

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THANINGTON WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL held at 21 Tonford Lane Thanington Without, Monday 10th FEBRUARY 1992 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs. P. Blackman, Mr. G. Furness, Miss S. Knott, Mrs. F. Hughes
Mrs. J. McMillan, Mr. G. Page, Miss S. Williams & the Clerk.

CHAIRMAN: Cllr. Mr. G. Page

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr. Stokes was unwell and his apology was accepted.

The Chairman commenced by explaining the reason for the change of venue and expressed thanks to Cllr. Mrs. Blackman for her hospitality. The Clerk explained that in addition to highlighting the different venue on the notices displayed, he had arranged for an extra one to be posted at the Clubhouse. Cllr. Blackman confirmed that she had done that.

The Chairman also announced that he had received the resignation of Cllr. Mrs. Burton for reasons of ill-health. It was unanimously agreed that a house-plant be purchased from the Chairman's Allowance, and that this be delivered to Cllr. Burton. The Clerk undertook to send a formal letter of acceptance of resignation and to express the regrets of the Council.

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

2. **MATTERS ARISING:**

[1.] The Clerk confirmed that he had put up posters provided by the Tree Warden in connection with the appeal for help in Larkey Valley Woods on January 26th. He also mentioned that, whereas, Mr. Watmor had telephoned to accept the offer to speak at the Parish Meeting, there had not yet been a specific response to the query about support for plans to provide more trees in the Parish..

[2.] The Clerk confirmed that he had telephoned to Mr. Long of CCC Highways, to express disappointment and to request attention to the urgent matter of trees in Hollow Lane. The Clerk reported that he had done so and upon hearing that the work had already been carried out, he requested confirmation and comments in writing. Mr. Long's letter was read at the meeting.
The Clerk also reported that he had informed Mr. Long's office of a branch hanging dangerously over the middle of Hollow Lane. He was thanked and promised action. Apparently, however, the hanging branch had not been dealt with. After some discussion it was agreed that, initially, Cllr. Knott would contact Mr. Long and endeavour to obtain satisfaction in this matter, for now and the future, particularly from the point of view of identifying the specific location.

[3.] The Clerk reported that a member of the City Treasurer's staff had informed him that decisions regarding the annual Precept and concurrent powers would be made very soon.

[4.] The Clerk reported that the amended cheque for £380 had been paid in to the National Savings account.

[5.] The Clerk reported that he had noted that there should be no ARCA rental charge for rental charge for February.

[6.] A reply from The Chartham Society: headed 'Connection of the Western Link A2/A28' was read. The Clerk reported that he had discussed the matter with Mr.

Ellershaw at CCC. First of all, it was pointed out that any link from the A28 to the A2 was not the so-called Western Link. Whatever was being considered was in connection with the park and ride scheme at Bretts. At present there were no plans available nor immediate progress anticipated. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to The Chartham Society again, pointing out these facts and stressing that whilst being sympathetic to the problems connected with traffic through Chartham Hatch, the Council was concerned about the extra traffic along Ashford Road/Thanington Road which a A28/A2 link road would most probably cause.

- [7.] The Clerk confirmed that he had informed Cllr. Vye of the Parish Meeting date.
- [8.] The Clerk confirmed that he had reported that lights in Ashenden Road were out of synchronisation.
- [9.] The Clerk confirmed that he had informed the appropriate authorities, once again, that the banks of Cockering Road needed a good clearance from litter.
- [10.] The Clerk confirmed that he had taken up Mr. Goddard's queries about lighting conditions with the CCC. The Clerk passed on the CCC comments that one supply box also served the A28 whereas that for Strangers Lane/ Close did not and also the categorisation of roads in the seventies, determined those roads which the CCC were able to pass to PC control. The Clerk reported that, coincidentally a request from Seeboard for confirmation of records had revealed a minor discrepancy in the list of roads under CCC rresponsibility. The Clerk confirmed that Seeboard, CCC & he all concerned had identical lists. The Clerk had prepared a plan showing, in colour, the authority responsible for the Parish streets. Subsequent discussion indicated that some confusion still remained and the Clerk undertook to investigate further and endeavour to report back and clarify the situation. The Clerk also undertook to inform Mr. Goddard about his enquiries.

3. TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

SOCIETY OF LOCAL COUNCIL CLERKS	£30, 00
Subscription renewal.	
LEASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES	£103, 35
Photocopier: Qurtly rental Inc. VAT £15, 39	
GEERINGS	£19, 33
Photocopy paper Inc. VAT £2, 88	
ASHFORD ROAD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION	£75, 00
Hall rental: 10 meetings April '91 to March '92	

It was proposed by Cllr Knott, seconded by Cllr. McMillan and unanimously agreed that these amounts be paid. All the cheques were then signed by Cllrs. Knott & McMillan.

The Clerk pointed out the necessity to transfer from the HICA account in order to replenish the current account, adding that he would arrange this.

4. FINANCE:

PARISH REQUIREMENT: The Clerk referred back to the comment made under Matters Arising that this matter should soon be dealt with by the

City Treasurer.

NATIONAL SAVINGS: The Clerk reported that notification had been received that interest to December 31st 1991 amounted to £52,34. The Balance before interest was £524,53. Subsequently £380 has been credited.

MIDLAND BANK: Signatories; a further letter from Midland Bank was read and the Clerk's reply, which attempted to unravel the Bank's apparent confusion. Having received no subsequent reply, the Clerk hoped that this matter was finally and satisfactorily concluded.

: Statement; current a/c balance on Jan. 31st: £571,04

NORWICH UNION INSURANCE: This matter was dealt with under Item 14, CLERK'S CONTRACT

K.R.C.C.: A request for a Donation for 1992/93 was read. This had led the Clerk to check on payments for 1990/91 and 1991/2.

The Clerk expressed his embarrassment and his apologies for the fact that the two previously approved payments of £10,00 each had not been processed. He undertook to reply to KRCC, to prepare the cheque for £20,00 for the next meeting and to forward it forthwith.

It was proposed by Cllr. Blackman and seconded by Cllr. Williams that a donation of £15,00 be made to KRCC for 1992/93, to be paid after March 31st 1992.

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS: 1994 CENTENARY APPEAL
A letter was read which queried apparent non-receipt of a pledged donation for 1991/92. The Clerk was pleased to be able to state that the bank statement confirmed his own records that the payment had been debited and, in addition, there were instructions for ensuing years. The Clerk undertook to reply to NALC, with substantiating evidence.

SEEBOARD: STREET LIGHTING; a letter was read which advised that repairs additional to the agreement had been necessary and that an unspecified charge would be made.

5. CORRESPONDENCE:

KCC: Kent Structure Plan: Third Review & Alteration Plan
The Chairman outlined the contents. The document is being circulated.

KCC: RAILINK No: 16 (circulated)

KCC: The BULLETIN: Feb. 1992. To be filed

UEA: Short Courses: Playground Safety. noted

KAPC: Re: Councillors' Info. Day; Benenden 7/3/'92. Noted

ARCA: Hall closure 10-12 February. Appreciation of notification was noted.

Kimberly-Clark: South East in Bloom. Noted

The Good Weekend guide: request for information.

The Clerk undertook to reply after next meeting, when Cllrs Page and Knott had offered to bring possibly relevant reference material.

J. Whyatt: Safety Play Surfaces. To be filed

Recreational Supply Services: Playgrounds. To be filed.

KCC HIGHWAYS: Annual Divisional Meeting of Parish Council representatives: March 18th. The Chairman was unable to accept the invitation, but the Clerk undertook to attend.

KCC HIGHWAYS: Village Transport Representative's Conference:

Cllr. Blackman offered to attend on March 19th. The Clerk w

asked to inform KCC that Cllr. Blackman was the representative, that the correspondence would be passed to her and that she would be applying to attend.

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Clerk confirmed that the CCC Agenda (with no Thanington item had been passed to the Chairman.

CA/91/1178/THA Wisteria Cottage, Iffin Lane. GRANTED.

The Chairman read out the conditions imposed.

7. REPORTS:

Cllr. Page reported on KAPC Canterbury Area Meeting: 20-1-92. A copy is with the Clerk.

The Clerk reported on the Local Planning Meeting at Chartham. After comment on the format of the exhibition, the attendance and the presentation, he mentioned three items of concern stressed by the Chartham residents:-

- (i) that Chartham appeared to be outside the area of specific rural protection measures,
- (ii) that the road through Chartham Hatch was dangerous and the conditions were aggravated by the excessive amount of traffic using it to link the A2 and A28
- (iii) that the so-called 'offal-lorries' continued to constitute an intolerable nuisance through the village.

The Clerk added that he had pointed out to Mr. Ellershaw that the Review of Parish Appraisals still contained a comment on traffic along the A28 and the effect of the proposed Cockering link-road, about which the Council had already pointed out the fact that they considered this to be completely opposite to their intended expression of opinion.

8. TREES:

The letter from the judge of the The Men of the Trees competition, about which Mr. Sharman had previously commented, was discussed. After comments that probably little could be achieved on the Council Estate had made, the possibilities of planting in the recreation ground, along Thanin Road near the traffic lights, in Strangers Close and placing willows near Tonford Bridge were noted. It was agreed that the Clerk should consult with Mr. Sharman and Mr. Watmor in these matters.

A letter, with a poster, from Ms. Jennifer Moss, Centenary Community Woodland Project Officer, at KRCC, was read. It was agreed that the Clerk should write in reply to her offer to speak, at the Parish Meeting, explaining that Mr. Watmor had already accepted, but inviting her to attend.

9. NOTICE BOARD:

The Clerk explained that he had written to Mr. Tickner to explain that the Council had decided against purchasing a new board, for erection on the corner of Grays Way, because of the high price. As instructed, he asked Mr. Tickner if he would like to submit an estimate for a suitable adaptation of the existing board. He reported that Mr. Tickner had telephoned to confirm details. The Clerk had expressed the hope of receiving an estimate in time for this meeting. None had yet been received. It was noted that the New House

Lane work had not yet been carried out.

The Clerk explained how he had been put in touch with Mr. Woods of Dennes Builders, by Cllr. Blackman, but that in spite of expressed interest in submitting an estimate and an arranged appointment, nothing had materialised. The Clerk also reported that he had requested an estimate from Mr. Foster. This had been submitted and the Council were unanimous in accepting the quotation in the amount of £45,00. The Clerk was instructed to write to Mr. Foster to offer for him to carry out the work.

The Clerk also reported that he had just discovered that the notice-board in Thanington Road had completely disappeared. He was instructed to request a quotation, from Mr. Foster, for a replacement, with lockable, perspex protection.

The Clerk also undertook to check on the position regarding insurance coverage for the notice-boards.

10. PARISH MEETING:

Speaker: The Clerk reported that Mr. Watmor had accepted.

Parish's Report: It was agreed that this year the Clerk would photocopy the Chairman's letter for distribution. Arrangements for distribution by councillors and the Clerk, in the usual manner, would be left to the discretion of the Clerk. It was approved that, if necessary, the remunerated help by the same person as last year, for delivery on the Council Estate, should be sought.

A Footpaths Plan, compiled by Cllr. Williams, was circulated. It was proposed that this be photocopied by the Clerk, for distribution together with the Parish Letter. This was unanimously agreed to and the Chairman thanked Cllr. Williams. Her additional suggestion that a copy to land-owners who are themselves living outside the Parish, should also be sent, was approved.

Presentation of Financial Report; Cllr. Knott undertook this task.

Advertising; it was agreed that the Clerk should endeavour to arrange for the insertion of a letter in the Kentish Gazette and place an advertisement in Adscene, for two/three weeks

Harris Charity; the Chairman announced that he expected to receive a bank statement shortly, which he would pass to the Clerk for the preparation of a report.

Invitations; it was agreed to invite the Wincheap Ward City Councillors, County Cllr. Martin Vye, The Rev. L. Cox, The Chairman of Thanington Withi Community Centre and the Chairman of A. R. C. A.

Cllr. Knott confirmed that she had booked St. Faiths Hall and that she would arrange for the provision of refreshments.

11 PARISH AFFAIRS:

The Clerk drew attention to preparatory markings for footway repairs on the north side of Ashford Road.

Cllr. Hughes reported that the matter of street lighting had been raised at the recent meeting of the Neighbourhood Watch. Mr. Davis, of Grays Way, had queried the possibility of a street lamp being installed near the crest of Grays Way. The Clerk undertook to investigate this matter.

Cllr. Hughes also mentioned that Mr. Ludgrove had referred to the lack of street lighting in Thanington Court. It was noted that this is a private road and also that no request had come from the Court residents themselves.

Cllr. Furness wondered about the legal position in the case of an accident due to poor street lighting.

Cllr. Blackman reported having received verbal complaints from residents in Bramley Close concerning a householder who is using the premises as a base for a greengrocery and dairy business. The Clerk was instructed to investigate and to report back.

12. FOOTPATHS:

There was nothing new apart from the Footpath Plans. It was hoped that copies could be posted on the new, protected noticeboards, eventually.

13. CANTERBURY DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN:

Special 'Comments' forms had been obtained and the following points were noted for the Clerk to submit.

- (i) Concern was expressed over the preservation of Milton Church and also the nearby watermeadows. This was even greater in view of the Cocking Road link and possible future ribbon development along it.
- (ii) The various problems associated with the ever-increasing density of traffic along the A28, through the Parish, and also the misleading entry in the Appraisals Review regarding A28 traffic
- (iii) Cllr. Hughes requested that the previous comments which she had made and which had been minuted, be referred to.
- (iv) A general comment that Thanington Without appeared not to benefit, to any great extent, from entries in the Local Plan.

- 14. CLERK'S CONTRACT:** The long overdue reply from KAPC was read, regarding gratuities for both the previous and present Clerks. Copies of communications with NALC were enclosed and an expression that it seemed "unlikely" that a claim would be made against the Council was noted. However, counsel's opinion was expected by the end of March. It was, therefore, agreed to await the outcome of that before proceeding with considerations of the alternative Norwich Union Scheme for the present Clerk.

The Clerk commented that he had sent copies to the previous Chairman, Dr. Church

Next Meeting: Monday, March 9th 1992 at 7.30 p.m..

CLOSE OF MEETING There being no other business the Chairman again thanked Cllr. Blackman for her hospitality and declared the meeting closed.