

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THANINGTON WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL held at Ashford Road Community Association Clubhouse, Thanington Without,
Monday 13th APRIL 1992 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors, Mr. G. Furness, Miss S. Knott, Mrs. F. Hughes,
 Mr. G. Page, Mr. K. Stokes, Miss S. Williams & the Clerk.

CHAIRMAN: Cllr. Mr. G. Page

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr. Mcmillan had tendered her apology at the close of the March meeting. Cllr. Blackman also had another commitment. Both apologies were accepted.

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

2. MATTERS ARISING:

. CASUAL VACANCY: The Clerk announced that he had been informed by CCC's Chief Executive that no request for an election had been received. The Chairman confirmed that Mr. Goddard accepted the invitation to be co-opted as a Parish Council member. The acceptance of office procedures then took place and Mr. Goddard joined the meeting.

- [1.] The Clerk reported that Mr. Watmough had contacted him on the day after the meeting and had told him about recent tree and shrub planting, around the Recreation Field. He had promised a written reply, but this had not yet been received.
- [2.] The Clerk reported that he had contacted Mr. Tory. A reply from him, and also from Cockering Farm, was read.
- [3.] The Clerk confirmed that he had submitted an entry to the Men of the Trees competition, as instructed.
- [4.] The Clerk confirmed that he had written to thank Mr. Long for the attention to existing problems concerning overhanging trees in Hollow Lane and for the promise of future co-operation. The Clerk also referred to a branch which he had personally reported separately and which he noted had now been cleared.
- [5.] The Clerk reported that he had sent a reply to 'The Good Weekend Guide': in response to their request for information. He thanked Cllrs. Page and Knott for supplying reference material and returned their books to them.
- [6.] The Clerk reported that, in spite of further reminders, he was disappointed not to have heard from Mr. Bingham at Seeboard, regarding the possible use of existing poles for street lamp installation near the crest of Grays Way.
- [7.] The Clerk reported that new notices were now in place at Tonford Road level-crossing but that the vandalised original was still lying in the river, close to the bridge.
- [8.] The Clerk confirmed that he had reported the litter along Cockering Road and had also queried the possibility of tree-planting.

- [9.] Cllr. Knott drew attention to a report in 'Focus', concerning the phone-box, on the corner of New House Lane.
- [10.] The Clerk passed on the comment, made to him by Cllr. Blackman, that the British Telecoms cover, in Ashford Road, had been dealt with very quickly.
- [11.] The Clerk confirmed that he had made a strong request for 'proper, thorough' repairs to stretches of the footway on the north-side of Ashford Road, in the near future.
- [12.] The Clerk reported that there had been no further news about Clerks' contracts, apart from a notice on N.I. contributions in the latest Parish News, which was circulated.

3. TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

K. A. P. C. [Subs £305, 42; Review £38, 70]	£344, 12
inc. VAT £45, 49	
Audit Commission: Fees 1989/90/91	£92, 83
inc. VAT £13, 83	
Geerings: Photocopying; February	£15, 15
inc. VAT £2, 25	
Seeboard	
37, 01 inc. VAT 5, 51	
40, 53 inc. VAT 6, 03	
80, 89 inc. VAT 12, 04	
20, 24 inc. VAT 3, 01	
<u>26, 23 inc. VAT 3, 90</u>	
204, 90 inc. VAT 30, 49	£204, 90
D. E. Gould: Clerk's salary Jan/Feb/Mar. '92	£579, 15
2/3 telephone rental	15, 74
Travel claim. Barham	4, 23
Reimbursement: Petty Cash	£20, 00
Reimbursement: Adscene advert.	<u>£44, 84</u>
	£663, 96
KRCC: Donation 1992/93 approved 10/2/92	£15, 00
KRCC: Oast to Coast subscription.	£4, 00

It was proposed by Cllr Furness, seconded by Cllr. Stokes and unanimously agreed that all the above payments be made. The cheques were then signed by those two, named councillors

4. FINANCE A letter of thanks from KRCC, for a donation for 91/92 was read.

Cornhill Insce. The Clerk reported that a Claim had been submitted for replacement of the vandalised notice-board and

that a cheque for £35 had been received (i.e. Claim less £50 excess). The cheque had been paid in to Bank for the 1991/92 financial year.

Re: Street Lighting. A Claims Form had been submitted, after awaiting SEEBOARD details, for the amount of £77,54. The Clerk reported that a cheque for £16 had been received. It was noted that a deduction of £50,00 excess was expected and that VA appeared to have also been deducted from the accounts claimed for.

National Savings Bank: The Clerk reported that Interest for 1991 was £52,34, which was higher than estimated.

The End of Financial Year Balance was presented by the Clerk and explanations were given, questions answered and the Receipts & Payments ledger was signed. The Chairman expressed his appreciation to the Clerk for the detailed presentation.

WSD had written re: Street Lighting maintenance. The Clerk reported on his contacts with Mr. Morgan (WSD), Seeboard, Westbere & Harbledown Parish Clerks. It was agreed to give further consideration to the possibility of transferring from Seeboard to WDS.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

- CCC Highways: acknowledgement
- CCC Profile: Employment (Circulated)
- CCC Election posters (The Clerk reported that these had been put up)
- KCC: County Furniture Catalogue (to file)
- KCS. Bulletin. (to file)
- KAPC Parish News: No: 188 (distributed)
 - Clerks' Information Day. May 20th.
 - ACRE: Rural Viewpoint (It was proposed by Cllr Knott and seconded by Cllr. Hughes that an annual subscription be taken out)
 - D. E. S. Playground Safety Guidelines. (to be circulated)
 - D. o. E. Campaign for Responsible Dog Ownership. (" " ")
 - D. o. E. Citizens' Charter: Green Rights & Responsibilities ("")
 - Southern Water Services Ltd., (new telephone number noted)
- KCC RAILINK: issue 17 (circulated)
- SLCC: 18th Annual Conference/Parish Paths (noted)
- KCC Education: East Kent Area: Change of address. (noted)
- The HOUSE BUILDERS FEDERATION: Housing up-date. (to be circulated)

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Chairman reported that the usual Agenda etc., had been passed to him, by the Clerk. There were no Thanington Without items, but reference had been made to possible delay in the Local Plan production.

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CA/92/0100/THA "The Sheiling" Iffin Lane.
The Clerk reported that this had been GRANTED.

CA/92/0213/THA 17, Manor Close.
First-floor side extension to dwelling.
This had been circulated and the Clerk reported that comments for 10/4 had been submitted upon receipt of councillors remarks of approval. It was noted that Cllr. Furness had declared an interest and had made no further comment.

CA/92/0299/THA 60 New House Lane
Single storey side extension.
The plans and details were examined and approved. The Clerk was instructed to convey the approval to the Planning Dept.

7. **REPORTS:** The Clerk presented a rather lengthy report on the Parish Councils Meeting of the KCC Highways Dept., held at Barham on March 18th. Apart from many more general matters, he also referred to the topics of Chartham Hatch and the Cockering Road link, about which he had spoken. He added that a copy of his report would be on file.

Cllr. Blackman was not present to report on Village Transport; in fact, it was not definitely known if she had attended the conference.

Cllr. Page reported that the next KAPC Canterbury Area meeting would be on April 22nd. Cllr. Knott regretted that she would be unable to attend. It was noted that the election of representatives would be due at the Parish Council Annual Meeting, in May.

8. **TREES:** The matters of a response from Mr. Watmough and letters from Mr. Tory and Cockering Farm, had already been dealt with.
9. **NOTICE BOARD:** Cllr. Knott reported that the New House Lane notice board was now in place and looking good.

The Clerk reported that Mr. Foster had been unwell but the Thanington Road board should be in place very soon. Payment of the due £45 together with the new account was acceptable to Mr. Foster.

10. **PARISH MEETING**

The Clerk reported that he had submitted an advert to Adscene (for two entries) and had written to Kentish Gazette, as undertaken to do.

The Agenda was presented. Cllr. Williams pointed out that she had been included although she had previously apologised for not being available. She undertook to leave a short report with the Clerk, for appropriate presentation.

The Chairman explained that time pressures for distribution of the Annual Report had necessitated going ahead with duplication before any prior presentation to councillors. He had, however, consulted with the Clerk at the draft stage.

The letters and maps were allocated to councillors, for distribution

11. PARISH AFFAIRS:

The Clerk reported that he had put up notices of April 9th. Election and details of candidates and polling stations, as instructed, and had sent copies to Cllr. Knott for South Ward.

The Clerk drew attention to the fact, purely as a matter of interest that he had calculated, from the list of District Parish precepts, the numbers of community charge payers in each. It revealed that Thanington Without is the fourth largest of the twenty-five.

The Clerk reported that he had noticed a burnt-out car in Larkey Valley Woods about which he would be notifying the Cleansing Dept.

Cllr. Page reported that the litter bin at Hanging Banks had been removed. He recommended that a request be made for a larger bin and ideally one which could be fixed to the ground. This was agreed and the Clerk was instructed to write about this matter.

Cllr. Page also raised the matter of parking on pavements. He proposed the consideration of writing to identified, repeating offenders. It was agreed that, initially, the Clerk should consult with the Police.

Cllr. Stokes raised the matters of:-

- (i) illegal footway crossings, especially in the St. Nicholas Road area. The Clerk undertook to contact the CCC Planning Dept. Enforcement Officer, about this.
- (ii) wall ^{demolition} ~~demolition~~ and strewn cement outside the second house on the left, ascending St., Nicholas Road. The Clerk undertook to report this, also.
- (iii) overhanging vegetation in Hollow Lane. The Clerk pointed out that the specified location was actually outside our Parish, but that he would inform the Clerk of Lower Harges.
- (iv) a vehicle parking on the footway at the top of Strangers Lane, virtually every evening. The Clerk undertook to report this.

Cllr. Furness referred to lighting in Ashenden Close, including

- (i) possible loss of synchronisation remaining after power-cuts,
- (ii) a query of the existence of a lamp included on the circulated plans
- (iii) a request for consideration of changing to photo-cells.

For the time being, the Clerk was instructed to request estimates from Seeboard and WDS for conversions to photo-cells.

Cllr. Hughes said that she had heard rumours about a Nature Reserve in Thanington and enquired if anything were known about any such proposal. Cllr. Williams intimated that it probably referred to plans for the so-called Brett's 'lakes' area. She was not aware of any imminent action and nor were any other councillors. The Clerk confirmed that he had not been informed of anything concerning this matter..

Cllr. Knott said that she had reported sewage problems, which had been dealt with. She expressed long-term concern.

Cllr. Knott also referred to the possibility of the introduction of gas supplies to the South Ward area.

Cllr. Goddard drew attention to overhanging branches outside 111 Thanington Road, in Strangers Lane. The Clerk undertook to follow up on this matter.

Cllr. Goddard also reported that lights in Strangers Close were now back to normal.

Cllr. Williams supported Cllr. Page's comments about Ashford Road footways.

12. FOOTPATHS: Cllr. Williams reported that Shell Better Britain grant application forms had arrived that morning and she had delivered them to the Clerk. He stated that they were virtually identical to last years and he undertook to submit an application very soon.

Cllr. Williams also referred to having received a letter from Chris. Dale, KCC Parish Paths Programme Officer, which the Chairman read out. It referred to the Adopt-a-path scheme, offered to supply a Definitive Map and cabinet and also enquired if there would be interest in receiving additional funds. The Clerk was instructed to reply positively and to ask for more information.

13. CANTERBURY DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN: There was nothing new to report apart from the reference in Planning Agenda to possible delay.

14. CLERK'S CONTRACT: No further KAPC information had yet been received apart from the National Insurance details in Parish News.

Next Meeting: Monday, MAY 11th 1992 at 7.30 p.m. .

Cllr. Furness expressed his apologies, in advance, for not being able to attend,

There being no more business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.45 p.m.