

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THANINGTON WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL held at Ashford R Community Association Clubhouse, Thanington Without,  
Monday 8th JUNE 1992 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs. P. Blackman, Mr. G. Furness, Mr. K. Goddard, Miss S. Knot  
 Mrs. F. Hughes, Mrs. J. McMillan, Mr. G. Page, Mr. K. Stokes,  
 Miss S. Williams & the Clerk.  
 Also two local electors.

CHAIRMAN: Cllr. Mr. Graham Page

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE There was none.

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: These were agreed and signed.

2. MATTERS ARISING:

- ( 1. ) The Clerk confirmed that he had written to thank the Director of Architecture and Engineering Services for his helpful letter.
- ( 2. ) The Clerk confirmed that the overhanging branches outside 111 Thanington Road, in Strangers Lane, had been trimmed.
- ( 3. ) The Clerk confirmed that he had processed the application to participate at the Councillors Information Day on June 27th. for Cllrs. McMillan and Goddard.  
He had received telephone confirmation of receipt.
- ( 4. ) The Clerk confirmed that he had conveyed the approval of Application CA/92/0335/THA White Lodge Tonford Lane for stationing of mobile-home.
- ( 5. ) The Clerk confirmed that he had written to the CCC Planning Department about the situation at 18, Bramley Avenue, as instructed.
- ( 6. ) The Clerk confirmed that he had written to Mrs. Clements, as instructed, about the possibility of an East Kent bus route through South Ward.
- ( 7. ) The Clerk confirmed that he had contacted the Environment Officer about dog-barking disturbance. He reported that he had passed on to Mr. Edens the invitation to contact that department, with details.
- ( 8. ) The Clerk confirmed that he had written about the traffic danger at Larkey Valley Woods car-park exit, as instructed. KCC had replied, stating that they would inspect, consider and advise.
- ( 9. ) The Clerk reported that the seat at the corner of Grays Way had been replaced.
- (10.) The Clerk confirmed that he had written about the dangers caused by parking on the corners of Strangers Lane/Ashenden Close, as instructed.

- (11.) The Clerk confirmed that he had written about the difficulties caused by parking at the lower end of Strangers Lane as instructed.
- (12.) The Clerk confirmed that he had written about the parking situation in 30, Tonford Lane, as instructed.
- (13.) The Clerk confirmed that he had reported the extensive amount of graffiti on the Strangers Lane bus shelter and also on the fence adjacent to the notice-board in Thanington Road. The former appeared to have been dealt with, albeit not very successfully.
- (14.) The Clerk confirmed that he had written about the condition of 22 Ingoldsby Road, (as described by Mr. Potts) as instructed.

### 3. TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

The Clerk explained that a cheque had been needed to pay for the Councillors Information discussed at the last meeting. He had obtained the signatures of the Chairman and Cllr. Mrs. Hughes. The required confirmatory approval was unanimously given and the cheque stub signed by Councillors Hughes and Page.

K. A. P. C.	Councillors Info. course.	£35, 26
	INCLUDING VAT £5, 26	
G. PAGE	Chairman's Allowance	£75, 00
M. J. FOSTER	PROPRTY SERVICES. Notice Board	£85, 00
GEERINGS.	Photocopying	£5, 09
	INCLUDING VAT £0, 75	
D. E. GOULD.	Petty Cash reimbursement.	£20, 00
CORNHILL INSURANCE.	Additional Premium	£35, 00

It was proposed by Cllr. Knott, seconded by Cllr. Hughes and unanimously approved that the above payments be made. The cheques were signed by the named councillors.

### 4. FINANCE

KAPC: Professional Indemnity Insurance Cover.  
The matter of an additional premium had already been attended to, with Cornhill Insurance.

CORNHILL INSURANCE: The Chairman read the Schedule additions, in connection with above.

MIDLAND BANK Statements. Balances: HICA £13171.35  
Current £585.61

The Clerk noted the need to transfer from HICA. to maintain a small but sufficient working balance.

GEERINGS post-agenda invoice for payment of £36,98 for photocopies for approval at next meeting, was noted.

## 5. CORRESPONDENCE

CCC: Letter to Dr. Church re: Harris Charity representation.

CCC Environmental Services: Wheeled Bins.

Cllr. Knott requested that the Clerk should check that further deliveries would be supplied by the due date and was so instructed.

CCC: City Council Membership (copy to Chairman).

The Clerk commented that there were no changes to the section already distributed to councillors.

Mr. & Mrs. HEATLIE 16, Bramley Avenue.

The Clerk had considered that a prompt reply was political, and, after obtaining Chairman's approval, sent a response. This was read out by the Chairman.

The Clerk gave an up-date on development and concluded referring to a telephone call to the Enforcement Office who, upon visiting Mrs. Smith on May 26th had been informed of a strong hope of new storage facilities in August or September. It had been decided to delay any legal action until after then, but the situation would be monitored and evidence would be welcomed.

*At 7.58 p.m. the meeting was adjourned and comments from Mrs. Smith were invited. She described the situation with the use of the present temporary storage which did not completely solve all difficulties. She repeated the expectation of having the use of new, suitable storage premises by September. The City Council, were aware of this. She explained the reasons for some occasional delivery traffic. She pointed out that even in the future there would still be unavoidable, legal parking in the road, by staff members. Efforts would continue to be made to reduce all forms of inconvenience to a minimum.*

*After some questions by councillors were answered by Mr. Smith, the Chairman resumed the meeting at 8.05 p.m.*

KCC SECRETARY: Gypsy Policy Document. This was read out by the Chairman and is to be circulated; before future discussion.

KCC: COUNTY PRINT: Brochure; to be filed.

KAPC: LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW. (See AGENDA item 'Local Govt. Review SOUTHERN WATER SERVICES LTD. : Customer Report. (noted)

KRCC: Oast to Coast; to be circulated.

CHARITY COMMISSION. Harris Charity. Annual summary. (Noted).

## 6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The usual Agenda & Report had been received from CCC and passed to the Chairman. There was nothing directly relevant to the Parish. It was noted, however, that it was recommended to grant an application for the use of the EKV building (just over the border into Chartham).

for storage and sale of plant and machinery, for a one year trial period.

CA/92/0397/THA The Sheiling. Iffin Lane.

Single-storey side extension to dwelling (CIRCULATED)  
There being no objections and unanimous recommendation for approval, the Clerk had written to CCC Planning Department to convey this fact.

CA/92/0464/THA Rose Brae Iffin Lane

Extension to dwelling to include Granny/Living Room & WC  
This was studied by those councillors who had not already done so. The previously granted Application CA/88/1736/THA was also available. It was unanimously agreed that the Clerk be instructed to inform Planning Department of a recommendation for approval.

Post-agenda arrival of CA/92/0472 17 Ashenden Close

Extension to form ground floor W.C. and kitchen and additional first floor bedroom.  
This was studied by those councillors who had not already done so. It was unanimously agreed that the Clerk be instructed to inform Planning Department of a recommendation for approval.

#### 7. REPORTS:

Cllr. Knott reported on a meeting of the Street-lighting Investigation Group, held at 21 Tonford Lane on Thursday June 4th. The relevant merits of time-switch and photo-cell systems had been discussed. Lack of uniformity had been noted and it was admitted that this was still a very 'hazy' area for discussion. It was recommended that the request for extra light at the crest of Grays Way be implemented. It was felt that Strangers Lane should be given priority in future lighting improvement considerations. It was recognised that finances would need to be considered and budgeted for. Costings were requested. The Clerk was thanked for providing a copy of his Parish Street Lighting Report for that meeting.  
Cllr. Blackman was thanked for her hospitality.

#### 8. STREET LIGHTING

The Chairman thanked the Group for their contribution, Matters arising from the above Group Report were discussed. The Clerk suggested that it might be helpful to endeavour to get a member of the CCC Street-Lighting Department to attend the next meeting. It was agreed and he undertook, to do so.

A letter from Mr. Bingham, at Seaboard, was read. It indicated that a lighting column would be required for the Grays Way proposal, at a cost of £550-600 plus VAT. He also gave quotations for photo-cell conversion: £42.52 for all-night and £59.94 part night ( plus VAT ).

The regular SEEBOARD Maintenance Schedule was presented. The question of possible transfer to WSD was raised and it was agreed to bear the timing of this in mind.

The Clerk commented that financing would depend to a large extent on the existing conditions for precept and/or

concurrent powers at the time of budgeting. The Grays Way proposal would probably be a matter for next year's budget.

9. NOTICE BOARD:

The Clerk confirmed that the work was now complete.

10. PARISH AFFAIRS:

The Clerk reported that Cllr. Blackman had brought to his attention a complaint about a hedge, overgrowing the footpath, at 72 Ashford Road. As it appears to have been trimmed, he awaited the instructions of this meeting. The Clerk was instructed to write to request that the hedge be cut back to the property boundary line.

Cllr. Williams reported that hedges of two properties in Tonford Lane were again overgrowing the Ashford Road footway. The Clerk was asked to write similarly to those occupiers.

Cllr. Knott and Cllr. McMillan reported: -

- (i) Accidents in Hollow Lane by The Oast and requested a central white line marking and/or a warning sign. It was agreed that the Clerk be instructed to make such a request.
- (ii) A street-light near No: 12 New House Close had not been alight, a few nights earlier. The Clerk undertook to report.
- (iii) The post-box had been damaged. The Clerk was asked to enquire about future action.
- (iv) The footpath along Hollow Lane, from The Oast towards the school, was badly overgrown and causing difficulties for pedestrians. The Clerk was instructed to report this matter.

Cllr. Furness reported that a caravan had been parked at Larkey Valley Woods for the last two or three days. The Clerk undertook to report this matter.

Cllr. Stokes reported that footpath CB 464 was now in good condition.

The Clerk reported that Mrs. Jones had informed him of a light failure outside Hassell Reach, about which he had informed Seeboard.

11. FOOTPATHS:

Cllr. Williams reported on the visit by Mr. Thyne of Shell Better Britain, regarding a possible strimmer grant. She was fairly optimistic that, at least, some money would be granted soon.

The Clerk confirmed that he had reported to Mrs. Andrews at KCC Footpaths, Barham, about the broken stile and old mattress discovered at Cllr. Williams' site-visit. He had been referred to the Cleansing Department regarding the mattress and had followed up on that very recently. Mrs. Andrews wrote that land-users and land-owners had been contacted about the non-reinstatement of footpath CB 464.

Cllr. Williams reported that Mrs. Andrews had informed her that the ploughed footpath had been grassed over.

The Clerk confirmed that he had spoken to Mr. Dale at KCC. One frame for a definitive map would be sent in due course and more maps for notice-boards, as required. The financial situation would be re-addressed in due course. Mr. Dale recommended contacting Mrs. Andrews over current, local footpath problems

A letter from KCC Highways: 'Public Paths Partnership' was read and also a second, inviting a representative to An Introductory Seminar at County Hall on June 25th at 7.30 p.m. (RSVP by June 15th). Copies of both had been sent to Cllr. Williams, by the Clerk. Cllr. Williams hoped to attend and signed the acceptance form for the Clerk to forward. It was unanimously agreed that travelling expenses for this be reimbursed; including taxi fares from railway stations.

#### 12. KENT STRUCTURE PLAN

The Chairman read a letter received from Cllr. Martin Vye. He may attend the Parish Council July meeting.

The Clerk confirmed that he had informed KCC that Cllr. Page hoped to attend the meeting at County Hall on July 8th

Cllr. Page had received a letter from the Chairman of CCC Planning Committee, inviting him to meeting on June 15th. A Committee draft had been enclosed.

A Draft copy of Structure Plan had been received and passed to Chairman, before circulating. Comments and a response would be dealt with at the July meeting of the Parish Council.

#### 13. LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW

A letter from KAPC, addressed to the Chairman, with several enclosures, including a questionnaire, was read. It was agreed that insufficient was known, about so many options, to be able to make meaningful choices. The Chairman undertook to complete the form, write a covering letter and provide a copy for the Clerk

#### 14. CLERK'S GRATUITY

The Clerk confirmed that he had written to KAPC to enquire if there had yet been any news from NALC (expected by end of March '92). He had requested a reply in time for this meeting but no response had been received.

*At 9.17 p.m. the Chairman adjourned the meeting and offered local elector, Mr. Potts, the opportunity to, speak. He replied that he had a long list of points and he considered it better to deliver these to the Clerk. This was agreed.*

The Chairman resumed the meeting to announce:-

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY JULY 13th 1992 at 7.30 p.m.

There being no other business the Chairman declared the Meeting closed at 9.18p.m.