Valley Woods.

Cllr. Burton commented on the state of some road-signs in the Council Estate area. The Clerk confirmed that these had been reported. She also referred to the disgusting state of the Children's Playground. The Clerk was asked to write again about this matter.

Cllr. Furness raised the matter of the poor state of the fencing surrounding the Manor Close estate. The Clerk explained that previous attempts to contact Tilbury Builders had been frustrating, but undertook to make a renewed effort. Responsibility for fencing on the other side of the Footpath, behind Ashenden Close, was also queried. The Clerk was asked to query this with the Footpath Officer.

Cllr. Stokes reported the damaged and partially dangerous state of the footway (pavement) between Strangers Lane and Manor Close. The damage appears to have been caused by vehicles mounting the kerb. It was agreed that the Clerk should report this matter.

Returning to the matter of the Parish Meeting, discussed earlier, the question of a visiting speaker was raised. It was recalled that the subject of Footpaths had been mooted and it was agreed that the Clerk should approach the Footpaths Officer, in this connection.

11. FOOTPATHS: After walking some of the footpaths, the Clerk had reported various observations to Miss Williams in a letter dated DEc 23rd '90. The Clerk had noted reference to 'minimum widths' in the SLCC journal, 'The Clerk' Winter 1990 (p.27.). He mentioned this in connection with the ploughing and planting in the field adjacent to Larkey Valley Woods along Footpath CB 358A. It was agreed that the condition of this should be monitored.
12. SKIPS: BY OLD COCKERING FARM Cllr. Stokes stated that there were obvious signs of excessive skip activity, commensurate with that of running a business. General concern was expressed over this. The Clerk passed on an *in absentia* comment from Cllr. Church, that he had not observed anything untoward at the site. It was proposed by Cllr. Stokes and agreed that the Clerk should raise the matter with the Planning Department.

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13. KCC TRANSPORT CHALLENGE. This comprehensive and quite detailed document had been circulated. Whilst the Chairman stressed the necessity to keep the matters dealt with therein, it was not felt necessary to send representation to the conference in Ashford. P.36, in particular, was noted as being of local relevance. Cllr. Page proposed that he would further study the document and raise matters, if necessary, at the next KAPC Canterbury Area meeting. This was unanimously agreed to, and he was thanked.

14. CASUAL VACANCY

The Clerk confirmed that he had reported the Casual Vacancy and had posted Notices. A subsequent telephone call to the Returning Officer confirmed that co-option would now be allowed, but was not obligatory. The Clerk added that he hoped to contact the Housing Officer for Thanington tomorrow on the subject of possible suitable candidates for consideration.

Cllr. Blackman said that she understood that Mr. Brian Smith, of Ashford Road, might be interested. Cllr. Furness mentioned Mr. John Dearing, of Cockerling Road, and offered to initially discuss the possibility with him. Cllr. Page reminded about Miss Stella Williams, of Ashford Road.

15. STREET LIGHTING

Details of lighting units due to come under P.C. responsibility on April 1st 1991, had now been received from CCC. The Clerk pointed out that there were 19 columns listed and not 20, as previously stated.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING This was set for MONDAY FEBRUARY 11th 1991 at 8. p.m.

CLOSURE OF MEETING: There being no other business, the Chairman declared the Meeting closed at 9.35 p.m.

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