

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THANINGTON WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL held at Ashford Road

Community Association Clubhouse, Thanington Without,  
Monday 11th JANUARY 1993 at 7.30 p.m.

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

CHAIRMAN: Cllr. Mr. Graham Page

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr. Mr. K. Stokes was not present, but no explanation had  
 been received.

*Before proceeding, the Chairman expressed appreciation for arranging the  
 seasonal refreshments after the last meeting. All Councillors added  
 their thanks and approval.*

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: After a request by Cllr. Miss S. Knott  
 that 'and Lane' be added after 'New House Close', on Page 3 Item 4 ,  
 had been approved, the Minutes were unanimously agreed and signed.

2. MATTERS ARISING:

- ( 1. ) The Clerk confirmed that he had proceeded with the various items  
 concerning TREES, as instructed. Replies from 'the Men of the Trees'  
 and Bretts Estate Manager were read.
- ( 2. ) The Clerk confirmed that he had spoken to Mr. Hobday and to Mr.  
 Collings concerning the Conveyance of the land on which the ARCA  
 property stands. He had been informed that they would contact each  
 other.  
 A letter from the solicitor, Mr. Collings, was read and also the  
 accompanying document, in detail. Cllr. Page and the Clerk then signed  
 the Conveyance and Trust Deed.  
 It was agreed that the Clerk should draw attention to the fact that  
MR. Bradshaw was listed, in order to clarify the situation.
- ( 3. ) Two replies from the Director of Architecture and Engineering and one  
 from Kent County Constabulary, Canterbury, were read, concerning  
 double yellow lines in Strangers Lane. It was noted that it was hoped  
 that resources for this work would be made available on or about April  
 1st 1993.
- ( 4. ) The Clerk confirmed that he had made enquiries at WSD about possible  
 installations, in New House Close and New House Lane. He had also  
 informed Mr. Wallis, the Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator, of the  
 Council's proposed action. The Clerk referred to Mr. Wallis' remarks  
 concerning a preferred siting at the commencement of the Hollow Lane  
 footpath, in New House Lane.
- ( 5. ) The Clerk confirmed that he had submitted the application for a  
 Precept of £3275 and for £2600 under concurrent powers, stating that  
 if the sum requested under concurrent powers were not available, then  
 the Precept required would be for £5875

The Clerk reported that the City Treasurer had subsequently requested the latest audited accounts and a note of expected Income & Expenditure for '93/'94.

The Clerk confirmed that he had forwarded these items..

- ( 6. ) The conditions of approval for Application CA/92/0335/THA, Whitegates, were read, stating that the land be reinstated to its former condition on or before June 30th 1993.
- ( 7. ) The Clerk confirmed that he had written, as instructed, concerning matters raised by Mr. Lee. Subsequent replies from the Gas Board and C.C.C. had been copied to Mr. Lee. Three such replies were read.
- ( 8. ) The Clerk confirmed that he had written to the authorities about the complaints registered by Mr. Potts, concerning Ingoldsby Road. A reply from the Director of Architecture & Engineering was read. The Clerk reported that it had been copied, by him, to Mr. Potts.
- ( 9. ) The Clerk confirmed that he had delivered a letter concerning bushes overhanging the footway at 1, Bramley Avenue, on the corner of Strangers Lane. He added that he understood the property to be in new ownership. Cllrs. Blackman & Furness commented that the hedge had already been trimmed back.
- (10.) The Clerk confirmed that he had processed the application to the KCC Footpaths Partnership and that the BTCV insurance would be processed, immediately, with the cheque approved at this meeting.
- (11.) The Clerk confirmed that he had informed British Rail that bushes obscured trains approaching the Tonford Level-crossing, coming from Canterbury.

### 3. APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS

D. E. GOULD	£612, 08
Clerk's salary Oct. Nov. Dec '92	£596, 34
2/3 telephone rental	£15, 74
D. E. GOULD	£20, 00
Petty Cash reimbursement	
BTCV	£54, 00
Affiliation	£16, 00
Insurance	£38, 00

The latter payment had already been approved, in principle, at previous meeting.

The following invoices arrived too late for inclusion in the Agenda, but it was unanimously agreed to process them now.

M. J. FOSTER PROPERTY SERVICES	£25, 00
Repair of vandalised notice board.	



6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS: Usual monthly agenda etc. submitted to Chairman. Points noted were (i) Golf Course and  
(ii) Chartham P.C. Some development at St. Augustine's approved.

See REPORTS below.

7. REPORTS: The Chairman had attended the Planning Committee meeting where the two above Planning matters had been dealt with. He made his comments to this meeting and a copy of his notes is with the Clerk's records. He read the official 'Refusal', which the Clerk had subsequently received.
8. STREET LIGHTING: The Clerk reported that Mr. Morgan had given a provisional, oral estimate for a standard light installation, in New House Lane, as £500 - £600. He commented on increased SEEboard making-good charges. Reference was made to Mr. Wallis' comments, referred to under 'MATTERS ARISING'. Cllr. Knott undertook to investigate and enquire further.
9. NOTICE BOARD: The Clerk reported vandalism to Strangers Lane Notice Board, discovered the morning after Boxing Day. It has been salvaged and later collected by Mr. Foster. The Clerk recommended reviewing the policy of repeated renewal/repair. The Chairman proposed that replacement/repair be very carefully considered, in future. This was unanimously agreed.
10. PARISH AFFAIRS: Mrs. Church, New House Lane, had telephoned the Clerk on Jan. 2nd., requesting the Clerk to inform CCC of a need for gritting. The Clerk contacted Emergency Services and informed Dr. Church that he had done so. Cllr. Knott observed that the bin had not been returned to the previous site. The Clerk commented that he had raised this matter with the authorities, only to be told that they had intentionally positioned it in a different situation.

The clerk reported that Mr. McDonald had informed him about a street-light fault in Manor Close. He later telephoned to thank the Clerk for arranging repairs. He had also suggested the possibility of referring to Emergency Planning at the October meeting of the Neighbourhood Watch

Cllr. Knott had telephoned the Clerk on January 6th requesting him to report sewage rising in New House Lane. He reported this immediately to CCC Environmental Health and investigation was promised. He had referred to recent correspondence reporting repeated problems. Cllr. Knott reported that the matter had been dealt with swiftly.

Cllr. Knott raised the matter of a pot-hole opposite No; 8 in New House Lane and of insecure road edging. The Clerk undertook to report these matters to the authorities.

Cllrs. Knott and McMillan reported that the road-side fencing of the elevated footpath was in poor condition. The Clerk undertook, to make enquiries about this, including the position regarding the new Partnership arrangements.

Cllr. Blackman referred to a dangerous, open man-hole in the footway at the lower end of the Hollow Lane footpath, near the Oast.

Cllr. Knott undertook to investigate this matter.

Cllr. Blackman, acting as Transport representative, commented on the dark area around the section of the Canterbury Bus Station from which Thanington-bound buses depart. The Clerk undertook to communicate with the East Kent Bus Company.

Cllr. Hughes asked if the Clerk had received any notification/explanation concerning the traffic counter, positioned opposite the Post Office. The Clerk replied that he had not.

- 11. PARISH MEETING. The Clerk presented a 'skeleton' timetable. He had contacted the ARCA Secretary regarding availability of the Clubhouse. It was unanimously agreed that the Parish Meeting be ideally set for 7.30 p.m. on Thursday April 22nd at the ARCA Clubhouse. The Clerk was asked to confirm that booking.

The matter of a speaker was discussed and eventually it was unanimously agreed that the Clerk should approach the Canterbury Division of KCC Highways to endeavour to obtain a speaker to talk about Parish Traffic: the A 28 and other problems.

Otherwise, it was agreed that the arrangements would follow the previous pattern.

- 12. FOOTPATHS:: A letter from KCC was read regarding a free-standing map, to which the Clerk had replied, provisionally, adding a request for an additional one in South Ward. The Clerk reported that he had discussed matter with Mr. Chris Dale at KCC. The Clerk was instructed to accept the offer and to confirm the site near the Grays Way notice-board. Acceptance of a smaller map for positioning in the existing notice-board case in New House Lane was agreed.

- 13. PARISH TREES This subject had already been referred to in 'Matters Arising'.

NEXT MEETING: Monday February 8th 1993 at 7.30 p. m.

CLOSE OF MEETING. There being no other business, the Chairman closed the Meeting at 8. 56 p.m.

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