

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THANINGTON WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL held at the Ashford Road Community Association Hall, Ashford Rd, Monday 14th OCTOBER 1991 at 7.30 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.
City Cllr. Mr. A. Frogley and one local elector.

CHAIRMAN: Cllr. Mr. G. Page

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: All councillors were present.

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

2. MATTERS ARISING:

- (1.) The Clerk reported that it had been discovered soon after the meeting that the newspaper reports referred to had, in fact, both appeared in 'Extra'. The Chairman undertook to write about both reports. (See Minute Book Page: 365) The Clerk also outlined the telephone conversation which he had had with Cllr. Frogley, in the interim period.
Upon the subject of Hollow Lane trees being mentioned, Cllr. Knott interjected a comment regretting that a full-scale improvement had not been carried out.
- (2.) Cllr. Blackman observed that some vehicles were still abusing the one-way traffic regulation in Tonford Lane.
- (3.) The Clerk reported that he had written to both the KCC and the Bus Company concerning the bus stop at Chalklands. Replies from both were read.
The Clerk also confirmed that he had reported the bus shelter graffiti.
- (4.) The Clerk reported that the Year Planner had been received.
- (5.) The Clerk reported that a free copy of a handbook on Applications for Golf Courses had been received and circulated.
- (6.) The Clerk reported that he had written to the Telecoms address supplied by Cllr. Page, to draw attention to the low man-hole cover outside 119-121 Ashford Road
- (7.) The Clerk confirmed that he had spoken on the telephone to City Cllr. Frogley, concerning the possibility of the Park & Ride scheme being extended westwards, to alleviate traffic volume on the A.28.
- (8.) The Clerk confirmed that he had reported that the seat at the top of Grays Way had been damaged and that it had now been removed.
- (9.) The Clerk confirmed that he had reported the poor condition of the pavement in New House Close, that the 'Slow' sign at the junction of Iffin Lane and New House Lane was missing and had suggested that a central line at the curve in the road near the Oast-house may help to lessen danger.
- (10.) The Clerk reported that he had supplied a Travel Expenses claim form to Cllr. Knott, as requested.

- (11.) The Clerk confirmed that he had reported the problems with car parking in Manor Close and along Cockering Road, near the post-box. A reply from CCC was read, concerning this and also the recurrent problem of litter along Cockering Road banks about which the Clerk had written, as instructed.
- (12.) The Clerk confirmed that he had made a request for a 'No through-road' sign for Manor Close.

3. APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS: It was noted that the cheque issued to KAPC for £17,63 had been returned unrepresented.

K. C. C. (KCS)	Photocopier	£111,60
D. E. GOULD.	Clerk's salary Jy/Aug/Spt	£539,90
	Course travel	81,00
	2/3 Telephone rental	<u>15,74</u>
		£636,64
KAPC	AGM lunches: 2 X £4,25	£8,50
SEEBOARD	Street Lighting: Quotation 8/4/91	£546,51
	including VAT	£81,39
D. E. GOULD	Reimbursement: for Petty Cash	£20,00
K. C. C. (KCS)	Year Planner	£5,49

All of the above payments were approved and signed by two councillors. It was proposed by Cllr. Furness and unanimously agreed that, in future, all cheques be signed by any same two councillors, in order to save time.

4. FINANCE: The Clerk presented a Financial Report, dated October 14th. He commented that he could not promise to regularly produce quite so many interim statements, which were a new departure, but that he would endeavour to do so. Cllr. Burton queried one of the unrepresented items (£131,76). The Clerk was unable to supply the detail at the Meeting, but undertook to do so.

Photo-copier: The Clerk outlined details of a replacement at reduced rate. He understood that it was new, whereas the present model could be expected to be beginning to be slightly troublesome; it had the added feature of reducing A3 size to A4 and the lower charge would not be subject to a minimum. If ordered it could be supplied immediately. It was proposed by Cllr. Page, seconded by Cllr. Williams and unanimously approved that the Clerk be instructed to order the new machine.

The Clerk reported that on the HICA Bank Statement, the Sept. 27th balance was :- £13042,74 (credit)

Lottery Fund: A letter from Mother & Toddlers Group was read. It confirmed that receipts had now been submitted to CCC and expressed thanks to the Parish Council for this support.

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5. CORRESPONDENCE: KAPC: Parish News No: 182 (Circulated)
Agenda & papers for AGM, forwarded to Cllrs. Page & Stokes.
Cllr. Stokes intimated that he might not be able to attend. No
substitute was available.
Kent Water Boards: Issues & Options: Circulated
Shell Oil Co. Re: Buying Council Home; Poster.
It was agreed that the Clerk should obtain
further copies; one for each notice board.
KCC (KCS): Bulletin: was noted
CCC.: Annual Report of Chief Executive; had been circulated.

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Decisions by CCC: CA/91/0743/THA St. Nicholas' Church APPROVED

Applications received: CA/91/0902/THA 179-183 Ashford Road
Proposed residential development for 3 No. four
bedroom detached houses with integral garages.

The Clerk reported that he had circulated plans and details,
together with photocopies of a previously refused application.
Upon receiving back comments made by all councillors he had
forward a letter expressing basic approval, but reported
concern over parking space.

NOTE: An AMENDMENT had been subsequently circulated,
together with notes on the Clerk's conversation with Planning
Department. It was unanimously agreed that this be approved.

CA/91/0901/CHA Milton Farm.

Erection of Dwelling House

The Clerk had drawn attention to CHA and had reported that the
Chartham P.C. Clerk had forwarded the letter as it referred to
a property within Thanington. The Clerk apologised for the
omission of the usual Comments Form and thanked councillors
for their initiative. He had incorporated their replies into
the records. He had written to CCC Planning Office to report
unanimous approval of the Application.

CA/91/0979/THA New House Farm

Change of use of existing farm, for the sale of
farm produce and associated products.

This application had been received after the distribution of
the Agenda. It had been circulated but had not reached all
councillors. Inspection and comments were completed at this
meeting. Whilst being approved in principle, concern was
expressed over the uncertainty of effect on traffic. The Clerk
was instructed to write expressing approval, but to recommend
trimming back hedges at the entrance, as a condition.

At the Clerk's request, the Chairman raised the matter of distribution, or
not, to all councillors, of full Planning Agendas which are now received
regularly. It was agreed that he would pass on the current Agenda and that

the matter could be decided later.

REPORTS: The Clerk spoke briefly about the conclusion of his GLOSCAT course. He also related the story of a Parish Council attempting to solve its Post Office shop & Pub problems, which had been a course exercise.

Cllr. Page reported on the K. A. P. C Canterbury Area Meeting held on October 2nd, which Cllr. Knott had been unable to attend. He referred to the new 'hung' City Council and the policy of 'opening up' procedures. It had been reported that 'concurrent powers' were under review, but that this did not necessarily imply reductions. Cllr. Page promised to supply the Clerk with a copy of his report, for his files.

PARISH AFFAIRS The Clerk reported that Mr. Potts had informed him of various lighting faults in the Ingolsby Road/ Cockerling Road area, which he had passed on to CCC immediately, on September 17th.

The Clerk said that after Cllr. Knott had reported fallen branches in Hollow Lane, he had reported this to CCC Highways by 8.30 a.m. Cllr. Knott confirmed to him in the early evening of the same day, that the matter had been attended to. Cllr. Knott added that she considered it to be inefficient of the authorities not to have dealt with other potentially dangerous, overhanging trees at the same time.

The Clerk informed that he had reported overhanging branches by the Grays Way/Ashford Road Parish notice board. This had been subsequently dealt with, very promptly.

The Clerk reported that, upon noticing a Circus advertisement on the Grays Way/Ashford Road Parish notice board, he had left a message with the booking office, pointing out that he had not been approached about using the board.

The Clerk informed that Miss Ester Eyles had telephoned to enquire about what action had been taken by the P.C. concerning local mineral extraction. She had announced that she intended to write to the authorities to add her personal objections.

The Clerk reported that he had noticed white markings on dangerous paving stones in the alley way off Alfred Close. He hoped this indicated a response to the report he had made some months ago.

Cllr. Blackman reported a raised gas hydrant cover, near the Post Office bus shelter. The Clerk was asked to report this.

Cllr. Burton reported that the road name sign at Windsor Road had been whited out. She also reported that the pathway between Strangers Lane & Windsor Road was in a disgustingly messy state. The Clerk was asked to report both matters.

Cllr. McMillan reported pot-holes in New House Lane which were connected with an unspecified man-hole cover. Cllr. Knott undertook to inform the Clerk more specifically, in order that he could then report the matter to the appropriate authority.

Cllr. Knott commented on concern in the South ward over non-delivery of plastic refuse bags, which matter she recognised the Clerk had already reported. She also wished to inform the Council that offers were being made in the Ward for gas installation. Similarly, as a matter of information, Cllr. Knott produced the programme connected with celebrations on October 6th of the 40th Anniversary of St. Faith's Church. It was agreed that this be placed in the Minute book.

Cllr. Stokes reported that at the Cockering Road/St. Nicholas Road junction, one light was out and the one on the bank side was overhung by shrubbery. The Clerk was instructed to report this to CCC.

Cllr. Stokes distributed copies of the leaflet 'Litter. The new law.'

Cllr. Page referred to a complaint by a Mr. Jessop of 146 Ashford Road, concerning the 'disgusting state' of the pavement along the north side, in particular, of Ashford. A letter from a then-County Councillor was produced. The Clerk was instructed to write to KCC in this matter. Cllr. Page undertook to supply him with a copy of the said letter, for reference.

EMERGENCY PLANNING: The Clerk reported on a meeting with Mr. McDonald, Treasurer of the Neighbourhood Watch scheme, regarding possible co-operation which would utilise an already existing contact network. The matter would be raised at their meeting on October 21st. The P.C. members thought it to be worth considering but noted that it would only cover part of the Parish.

D. FOOTPATHS: Finances for a Strimmer.

The Clerk confirmed that he had contacted Mr. Hood of CCC Highways regarding footpath CB 491.

The Clerk confirmed that he had obtained a Catalogue and Price List for strimmers, which he had passed to Cllr. Stokes, having advised Cllr. Williams. He had also sought advice from contractors using strimmers. He had also obtained details from Shell about their Better Britain campaign and had passed a Grant Application form to Cllr. Williams. This scheme operates on a 'first come, first served' basis and expires at the end of November. It was unanimously agreed that attempts should be made to obtain a good quality strimmer, whilst being aware of matters such as insurance, storage and fuel consumption. The Clerk was instructed to process the Application Form.

The Clerk reported that he had been informed by the Treasurer's Department at CCC that an application by the Council for financial aid towards purchase of a strimmer, in connection with leisure pursuits, would be accepted. The Council agreed to bear this in mind as a reserve possibility.

The Clerk reported that he had been informed by Ms. Barbara Andrews at KCC Highways (Canterbury Area) that farmers would be circularised about future care of footpaths. The Council agreed that it was best dealt with in this manner, initially.

The Clerk confirmed that he had contacted New House Farm concerning the gap in the hedge at the junction of CB491 and 358A. Mrs. Hinchcliff had undertaken to clear this. It was reported that this had been done and the Clerk was instructed to write appreciatively to her.

The Clerk stated that a letter had been received from KCC Highways (Canterbury Area), regretting that Thanington had not been represented at an October 2nd meeting. Neither the Clerk nor Cllr. Williams were aware of the invitation. The Clerk had complained. However, Minutes were enclosed and non-attendance did not appear to be a serious loss. Also enclosed was a Request Form for Regular Footpath Maintenance. Cllr. Williams proposed that this be requested for CB491 and CB58 (running into CB464) and it was agreed that the Clerk should do so.

Cllr. Williams that Chris Dale, would be coming from Maidstone on Saturday October 19th to continue with Footpath improvement activities and that volunteer helpers would be welcome.

11. CANTERBURY DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN Had been circulated but not yet studied by all councillors. Parish matters had been highlighted by the Clerk. The Clerk reported that he had telephoned to the Planning Department to obtain further background information on the three items marked on Inset 1 Plan. (i) Footpath across Playing-field (ii) Play-area Manor Close and (iii) R on Ashford Road (not P). He also had also drawn attention to the repeated comment on traffic in the Review of Parish Appraisals. It had been suggested that the Council should write in. Cllr. Williams had addressed this matter and the Clerk was asked to write.

Cllr. Hughes expressed a desire for notification by CCC of meetings and Notice, just received, of dates of such Exhibitions & Public Meetings was read, as follows:-

Public Consultation: 2nd Dec - 29th Feb'92 Rough Common Village Hall
Exhibition Thurs. Dec. 12th from 2 p.m. onwards
Fri. Dec. 13th 12 noon - 6 p.m.
Public Meeting: Thurs. Dec. 12th 7.30 p.m.

At this stage the meeting was adjourned to allow City Cllr. Frogley to speak. He commented on the importance of getting a draft Local Plan ready for discussion. He stressed that it was by no means 'carved in stone'. He regretted that there was no hope of a by-pass road for many years. He explained his part in the 'offal traffic' petition as being only one of guidance. He regretted any misunderstandings and hoped for strengthened City/Parish relationship and co-operation. The Clerk commented that the Chairman's letter dealt with different problems. In the case of the 'offal' problem, the Parish Council had not been made aware, but in the case of Hollow Lane trees, we had reported to CCC several times. Cllr. Knott asked for action in this latter matter. Finally, Cllr. Frogley commented on his hope to have the gratings removed from the Playground.

The meeting was resumed at 9.45, with Cllr. Hughes wishing to return to the Local Plan discussion. Cllrs. Burton and Stokes asked to be excused

Cllr. Hughes expressed the opinion that Thanington seemed to come off badly. She would like to know more about intended Wincheap development. She considered the proposed Manor Close Playground to be isolated. She asked if the South Ward was included. She would like to know what the extent of the proposed development of the Perrings site might be. It was noted that Parish comments were not due until after the next Council meeting and that hopefully deliberations could be completed and formulated then. Meanwhile the Clerk undertook to obtain answers to as many of these questions as possible.

12. CLERK'S CONTRACT: The Clerk reported that he had recently endeavoured to contact K. A. P. C. regarding the reply promised at the end of August to his letter of April. He had now been promised an early telephone response.

13. COUNCILLORS' INFORMATION COURSES: The Clerk explained that the cheque for the over-subscribed course had been returned. As Cllrs. Burton & McMillan felt that the 9th November meeting at Hildenborough was not convenient, it was decided to await the details of the March 7th meeting in Benenden.

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Before closing the Meeting the Chairman offered for Mr. Goddard, the sole local elector present, to speak. He enquired about the yellow lines proposal for Strangers Close, stating that difficulties persisted. He was informed by the Clerk that an acknowledgement of his request had been received.

NEXT MEETING to be held on Monday NOVEMBER 11th 1991 at 7.30 p.m.

CLOSE OF MEETING: there being no other business, the Chairman declared the Meeting closed, at 9.55 p.m.

G.S.B. Page
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