

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THANINGTON WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL held at the Ashford Road Community Association Hall, Ashford Rd, Monday 10th JUNE 1991 at 8 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs. P. Blackman, Miss S. Knott, Mr. G. Page, Mr. K. Stokes and Miss S. Williams

The Clerk and one local elector.

CHAIRMAN: Cllr. Mr. G. Page

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr. Mrs. Burton who was overseas, Cllr. Mrs. Hughes, who was unwell and Cllr. Furness who had another commitment Cllr. Hughes had intimated that she would be unable to attend in July as she would be on holiday.

DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE AS PARISH COUNCILLORS: Cllrs. Stokes and Williams read and signed their declarations. The Chairman welcomed them.

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

2. MATTERS ARISING:

- (1.) The Clerk reported that British Rail had replied concerning the damaged support and swinging fence near the Tonford Lane level-crossing. Work was scheduled for June/July 1991. Cllr. Mrs. Blackman drew attention to the fact that a spring on the gate was faulty and that she would monitor the matter.
- (2.) The Clerk had reported that the missing paving slab outside 29 Ashenden Close had been replaced.
- (3.) The Clerk confirmed that he had written about Emergency Planning for the Parish Magazine and had sent a copy to Mr. Armishaw.
- (4.) The Clerk reported that he had informed the Returning Officer that he held Councillors' Election Expenses forms, duly signed.
- (5.) The Clerk reported that he had sent a copy of the letter from CCC, concerning Street Lighting transferred to Parish responsibility, to Mr. Bingham at SEEBOARD, for future reference.
- (6.) Concerning the 'Review of Parish Appraisals', in which the comments on P.22 concerning traffic were not acceptable, the Clerk confirmed that he had telephoned Miss Morgan at CCC Planning and had subsequently written, as instructed.
- (7.) The Clerk reported that the missing Water Board cover in the pavement on the corner of Strangers Lane/Close, had now been replaced.
- (8.) Cllr. Mrs. Blackman reported that the Neighbourhood Watch was due to hold a meeting on Monday June 17th.
- (9.) Cllr. Mrs. Blackman also reported that the abandoned car, near the level-crossing, had been removed.
- (10.) A letter from CCC was read; it was in reply to the Clerk's report on concern over the change of polling venue.

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(11.) The Clerk reported that he had telephoned to CCC about the site of the three demolished cottages, formerly 179-183 Ashford Road, which appears to be used as a dumping ground.

3. TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS:

D. E. Gould	Course Travel Apr. 19-21	£82, 00
G. Page.	Chairman's Allowance	£50, 00
D. E. Gould	Reimbursement for Petty Cash	£20, 00

All the above were approved and each cheque was signed by two councillors

4. FINANCE:

The Clerk reported that Mr. Mather (Auditor) had returned books etc. with helpful comments.

He had queried the Trusteeship of A. R. C. A. as being a Charity. The Clerk was instructed to write to him to clarify the position.

The Accounts for 1990/91 had actually been signed, but the previous audit remained unsigned. The Audit Commission were continuing their investigations and would be writing, in due course.

The Chairman's allowance of £50 for 1991/92 was agreed. The Chairman reported that there had been a most unfortunate occurrence concerning the hand-over of previous balance. The previous Chairman was convinced that he had handed £25 in cash to the Clerk, who was equally adamant that he could not recall the event. It was proposed by Cllr. Stokes and seconded by Cllr. Blackman that the amount be written off. It was unanimously agreed to do this.

The Clerk presented a Financial Review of the current situation, comparing the amounts spent so far, under the various budget headings, with the forecast. He also indicated the reconciled balances at May 10th. The Chairman expressed appreciation for having this opportunity to know the current financial position.

The outstanding matters of the Lottery Fund for (i) Mothers & Toddlers (ii) Nailbourne and Worthgate scout troops, was discussed. The Clerk was asked to check on the progress of the Mothers & Toddlers application. He was also asked to obtain further details from both Scout troops.

A letter from Cornhill Insurance was read, concerning additions to the policy and premium, for additional lighting. It was proposed by Cllr. Knott, seconded by Cllr. Williams and unanimously agreed that the Clerk be instructed to arrange for additional coverage for 19 columns at £500 each under Scheme A.

A letter addressed to the Clerk, concerning literature for Harris Charity Fund, was read. It was agreed that it did not necessitate any action. The Clerk was asked to write to Dr. Church about passing on any materials, concerning this Fund, to the new Chairman.

The Clerk reported that, after several changes, the Midland Bank were currently withdrawing Audit Information Charges. However, future policy was still under review.

5. CORRESPONDENCE:

KAPC: .Parish News No: 179 and 180 (circulated).

KAPC: Survey: Bus shelters; Transport Rep.; Cllr. Blackman undertook to act as the Transport representative and to complete the survey. Village Halls Report; to be circulated.

Local Charity; to be circulated.

Oast to Coast (Summer 1991); to be circulated.

DIAL (poster); to be put up on notice boards

Seaboard: Maintenance schedule; noted.

KCC: KCS. 1992 Diaries. It was agreed that the Clerk should obtain a Year Planner for Office use.

Bulletin: noted.

CCC: Membership details (copies of Wincheap details to all cllrs.)

Commercial brochures: Glasdon/ Lappset. It was agreed that Cllr.

Blackman would make the details of Childrens' playground toys available to the Mothers & Toddlers Group.

6. REPORTS: There was none. The Chairman commented that the next KAPC Canterbury Area Meeting was on July 10th, on which he would report in September.

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

CA/90/1190/THA. Wincheap Farm. Golf Course

It was announced that the Clerk had informed CCC Planning (Mr. Finch) that the Chairman, Cllr. Page, would attend the site meeting at Cockering Road at 10 a.m. June 11th in connection with CA/90/1190/THA. He undertook to present the points of view already agreed by the Council. Additionally, Cllr. Stokes referred to the obstruction, opposite the proposed site access in Cockering Road, created by a caravan. The Clerk was asked to write separately to CCC, about the parked caravan.

Cllr. Knott asked about a second Open Meeting and it was agreed to await the outcome of the site visit and possible fresh information.

The Clerk said that CA/91/0362/THA: 135 Ashford Rd. had been approved. The Clerk said that CA/91/0323/THA 1 New House Close had been approved. CA/91/0456/THA 2 New House Lane had been circulated for comments and The Clerk reported that he had submitted the Council's approval.. The Clerk confirmed that he had received confirmation that the Appeal on CA/89/1455/THA, Wincheap Farm, had been granted.

The CANTERBURY DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN and Review of Parish Appraisals were discussed again after materials had been circulated following the last meeting. Having heard that the Clerk had commented on the misinterpretation of the Appraisal's reference to traffic, it was considered unnecessary to make further comments. Nor was it considered necessary to comment on the deliberations over possible re-organisation of County/District Councils.

8. COUNCILORS' INFORMATION DAY July 17th . Details had been circulated. As July 17th was not convenient for Cllr. Williams, it was decided to await the attendance of Mrs. McMillan at the July meeting, to endeavour to find a suitable future date.

9. **PARISH AFFAIRS:** The Clerk requested that the condition of the Council's Noticeboards be considered for possible future improvement. It was agreed that he should obtain details of types and cost.

Cllr. Knott referred to the replacing of the seat in South Ward. Cllr. Stokes agreed to meet her at the site and undertook to assist. On the subject of proposed new tax for Local Government, Cllr. Knott said that she felt that the discount for single adult households should be 50% and not 25%. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to DoE to present this point of view.

Cllr. Stokes returned to the subject of the caravan in Cockerling Road and suggested that the Clerk should include a request for double yellow lines on the corners of Cockerling Road. This was agreed.

At this stage, the Chairman adjourned the Meeting and asked the only local elector present, Mr. Potts, if he had anything he would like to contribute to the discussions. Mr. Potts referred to the telephone calls he had made to the Clerk about faulty lighting in the Ingoldsby/Cockerling Road street lighting and other matters concerning vandalism. The Clerk reported on these details and the measures taken. Cllr. Frogley was now promising to investigate, as were CCC Lighting. The Clerk said that he had been informed by the CCC that they could not take action if tenants wished to remove the fences.

The meeting was resumed.

10. **FOOTPATHS:** Cllr. Williams announced that she had received a letter from Mr. Dale, KCC Parish Footpaths Officer. He had proposed a meeting to discuss current issues. Cllr. Williams would arrange this. Cllr. Williams also suggested publicising the existing Parish footpaths, partly to encourage use of them and partly attempt to deter trespassing.

Cllr. Stokes said that he had repaired the remaining broken stile on CB 464. He was thanked for so doing.

11. **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION:** There were no new developments on the subject of Kent Minerals Local Plan: Construction Aggregates.

12. **CASUAL VACANCY:** Cllr. Knott reported that Mrs. McMillan was pleased to accept the offer of co-option onto the Council and hoped to attend the July meeting.

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY JULY 8TH 1991 would commence with a talk by Mr. K. Bennett of C.C.C. Planning Dept. at 7.30 p.m.

CLOSE OF MEETING: There being no other business, the Chairman declared the Meeting closed at 9.43 p.m.

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7.91.

Golf course can go ahead

PLANS for a golf course and clubhouse at Wincheap Farm, Thanington, have been given the go-ahead, despite fears about increased traffic, the loss of farmland and the use of more water.

The City Council's Planning Committee allowed the scheme on Tuesday, after hearing that easier access would come with the proposed link road between Cockering Road and St Augustine's Hospital.

Cllr Brian Rowley said the golf course would be an additional recreational facility which Canter-

bury desperately needed.

But Cllr Andrew Frogley said it was wrong to take 200 acres of high grade agricultural land out of production for a golf course needing a lot of water, at the same time spoiling the view for residents of New House Lane.

He was also concerned about the safety aspect for children playing in the surrounding council housing estate, because golfers' cars would travel through St Nicholas Road and Cockering Road.

The new course will be built

between Cockering Road and New House Lane, on former orchards and hop gardens.

Originally, a golf driving range and equestrian facilities were included in the proposals, but these have been deleted.

The clubhouse will be in a valley in the centre of the site, to lessen the visual impact and existing farm buildings will be removed.

No objections were received from the Ministry of Agriculture, Southern Water or the National Rivers Authority.

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