

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THANINGTON WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL held at the Ashford Road Community Association Hall, Ashford Rd, Monday 9th SEPTEMBER 1991 at 8 p.m.

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

One local elector.

CHAIRMAN: Cllr. Mr. G. Page

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: All councillors were present.

1. **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:** After the alteration of 'Stokes' to 'Furness', under 'Declaration of Acceptance of Office', these were confirmed and signed.

2. **MATTERS ARISING:**

- (1.) The Clerk stated that he had again reported the damage at the level crossing. Cllr. Blackman added that she had persistently followed up this matter with British Rail and that after long delay the repairs had now been effected. The Chairman thanked her.
- (2.) The Clerk reported that two copies of Parish Councillor's Handbook had now been received. One was being circulated for eventual retention by the Chairman. The Clerk would hold the other copy.
- (3.) The Clerk confirmed that he had initiated the required action concerning the £150 from the Lottery Fund for Worthgate Scout Group.
- (4.) The Clerk reported that he had replied to the CCC Technical Director, regarding Playgrounds & Allotments, pointing out the out-dated boundaries, as instructed.
- (5.) The Clerk confirmed that he had sent the receipt for the £150 grant, for his first year course, to KAPC, as requested.
- (6.) The Clerk confirmed that he had circulated the Notice-boards details, from Greenbarnes Ltd.
- (7.) The Clerk reported that he had sent the sum of £20 to A.R.C.A., to be paid towards production of the Newsletter, and had received a receipt and grateful acknowledgement of the Parish Council's support.
- (8.) The Clerk confirmed that he had circulated the details of conditions for CA/90/1190/THA Wincheap Farm Golf Course, as instructed.
- (9.) The Clerk confirmed that he had reported the damage done by Council contractors' lorries to pavements in Cockering Road and St. Nicholas Road. He stated that he had received a response which sounded hopeful.
- (10.) The Clerk, confirmed that he had written to property owners, concerning hedge trimming along Ashford Road, as instructed.

- (11.) After Cllr. Knott had referred to the difficulties in using the elevated footpath and had also repeated concern over branches over-hanging Hollow Lane, the Clerk said that he had once more followed up on these matters. He reported that KCC's Footpaths Officer had undertaken to endeavour to get the elevated footpath onto the contractors' list. She also hoped to do this for Footpath CC58, behind Ashenden Close.
- The Clerk reported that he had been informed by CCC Highways Department that the trees in Hollow Lane were due to be trimmed back.
- Cllr. Knott produced a cutting from the newspaper 'Extra' to which she took objection. It referred to the danger from trees in Hollow Lane and she felt that it created the impression the the Parish Council had not taken any action nor shown concern. The Clerk was asked to write to 'Extra' to point out that this was not the case.
- This led Cllr. Hughes to refer to Adscene newspaper reports about the nuisance caused by night transportation of offal, local objections, City Council action and yet no mention of the Parish Council nor notification of the problem. The Clerk was asked to write to CCC local councillors in this matter. It was proposed by Cllr. Knott and seconded by Cllr. McMillan, that the Chairman should write to Adscene..
- (12.) The Clerk confirmed that he had reported the fact that some vehicles were abusing the one-way traffic regulation in Tonford Lane.
- (13.) The Clerk reported that he had received a reply from the Emergency Planning Officer, stating that he would contact Dr. Carmody, as being an interested person.

3. TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS:

The Clerk referred to three cheques for which approval had been obtained at the July 8th but which were signed by Cllrs. Page and Blackman the following day. They had not appeared specifically under 'Approval of Payments' and he requested confirmation of this approval. The items were:-

K. A. P. C.	Councillor's Information Course	£17,63	inc. £2,63	VAT
A. R. C. A.	Donation towards printing Newsletter	£20,00		
	Municipal Journal. 2 copies	£8,00		

Confirmation of the above was unanimous.

The following items were approved and the cheques signed by two councillors:-

K. C. C. (KCS) Photocopier	£111,60
D. E. Gould Reimbursement for Petty Cash	£20,00
Cornhill Insurance plc. Policy amendment	£69,00

4. FINANCE

The Clerk reported that the number of persons registered for Personal Community Charge in Thanington on 01.07.91 was 1980 and that his salary would be based on that slightly reduced figure.

Cornhill Assurance have sent a request for Policy Amendment of £69. The Clerk had telephoned to say that a cheque would be sent after the next Council meeting. (N.B. Less than the £71,25 originally quoted)

Two letters from Midland Bank were read, concerning Bank Charges.

KAPC had written to apologise for the delay in replying in the matter of the Clerk's gratuity. Nor had any further information been received regarding the Norwich Union Scheme, which is referred to in the current copy of Review (P.37)

The Clerk reported having received a current account bank statement, showing a balance of £285,72 and stated that he would arrange an appropriate transfer from the HICA to increase the balance.

Municipal Mutual had written to offer an insurance quotation. It was agreed to take no further action, other than noting.

Lottery Fund. Notification of a balance of £242 had been received. The Clerk telephoned to request details of allocations made. He was informed that this included Toddlers Group & Worthgate Scouts. However, it was pointed out that neither these organisations nor Hilltop Club had put in their receipts, to claim. If this is not done the amounts will be re-credited. Cllr. Knott reported that Hilltop had now submitted the receipts. The Clerk reported that he had reminded the other two organisations. There had been no further reply from Nailbourne Scout Group and it was agreed to take no further action.

Audit. No further communication received.

5. CORRESPONDENCE:

Municipal Mutual: Parish Councillor's Handbook
Trees for Kent: Tree Wardens in Kent. A copy had been sent to Mr. Glen Sharman.

KAPC: Councillors' Information Day(s) etc.
Canterbury Area; Agenda & Minutes
Parish News No: 181 (circulated) One item dealt with appointment of a Transport representative. Cllr. Blackman submitted correspondence she had received, acting in that capacity. Reference was made to an offer of assistance with Bus Shelter repairs. These are currently in fairly good condition, other than being spoiled by graffiti. She had reported that there is no 'bus Stop' sign outside the Post Office. Cllr. Williams suggested road markings indicating the bus stop at Chalklands and the Clerk was instructed to write to KCC and the Bus Company.

KCC: Environmental Assessment Handbook. This was noted.
Environment Programme
Planning: Who's who
Channel Tunnel Joint Consultative Committee
Railink No: 14 (circulated)

KCC Commercial Services: Bulletin

KTNC: Winter programme. This was circulated.

ARCA: Regarding the Newsletter. The latest edition was delivered to the meeting and a copy was distributed to each councillor.
 SLCC: Annual National Conference
 Greenbarnes Ltd. Noticeboard discount. This was noted.
 Budget: Catalogue; to be filed.
 KRCC : Oast to Coast (circulated) + D.I.A.L. poster + enclosures.
 CCC: Minutes, 21st August '91 (to be circulated). The Chairman drew attention to the announced availability of a handbook on Applications for Golf Courses and the Clerk was instructed to enquire about obtaining a copy.
 Request to display poster regarding Voting Register.

BEAVER plc.: Low cost housing brochure. Noted
 Mr. T.: Advertisement, by a local man, for doing 'odd-jobs. Noted

6. REPORTS:

KAPC Canterbury Area Meeting. Cllr. Page referred to the main items reported in the Minutes. He and Cllr. Knott had attended as P.C. representatives. Cllr. Page has been elected as Vice-Chairman

Cllr. Williams had previously commented on the Councillors' Information Course, which she had attended, when the subject had arisen under 'Correspondence'. She had found it beneficial and recommended attendance, at a similar course, to other new councillors. She expressed her gratitude.

The Clerk said that the Tree warden, Mr. Glen Sharman, had telephoned him to report that the response from volunteers to help with clearance in Larkey Valley Woods had been very good and that it had been a successful operation.
 He reported that three trees had died, in Strangers Lane, and had been removed. He assumed that they had been taken away by Council workers. He would enquire about any proposals for replacements and report back.

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

Instructions regarding the new procedure of 'Attendance of P.C. representative at meetings of the Planning Committee' were read by the Chairman. He, first, asked for any interested councillor to offer to attend as representative when this became necessary. As nobody expressed such a desire, Cllr. Page agreed to act in that capacity.

CA/91/0701/THA 39 Cockerling Road
 Rear single storey extension.

CA/91/0743/THA St. Nicholas Church
 Extension & alterations to hall to form lobby to existing external WC

Due to holiday correspondence delays, the Clerk had replied directly and 'unofficially', that he did not anticipate any Council objections to the two, above applications.

CA/91/0456/THA 2 New House Lane
 Single-storey front & side extensions to dwelling. Refused.
 An appeal has been lodged, dated July 29th 1991..

G.B.R.

8. COUNCILLORS' INFORMATION DAY

Cllrs. Burton and McMillan expressed interest in attending on September 21st in Shepherdswell. It was proposed by Cllr. Knott seconded by Cllr. Stokes, that the attendance fee amounts of £17, each be paid by the Council. The Clerk was asked to process the applications.

9. CLERK'S CONTRACT

This matter had already been referred to, under 'Finance'. The Chairman recommended Councillors to read the account on Page 37 'Review', before next meeting, in anticipation that more information may be forthcoming in time for it to be dealt with on the October Meeting's Agenda.

10 PARISH AFFAIRS

The Clerk reported that Mr. Rivers of C.C.C. Traffic Dept. had telephoned, and subsequently written, to comment on the caravan complaint, made some weeks ago. The matter was now satisfactorily concluded.

The Clerk reported that he had received a Questionnaire from KRC Survey of Village Services, requesting reply by return. He had completed and returned it.

The Clerk reported that the road-name sign, damaged in the recent accident on Thanington Road, has been repaired.

The Clerk reported that he had informed CCC of the potential danger arising from raised edging strips on Tonford Bridge.

The Clerk reported that he had queried with, the Planning Dept., pavement cross-over, outside 43 St. Nicholas Road, for which no planning permission had apparently been sought. Cllr. Stokes expressed the belief that the work had been carried out by CCC.

Mrs. Chantler, in Grays Way, had telephoned to complain that the lighting was dazzling, in her bedroom. The Clerk had contacted Seeboard. Mrs. Chantler 'phoned to report improvement and to express appreciation, requesting that her thanks be passed on to Seeboard.

Mr. MacDonald, 3 Manor Close had telephoned to request a 'No Exit' sign for Manor Close. The Clerk was instructed to report this to Highways Dept. 'No through-road' was recommended. At the same time Mr. McDonald had suggested co-operation with the revived Neighbourhood Watch in the attempt to develop Emergency Planning arrangements. It was agreed that the Clerk should pursue this possibility.

Cllr. Blackman referred to a low man-hole cover outside 119-121 Ashford Road. The Clerk was instructed to report this to British Telecoms. Cllr. Page offered to supply a direct telephone number

Cllr. Hughes raised the matter of the possibility of the Park & Ride scheme being extended westwards, to alleviate traffic volume on the A.28. The Clerk was instructed to write to local CCC councillors.

Cllr. Burton said that the seat at the top of Grays Way had been damaged. The Clerk was asked to report this fact.

Cllr. Knott enquired whether letters of complaint from residents were still required or whether the councillors' reports were sufficient in themselves. The Chairman replied that they could be useful corroborative material, albeit not essential. Cllr. Knott then referred to the poor condition of the pavement in New House Close. In addition she reported that the 'Slow' sign at the junction of Iffin Lane and New House Lane was missing.

Cllr. Knott suggested that a central line at the curve in the road near the Oast-house may help to lessen danger. The Clerk was asked to report all the above matters.

Cllr. Knott asked Cllr. Stokes to arrange a convenient time to attend to the seat in New House Lane, which he had kindly agreed to do

Cllr. Knott enquired about travel expenses to the Area Meeting. The Clerk undertook to supply a Claim Form.

Cllr. Stokes referred to problems with car parking in Manor Close and along Cockering Road, near the post-box. He added that the recurrent problem of litter along Cockering Road banks was now rife. The Clerk was asked to report these concerns.

11 DOG BYE-LAWS

A letter has been received from the CCC Environmental & Health Dept. The Clerk drew attention to the reference to Ashford Road, not including Thanington Road specifically. He had also queried with the Estates Dept. concerning legal interest in the playing field and had been advised that the Parish had none.

The Clerk had queried various aspects of the form filling and had referred to the Playground area.

A telephone conversation with Mr. Ledger confirmed that, if responsibility for maintaining the Playing Field was solely that of CCC, then the decisions about the Bye-laws would rest with them. He expressed the intention that all Playground areas would come under similar bye-laws.

12 FOOTPATHS

KCC Highways had, after a long delay, replied regarding ownership of the land through which footpath CB 491 passes and on which it is situated. They have been unable to verify this and suggest contacting Mr. Hood of CCC Highways Department. The Clerk was instructed so to do.

Cllr. Williams reported that the bridleways in Larkey Valley Woods have now been cleared and marked. Posts (supplied by Mr. Chris Dale at KCC) have been driven in. Cllr. Williams referred to the great assistance obtained from Cllr. Stokes and Mr. Glen Sharman. A strimmer had been borrowed from KCC and a suggestion was made that the Clerk should enquire about possible ways of obtaining one to be retained

permanently and at what cost. Cllr. Knott emphasised the need for a substantial, good quality model. The idea was agreed and the Clerk was asked to follow up this matter.

Footpath CB464 has also been cleared, mainly by Cllr. Stokes' physical efforts. There are still problems on the farm land. Cllr. Williams walked it about two weeks ago and referred to it as being "almost impassable". She suggested contacting the farmer Mr. Day, to request that next year, if he does not intend to re-instate the footpath, that ploughing should not encroach on the statutory width of the path. Cllr. Williams stated that the New House Farm crops also limited the width of CB 491 and that the gap in the hedge at the junction of CB4 and 358A was overgrown. Cllr. Stokes had strimmed CB490 but Mr. Tory should be asked to keep planting clear next year.

Two new stiles were required for CB 488 and kits had been supplied by Chris. Dale. Cllr. Williams proposed that the line of the footpath be cleared through the spinney and that Mr. Dale be advised of this proposal.

Unanimous agreement was obtained for all these suggestions and the Clerk was asked to follow up on them.

13 HARRIS CHARITY

The Chairman read a letter from the Charity Commissioners regarding the up-dating of their register. The Clerk had replied.

14 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW

The Chairman outlined a lengthy report which was to be circulated. He asked that councillors could read through it and be prepared to make any comments at the next meeting, when the item would be on the Agenda, in order to allow time for any Parish Council response to be submitted by the closing date in November.

Before closing the meeting the Chairman asked the solitary member of the public if he wished to speak. Mr. Goddard then extended Cllr. Stokes' comments about parking problems in Manor Close to include Strangers Close, where he lives. Some councillors joined in the discussion and the suggestion of yellow lines on one side of the road was made. The Clerk was asked to write about these roads and to revive the previous comments about Tonford Lane and Grays Way.

NEXT MEETING: The Chairman announced this as being on MONDAY OCTOBER 14th 1991. Cllr. Burton enquired whether councillors would be able to attend future meetings at the earlier time of 7.30 p.m. This was unanimously agreed

CLOSE OF MEETING: There being no other business, the Chairman declared the Meeting closed at 10.15 p.m.

G.S.B.
14.10.91

MILL OFFAL TRUCKS ANGER RESIDENTS

'EXTRA'
6-9-91

ANGRY residents at Thanington have signed a petition calling for the City Council to take action to stop lorries passing through the estate up to 20 times a night.

More than 250 people have signed the petition against the lorries carrying animal carcasses and remains along Cockering Road and St Nicholas Road between 9pm and 5am on their way to Thruxted Mill, Crundale, which takes animal remains to process bone and meal.

Ward councillors Simon Dolby and Andrew Frogley collected the signatures for the petition, which they presented to the Lord Mayor, Cllr John Purchase, at a full City Council meeting.

Said Cllr Dolby: "This problem has affect-

ed residents in the Thanington area for a number of months.

The lorries are passing through the estate at a rate of 20 a night, starting at 9pm often until 5am. These vehicles are travelling to and from Thruxted Mill.

"When they are full of putrid animal remains they stink to high heaven and when they are empty they rattle like anything, causing a tremendous row."

Nine months ago Extra's sister the Kentish Gazette reported complaints from residents in Chartham who protested about lorries piled with animal remains travelling through the village to and from Thruxted Mill.

Villagers at Chartham complained when

the lorries began spilling their loads of blood, guts and offal in the streets.

Although the lorries are now covered they still drive through Chartham, and they are now driving through Thanington.

Said Cllr Dolby: "The residents are very angry and concerned that this is also an environmental problem."

"This problem has arisen over the last few months, shattering years of peace. What they want is the route changed."

A spokesman for Thruxted Mill said: "I know that there is a policy of alternating routes every now and again to be fair on residents in other areas."

"All I can think is that this is what has happened and that the lorries will use this route before moving on to another."

The petition will be considered by councillors.

the weekly distribution (Jul-Dec 1990)

'EXTRA'

Week ending August 23, 1991

People on pathway to danger

PEOPLE living on the outskirts of Wincheap say they risk their lives to walk into Canterbury.

They claim the footpath between New House Lane and Hollow Lane has become so badly overgrown that they are forced to walk in the road or cut across orchards.

Mrs Margaret Cumming says she and many of her neighbours have repeatedly complained to the City Council about its condition to no avail.

"It is over a year since they cut

it," she told Extra.

"Now, old people and young mothers with pushchairs just can't get through and people who do, get scratched and stung — or get wet through if it has rained."

The footpath is high on a bank to avoid the narrow, steep-sided country lanes where visibility is poor in places and there is no provision for pedestrians to step out of the path of oncoming vehicles.

But this summer it has become impassable for people with pushchairs and only navigable by ducking under overhanging

branches or side-stepping high nettles and thistles.

Her neighbour, Mrs Joyce Burt, said she feared an accident if something was not done soon.

"The schools will open again shortly and there are a lot of young children who have to use the path to get there," said Mrs Burt.

"I am afraid that someone will be hurt if it isn't cut back soon. It's an exceedingly dangerous road."

After inquiries from Extra, a City Council spokesman said the path was due to be cut early this week.

Council here to help

EXTRA 4/10/91

Sir,

Your articles (Extra, August 8 and September 9) highlighted problems faced by Wincheap and Thanington residents, firstly concerning the overgrown footpath between New House Lane and Hollow Lane and secondly by lorries using Cockering Road and St Nicholas Road to transport animal carcasses and remains to Thruxted Mill, Crundale.

Concerning the footpath, Thanington Without Parish Council has made frequent representations over the years regarding the footpath, the erosion of the banks at the upper end of Hollow Lane, as well as branches overhanging Hollow Lane.

Regarding the transportation problem, it is unfortunate that this was not brought to our attention in the first instance.

active, non-political, parish council, comprising nine dedicated councillors and a clerk. Our monthly meetings are advertised on the parish noticeboards.

I would ask that if anyone has a problem, however small, please come to us in the first instance, and we will do everything that we can to help. — Graham Page, chairman, Thanington With-

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Miss S. Williams and the Clerk

SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING

SUNDAY 6th OCTOBER 1991



ON THE 40th ANNIVERSARY OF THE
DEDICATION OF ST. FAITH'S CHURCH THANINGTON