

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

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs. P. Blackman, Mr. G. Furness, Miss S. Knott, Mrs. J. McMillan, Mr. G. Page, Mr. K. Stokes, Miss S. Williams and the Clerk.

The Parish Council Meeting was preceded at 7.30 p.m. by a talk, given to Councillors, by Mr. Ken Bennett of C.C.C. Planning Department, on the subject of Planning Applications.

CHAIRMAN: Cllr. Mr. G. Page

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr. Hughes had previously intimated that she would be unable to attend in July as she would be on holiday.
Cllr. Mrs. A. Burton had another obligation.

DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE AS PARISH COUNCILLORS: Cllr. Mr. G. ^{FURNESS} Stokes and Cllr. Mrs. J. McMillan read and signed their declarations. The Chairman welcomed them.

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

2. **MATTERS ARISING:**

- (1.) Cllr. Mrs. Blackman reported that the damage at the level crossing had not been completely repaired. The Clerk was instructed to report this again to British Rail.
- (2.) Cllr. Mr. Page reported that he had observed commencement of work on clearing the site at 179-183 Ashford Road, however, development had now come to an abrupt halt.
- (3.) The Clerk reported that he had contacted Mr. Hobday, at K.A.R.C. regarding the fact that Mr. Mather (Auditor) had queried the Trusteeship of A.R.C.A. as being a Charity. The Clerk said that Mr. Hobday had confirmed that the A.R.C.A. was registered as a Charity and that the Parish Council were Custodian Trustees.
- (4.) The Clerk reported that he had been informed by C.C.C. that delays in dealing with the Mothers & Toddlers Lottery Fund application were due to City Council re-appointments, following the Elections. The matter was in hand. The Clerk also reported that he had written to Nailbourne and Worthgate Scout Troop representatives. A reply had been received from Worthgate, to be dealt with on the Agenda, under the item Finance.
- (5.) The Clerk reported that he had written to C.C.C. about the obstruction, in Cocking Road, created by a caravan. It had been removed the following day.
- (6.) The Clerk reported that he had written to DoE on the subject of proposed new tax for Local Government, expressing the opinion that the discount for single adult households should be 50% and not 25%. No reply had been received.

- (7.) The Clerk reported that he had written to C.C.C. to request double yellow lines on the corners of Cockering Road. A reply was read which stated that the matter would be considered and the P.C. would be advised of the decision.

3. TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS:

The following payments were approved and the cheques were each signed by two councillors.

D.E.Gould. Clerk's salary & 2/3 telephone rental: £565,40

KAPC	£7,82
	inc VAT (unspecified)

4. FINANCE:

Parish Councillor's Handbook: It was proposed by Cllr. Page and unanimously agreed that two copies, at £4 each, be obtained; one to be held by the Clerk and the other by the Chairman

Cornhill Insurance: The Clerk reported that he had written to arrange for additional coverage for 19 columns at £500 each under Scheme A.

Clerk's Gratuity Scheme: The Clerk reported that he had contacted the Norwich Union Pensions Department about the scheme referred to by KAPC, which was announced at the last meeting. He had been informed that further information was being circulated to all parishes through the KAPC. This had not been received and hope was expressed that it would come to hand in time for the September meeting. This matter and that of the Clerk's contract, had been delayed to await correspondence from the Auditor. As nothing had yet been received, a proposal to up-date the contract was discussed and it was proposed by Cllr. Williams, seconded by Cllr. McMillan and unanimously agreed that Sections (2) & (5) be changed to read as follows: -

(2) Salary.

The Clerk's salary shall be in accordance with the Scale recommended by the National Association of Local Councils. (NALC)

(5) Pension and Gratuity.

A gratuity shall be paid to the Clerk, or his widow, in accordance with the recommendations of the NALC.

Lottery Fund: A reply from Worthgate Scout Group was read.

It was proposed by Cllr. Blackman, seconded by Cllr. Stokes and unanimously agreed that the sum of £150 be made available toward obtaining a new tent. The Clerk was instructed to initiate the required action.

As no further response had been forthcoming from the Nailbourne Troop it was decided to postpone that decision until the September meeting.

Midland Bank HICA Interest: The Clerk reported that interest to June 7th '91, amounting to £472.53, had been credited. The Clerk also reported that the Bank had confirmed that Audit Charges were a matter for individual Managers. There would be no current charges; if circumstances did not noticeably change there would probably not be a charge in future, but this could not be guaranteed.

5. CORRESPONDENCE:

CCC. Technical Director: PLAYGROUNDS & Allotments; Questionnaire & Ma to complete. The Chairman read out the Clerk's proposed responses which were agreed and added to. The Clerk was instructed to reply, pointing out the out-dated boundaries

Photographic competition: details were circulated and the notice posted in the Clubhouse.

KAPC Local Govt. review/ Council Tax review/ Rail Link project. Circulated.

KAPC: Re: Clerk's Course: The Chairman signed the receipt for the grant of £150 for the first year. The Clerk announced that he would not be continuing the second year, after September '91.

WINGED FELLOWSHIP: Appeal. It was agreed not to contribute because of creating a precedent

KCC. Kent Conservation Show: details were circulated

ARIEN: Display boards

GREENBARNES LTD. " " The Clerk had applied for details, as instructed. These would be circulated for perusal.

A. R. C. A. Newsletter: Attention was drawn to this new feature and the Clerk's contribution to the first edition. The Chairman undertook to contribute to the second.

A letter from the ARCA Secretary was read and it was then proposed by Cllr. Knott, seconded by Cllr. Blackman and unanimously agreed that the sum of £20 be paid towards production of the Newsletter.

K. C. S. Advertisement. Noted.

6. REPORTS: Cllr. Mrs. Blackman reported that the Neighbourhood Watch meeting was successfully held on Monday June 17th. and new officers had been appointed.

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

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

The Chairman reported on his site visit.

Notification had subsequently been received that Outline Planning permission had been granted. There were several conditions. After the Chairman had read out what appeared to be the most important items it

was proposed and agreed that the Clerk should circulate copies to all councillors.

- 8. COUNCILLORS' INFORMATION DAY Cllr. Williams announced that she could now attend on September 17th. It was proposed by Cllr. Stokes and seconded by Cllr. Furness that expenses, for Cllr. Williams to attend, be paid. The Clerk was instructed to arrange this. Cllr. McMillan could not attend on September 17th, in Maidstone, and future dates would be considered subsequently.

9. PARISH AFFAIRS:

The Clerk drew attention to the two Press reports (i) the Post Office hold-up and (ii) the motor cycle accident fatality on Thanington Road

The Clerk informed that he had reported the road-name sign in Thanington Road, damaged in the above accident

The Clerk reported that he had received a letter from the Parish Tree Warden regarding the need for volunteers to work in Larkey Valley Woods on July 14th. The Clerk had produced notices which he had put up and also sent copies to Mr. Glen Sharman.

The Clerk reported that Mr. Bingham, of Seeboard, had telephoned. It seemed unlikely that conversions would affect CCC lighting. He would be writing to confirm details and any adjustments to submitted estimate.

Cllr. Stokes drew attention to the damage done by Council contractors' lorries to pavements in Cockering Road and St. Nicholas Road. The Clerk was asked to report this.

Cllr. Williams drew attention to the fact that hedge trimming along Ashford Road, belonging to properties in Tonford Lane, was needed. She could not quote the numbers but the Clerk undertook to write to the same 'offenders' as last year.

Cllr. Stokes then reported a similar problem near the playground.

Cllr. Knott reported the difficulties in using the elevated footpath which forced some pedestrians to use Hollow Lane, which was dangerous. She also repeated concern over branches over-hanging Hollow Lane The Clerk undertook to report these matters.

Cllr. Knott enquired whether a reply had been received, from CCC, in connection with the dangers to children playing in New House Close. As there had been no response to direct enquiries about a DIY sign, it was felt that residents should go ahead with one, if they felt so inclined.

Cllr. Blackman reported that some vehicles were abusing the one-way traffic regulation in Tonford Lane. The Clerk undertook to convey this observation to the authorities and to request that any possible, appropriate measures be taken.

The Clerk reported that there had been a response to appeals for assistance with Emergency Planning and that Dr. Carmody, in Bramley Avenue, had agreed for his name to be submitted, to the Emergency Planning Officer, as being an interested person.

10. FOOTPATHS:

Cllr. Williams reported that Mr. Dale had recently visited the Parish and that, together, they had walked several of the footpaths and discussed current problems, in particular in connection with footpaths on the land of Farmer Day and in Larkey Valley Woods. In addition to undertaking to follow up on the resolution of these difficulties, Mr. Dale promised to make available a strimmer, on loan, and to provide posts and markers for the Parish to arrange to be positioned. This would be subject to knowing precise details of place and time, which Cllr. Williams would provide. She asked for assistance and, in particular, a delivery point for materials. It was suggested that Mr. Sharman may be willing and well situated and Cllr. Williams said that she would approach him. She also noted the name of Mr. Armshaw as a likely helper.

11. HARRIS CHARITY:

Cllr. Page reported that he had received documentation, from the previous Chairman. The Clerk had informed the Charity Commission, Cllr. Dolby and Rev. Cox, that Cllr. Page was now the Parish Council representative trustee.

NEXT MEETING: The Chairman announced this as being on
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 9th 1991 at 8 p. m.

CLOSE OF MEETING: There being no other business, the Chairman declared the Meeting
closed at 9.45 p. m.

G.S.B. Page

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