

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THANINGTON WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL held at the Ashford Rd Community Association Hall, Ashford Rd, Monday 11th NOVEMBER 1991 at 7.30 p.m.

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

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.) Cllr. Blackman reported that the low man-hole cover outside 119-121 Ashford R had been very satisfactorily attended to.
- (2.) The Clerk pointed out an error in the Minutes of October 14th 1991, on Page 3 under: APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS: "It was noted that the cheque issued to KAPC for £17,63 had been returned unrepresented." The amount should have been 2 X £17.6 = £35,26.
- (3.) The Clerk reported that the new photocopier had been delivered.
- (4.) The Clerk confirmed that he had attempted to obtain extra copies of the Shell Oil Co. 'Buying Council Home' poster, but had been referred to the D.E.O., to whom he had applied.
- (5.) Regarding CA/91/0979/THA New House Farm, the Clerk confirmed that he had written expressing approval, and had recommended trimming back hedges at the entrance, as a condition.
- (6.) Cllr. Blackman reported that the raised gas hydrant cover, near the Post Office bus shelter had already been very satisfactorily attended to.
- (7.) The Clerk confirmed that he had reported that the road name sign at Windsor Road had been whited out and also reported that the pathway between Strangers Lane and Windsor Road was in a disgustingly messy state.
- (8.) A reply from British Telecom was read, regarding planned future attention to the man-hole covers in New House Lane.
- (9.) The Chairman showed that the programme connected with celebrations on October 6th of the 40th Anniversary of St. Faith's Church, had been placed in the Minute book.
- (10.) Cllr. Stokes reported that the light at the Cockering Road/St. Nicholas Road junction had been repaired, but that the bank side was still overhung by shrubbery. The Clerk confirmed that he had reported this.
- (11.) The Chairman read a reply from CCC Highways Dept., concerning the bad state of the footway on the north side of Ashford Road. The Clerk explained that, in view of the discouraging nature of the reply, he had telephoned to enquire if by chance there had been a mix-up between Ashford Rd. & Thanington Rd., as the letter appeared to indicate. If that were the case, he would be so informed.
- (12.) Cllr. Williams reported that she had received an acknowledgement concerning the Grant Application form submitted by the Clerk to the Shell 'Better Britain' campaign.
- (13.) The Clerk confirmed that he had written appreciatively to Mrs. Hinchcliff.
- (14.) The Clerk reported that he had submitted the Request Form for Regular Footpath Maintenance, as instructed.

3. APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS:

S. Knott	Travel Claim	£2,31
C. C. C.	Election expenses	£75,00

An explanation of the election expenses was called for and the details were given.

Thereupon, it was proposed by Cllr. McMillan, seconded by Cllr. Hughes and unanimously agreed that these payments be made. The cheques were then signed by the two named councillors

4. FINANCE:

The Clerk reported that Inland Revenue payment of VAT refund for 1/10/90 - 30/9/91: amounting to £263,25 had been received and banked.

A cheque from KAPC for £4,25, as AGM Lunch refund, had been received & banked.

Details of the new photocopier agreement were presented.

Lottery Fund: A tardy letter from Nailbourne Scouts requesting £150-£180 was read. After discussion, the Clerk was instructed to reply that after having delayed to await a response, the available funds had now already been allocated.

The Clerk also reported that a problem over non-receipt of correspondence by the Finance Dept., from the Hilltop Club, appeared to now be resolved.

Concurrent Powers: A reply from CCC was read. This indicated that probably an application for a sum in the region of £2000, for lighting expenses, under Concurrent Powers, would be favourably received. The implications of this, together with previous Parish Council reasoning, were outlined for the benefit of new councillors. It was unanimously agreed that, in preparing the draft Budget, the Clerk should assume such an application.

Clerk's Salary: It was unanimously agreed that, in line with the recommendations by the NALC & SLCC,, the Clerk's salary should be increased from £1,10 to £1,17 per Parish Community Charge payer, as from July 1st 1991. The Clerk thanked the Council.

Budget preparations. It was agreed that the Clerk should make enquiries concerning the possible replacement of perspex in the New House Lane notice-board, by Mr. T, and of obtaining a substantial, enclosed board for the top of Grays Way; the present one in that location to replace the one in Strangers Lane. It was noted that it may be possible to pay for the New House Lane notice-board improvements out of existing funds.

It was also unanimously agreed to budget sufficiently for a strimmer for next year, to allow for the fact of possibly receiving no assistance with the actual purchase.

It was proposed by Cllr. Furness and unanimously agreed that the previously budgeted for amount of £380, for the National Savings Account, should now be paid in. This account is intended to hold funds for the Clerk's Retirement

Gratuity, but the amount had not been paid in whilst awaiting further information about Clerks' pensions and gratuities. It was further agreed that the draft Budget should allow for £400 for next year. The Clerk announced that the current balance was £524.

CORRESPONDENCE:

KAPC Canterbury Area. Minutes & agenda for representatives.
 SLCC: The Clerk: Manual Up-date.
 KAPC No: 183 Parish News (circulated)
 CCC: Minutes (circulated)
 CCC: LOCAL PLAN: dates of exhibitions & meetings (See: Item 11)
 CCC: Broadsheet 'Profile' (for circulation)
 Notcutts Nurseries: re: 40th Anniversary of Queen's Accession.
 After the letter was read, it was agreed that the Clerk should consult with the Tree Officer, Mr. Glenn Sharman.
 KCC Highways & Transportation: B.R. Timetable (passed to Cllr. Blackman).
 KRCC: A letter to Cllr. Blackman, Transport representative, was read.
 KRCC: Annual Report to circularise.
 Geerings: Photocopier Meter card: Clerk telephoned re: change.
 A.R.C.A. : dates of events (inc. Disco Nov. 16th.)
 S.L.C.C. : Notification of A.G.M. Nov. 27th. & 1990 Minutes
 Glasdon: Winter Maintenance equipment catalogue.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

It was agreed that the 'new' bulky CCC Planning Agendas and Reports should be examined by the Clerk for matters relating to the Parish, marked and passed to the Chairman, who would decide whether or not it was pertinent and necessary to distribute them to other councillors.

Decisions by CCC: CA/91/0902/THA 179-183 Ashford Road. Granted

CA/91/0456/THA: 2 New House Lane Appeal: Granted.

CA/91/0701/THA 39, Cockering Road. A duplicate notification, not previously received and requested by the Clerk, stating that this was 'permitted development', was noted.

REPORTS: Cllr. Page reported on K.A.P.C. A.G.M. Cllr. Stokes had been unable to attend. Cllr. Page stressed that he would only present a summary of main items, but that a fuller copy of his notes was available in the Clerk's file. He considered that the main item of direct interest was the new subscription scale for 1992/3, which had been agreed as:-

Standing Charge of	£12,00	+ VAT
A rate per Community Charge payer of	12.8p	+ VAT

based on 1-1-1992 figures.
 An overall maximum of £300,00 + VAT
 He added that this did not appear to be a large increase.

PARISH AFFAIRS :

Mr. Potts had reported faulty lighting in passage-way Cockering Road/Ingoldsby Road. The Clerk had reported to CCC.
 Faulty lights in Ashenden Close have been reported to Seeboard.
 The Clerk drew attention to the fact that the new board directing to ARCA

was now in place, adding that this should, hopefully, facilitate matters. The Clerk reported that he had noted the Playground repairs and improvements. He had telephoned Cllr. Frogley and pointed out that the grid was unaltered.

Mr. Long at CCC Highways had telephoned the Clerk, upon receipt of a letter from Cllr. Frogley, concerning trees in Hollow Lane. The Clerk had arranged for Cllr. Knott to have the opportunity to telephone him to arrange a site-visit. She willingly agreed to contact him.

The Chairman congratulated the Clerk on having passed his course. The Clerk thanked the Council for their support.

Cllr. Blackman reported an un-safe man-hole cover, presumably Southern Water property, marked MWAY 600, opposite 163 Ashford Road. The Clerk was asked to report this.

Cllr. Stokes complained that the footway between Strangers Lane and Manor Close was still in a very bad condition. The Clerk was asked to report this again.

Cllr. Knott reported that she had found the wooden direction sign, for the footpath opposite her home, to have been damaged. She had carried out temporary repairs. The Clerk was asked to report the matter and to enquire about a metal replacement.

Cllr. Knott also requested that the Clerk be instructed to write to enquire when Wheelie-bins would be introduced in the South Ward.

She also reported that the New House Lane phone-box had been re-newed.

Graham Page reported that he had obtained a Footpaths leaflet at a recent meeting but, in fact, Cllr. Williams already had a copy.

9. EMERGENCY PLANNING:

Cllr. Blackman reported that the recent meeting of the Neighbourhood Watch scheme had been unusually well attended. The proposal, by Mr. McDonald, regarding possible co-operation which would utilise an already existing contact network, met with no opposition. The Clerk reported that he had heard nothing further.

10. FOOTPATHS: Finances for a strimmer and the submitted application for a granted had been previously discussed. It was strongly urged by Cllrs. Williams & Stokes that having our own strimmer by next spring would be a great help. There was no disagreement.
- Cllr. Williams reported that Chris. Dale (KCC) had visited the site of the spinney footpath and that there still seemed to be some disagreement/misunderstanding. However, it was decided to let matters rest as they are, for the time being. .

11. CANTERBURY DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN:

A reply from CCC, to queries raised by the Clerk, was read by the Chairman. He commented favourably on the fact that the reply was detailed and clearly, specifically related to the questions. The various replies were noted. The Chairman announced that he hoped to attend a meeting about the District Local Plan, on November 19th., to which he had received an invitation.

12. CLERK'S CONTRACT:

The Clerk reported that he had still had no reply from KAPC, concerning his contract. He had telephoned on October 31st, the comment was made that other Clerk's positions were also under review, and perhaps the Secretary was awaiting that outcome.

KENT MINERALS LOCAL PLAN: Construction Aggregates

A letter from the Chairman of the CCC Planning Committee, providing an update of the stance that CCC will be taking at the forthcoming Public Inquiry on Kent Minerals Local Plan, was read and noted.

Next Meeting: December 9th 7.30 p.m. Cllr. Knott made a suggestion that, we are commencing earlier, we should endeavour to finish earlier; that had been the motivation for the earlier start. It was agreed to aim at 9-45 p.m. as a dead-line.

USE OF MEETING: There being no other business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed, at 9.12 p.m.

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TREES FOR THANINGTON

aim of which is to encourage tree planting and tree care. The Parish Council would welcome ideas of suitable sites for trees, particularly if people would be willing to water and care for the trees when first planted.

Please send your ideas to me:
GLEN SHARMAN, SOUTHMEAD, COCKERING ROAD, THANINGTON.
Tele. No. 765484.

GUIDED WALKS There will be two public walks at the Larkey Valley Woods on SUNDAY 1st DECEMBER and SATURDAY 21st DECEMBER, both at 10 a.m. in the Car Park. All are welcome to visit a piece of ancient woodland on our doorstep.

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DECEMBER 1991

Villages fight gravel menace

Thanington lorry ban?

HEAVY trucks carrying animal carcasses and offal from all over the country continue to "rat run" through the Thanington estate throughout the early hours of the morning causing sleepless nights and a terrible stench for residents.

At the November Environment Committee councillors Andrew Frogley and Simon Dolby demanded to know why no action had been taken despite a large residents' petition highlighting the problem.

The councillors were told the route along Cockerling and St. Nicholas Roads was lawful and that only bringing in restrictions for heavy lorries had any chance of solving the problem. The Liberal councillors urged officers to investigate the use of weight and width restrictions to stop the offal lorries as speedily as possible.

RESIDENTS angry at the Conservative-run county council for including their areas in plans for future gravel extraction have been helping Martin Vye campaign against the plans.

The plans to extract gravel at Thanington, Sturry and Chartham will cause horrific environmental problems and together with plans for a massive road-rail gravel depot at Brenley, south of the A2, spell disaster for the communities surrounding Canterbury.

A public inquiry starting this month is to decide which areas remain in the county's mineral extraction plan. Cllr. Martin Vye is to head a team at the enquiry opposing the scheme and will hand in written copies of his evidence before the Canterbury area section of the inquiry in January.

If you have not yet written a letter objecting to the plans please do so now and return it to Martin Vye before the end of December. Send it to Martin Vye: Gravel Campaign, 30 Norman Road, Canterbury.