

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THANINGTON WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL held at Ashford Community Association Clubhouse, Thanington Without,
Monday 8th FEBRUARY 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
 Mr. K. Stokes, Miss S. Williams and the Clerk.

CHAIRMAN: Cllr. Mr. Graham Page

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: All councillors present.

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: The Minutes were unanimously agreed and signed.

2. MATTERS ARISING:

- (1.) The Clerk confirmed that he had sent the signed Conveyance to Solicitor Collings and had drawn attention to 'Mr. S' Bradshaw. Mr Collings recognised that this was a typographical error for 'Mrs' undertook to alter it.
- (2.) The Clerk confirmed that he had processed the application for BTCV insurance. Cllr. Williams reported that BTCV had telephoned to che details. They would be sending confirmation soon.
- (3.) The Clerk reported that neither he nor the Chairman had received t awaited letter from the Auditor. (SEE Item 4. FINANCE)
- (4.) The Clerk reported that he had contacted Cornhill Insurance Compan about the recommended increase in the Fidelity Guarantee section o cover to £14000 at the next renewal. Their reply was read by the Chairman. (SEE Item 4. FINANCE)
- (5.) The Clerk reported that two copies of KCC HIGHWAYS: Transport plan questionnaires had been circulated to councillors and that they ha been seen by all but Cllr. Williams. The Clerk had collated the comments and forwarded them to KCC by the dead-line date. He informed Cllr. Hughes that he had asked about the Ashford Road traffic count, as requested. The Chairman read a press cutting comment on the Plan.
- (6.) The Clerk confirmed that he had reported the matter of a pot-hole opposite No; 8 in New House Lane and of insecure road edging. Cllr. Knott commented that it had already been attended to.
- (7.) The Clerk confirmed that he had reported that the road-side fencing of the elevated footpath was in poor condition. Cllrs. Knott & McMillan commented that the most important part had been attended already.
- (8.) The Chairman asked for a feed-back on the matter of the reported dangerous, open man-hole in the footway at the lower end of the Ho Lane footpath, near the Oast, which had been raised by Cllr. Black

at the previous meeting. She said that it was something of a mystery, as the South Ward councillors had not succeeded in locating it. The Clerk commented that he had mentioned the matter at his meeting with the Footpaths Officer at Barham and that repairs may have been carried out.

(9.) The Clerk confirmed that he had written to the East Kent Bus Company, as instructed, concerning the dark area around the section of the Canterbury Bus Station from which Thanington-bound buses depart. The Chairman read a reply which promised repairs.

3. APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS

KCC (KCS)	Stationery		£4, 70
D. E. GOULD	Travel to Barham	£6, 29	
	Petty Cash reimbursement	£20, 00	£26, 29
GEERINGS			£33, 57
	Photocopy paper	£19, 33 inc £2, 88 VAT	
	Photocopier	£14, 24 inc £2, 12 VAT***	

*** NOTE £2, 12 had been erroneously entered as 32, 12 on the Agenda.

WSD	Supply & install new lighting	£608, 65
	inc. £90, 65 VAT	

Approval of all the above payments was proposed by Cllr. Blackman, seconded by Cllr. Hughes and unanimously agreed. The cheques were then signed by the named councillors.

4. FINANCE:

In connection with the fact of not having yet heard from the Auditor, the Clerk proposed that he would now write to Midland Bank on the subject of interest, referring to the Auditor's comments about under-payment. This was agreed.

It was proposed by Cllr. Knott, seconded by Cllr. Mcmillan and unanimously agreed that the Clerk should instruct Cornhill Insurance to increase Fidelity cover to £14000 (at a rate of £84), when the premium is next renewed; as advised by the Auditor

It was unanimously agreed not to donate to the KRCC: Parish Council Development Appeal; at least, not for this year.

NATIONAL SAVINGS: Notification of Interest for 1992 : £93, 49
Balance at 31/12/92: £1356, 87

CCC LOTTERY FUND: Unallocated balance £347.
Statement requested & received. It shows that £400 to ARCA is included, but not yet receipted.

Gedling

MIDLAND BANK statements & used chqs. received show:-

Balances at Jan 29th 1992:-

HICA	£9924, 10
Current a/c	£496, 24

5. CORRESPONDENCE:

CCC D of A & E: A reply to a letter dated 15-5-92 re: Traffic Management: Ashenden Cl. was read, recalled & noted

KRCC: Kent Transport Action Forum. This had been circulated to all but Cllr. Blackman. As yet, there were no comments. Cllr. Blackman would return it to the Clerk.

KRCC: Best Kept Village & Parish Council Development Initiative. This was noted.

KAPC: Meetings Chairmanship & Employing your Clerk 6/3/93 at Harrietsham. No representative will attend.

KAPC: advice of temporarily reduced service.

KENT PROBATION SERVICE: Community Service.
The Clerk reported on his conversation with Mr. Cox, outlining that labour was free, footpath clearing not welcomed, possibly stile repair or other constructive work.
En passant, village hall painting was mentioned & the Clerk has contacted ARCA Secretary.

JAN WICKENS: re: inserting advert in Parish Mag.. Referred to Editor

BISHOP: Sports & Leisure catalogue. To be filed.

KCC PLANNING: Countryside Strategy posters & booklets.
The Clerk had put up posters.

CCC: STREET NAME PLATES. Request for notification of (a) new signs (b) repairs. The Clerk requested councillors comments at the next meeting and undertook to cover the Council Estate area.
He added a request for a note of defaced road signs.

KCC : TRANSMANCHE IN BLOOM. The Chairman read and contents were noted

ARCA: (Received in Clubhouse) (i) Rent account.
(ii) Copies of Newsletter, notification of March 18th AGM and letter re: possible charges for contributions.

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

Cllr. Blackman had attended a site-meeting in connection with Application CA/92/0818/CAN at Brett's site, Wincheap, on January 19th. She reported that there were few comments, not very convincing objections, representation of allotment holders, and a comment that the scheme might 'help' Wincheap. She observed that parking, at the Waterworks site opposite, was not mentioned.

The monthly Planning Agenda etc. had been passed to the Chairman, with some entries affecting the Parish being noted:-
Land at Wincheap; Food Store, Park & ride and Old Oast, Hollow Lane. The Chairman had attended the Feb. 2nd meeting and he reported that the Waterworks site had been proposed as an alternative site for consideration. The Application had been referred to the Secretary of State.
The Food Store & Old Oast had been approved.

Application CA/93/0058/THA 2 The Birches, IFFIN LANE, for a granny annexe to former garage plus new garage. This had been circulated to all councillors and there were no objections. The Clerk was instructed to inform the Planning Dept. of P.C. approval.

Purely for interest, the Clerk informed councillors of numbers of of Applications processed:-

1989	26
90	17
91	12
92	13 (of which 10 (THA))

7. REPORTS:

The Chairman & the Clerk had attended a meeting at Thanington Community Centre on February 1st concerning the Police & the reported 'no-go area" on the Council Estate. The Clerk reported that it was a packed meeting. Inspector Rogers stressed that it was not a Police 'no-go' area. There were many criticisms voiced by the audience and instances of vandalism and violence cited. Insp. Rogers appealed for witnesses to come forward. Cllr. Dolby asked people to sign up after the meeting, to form a working committee. Cllr. Page commented that the meeting opened with a statistical attempt to put things into perspective and to explain the problems which the Police have with man-power. The Clerk reported that he had telephoned to Insp. Rogers to thank him.

8. STREET LIGHTING:

The Clerk reported that Mrs. Chandler, of 8 Grays Way, had telephoned about the siting of the new lighting in her road. The Clerk had explained the situation.

Mr. McDonald of Manor Close had telephoned about some residents' fears after the reported 'mugging' in Strangers Lane and requested improved lighting. The Clerk had suggested that a written request be made. None has been received.

9. NOTICE BOARD:

The Clerk reported that the Strangers Lane board has again been badly vandalised. It has been removed by Clerk and stored.

Cllr. Stokes announced that he had prepared a metal replacement which he was willing to install. When asked by the Chairman how much reimbursement he required, Cllr. Stokes decline to accept any. The Chairman and councillors expressed appreciation of this action.

The Clerk also reported that the perspex in one half of the Thanington Road board had been vandalised. It was agreed to get Mr. Foster to replace this but to carefully consider future action.

10. PARISH AFFAIRS: The Clerk reported that Mr. Potts had telephoned him on Saturday January 23rd to inform him that lights in Ingoldsby Road (AAJ 001) &

Cockering Road (lane) UC0 003 were out of order. The Clerk telephoned to CCC's Emergency number, who undertook to investigate.

The Chairman read a letter from Mr. Richardson at the Post Office. In the interim the Chairman had requested the Clerk to write to Kent Valuation Tribunal with a copy to CCC. The reply received was read. It was proposed by the Chairman, and agreed, that the Clerk should write to Mr. Richardson to tell him of our action and the KVT response, and to express our regrets and sympathy.

The Clerk reported that he had received a letter from 'The Action Group: Thruxted Mill' about a Public Meeting in Ashford the following day. The Clerk had taken it upon himself to contact one of the signatories and, in turn, a recommended councillor, Mrs English. He expressed the T.W.P.C. position regarding their interest being more 'selfishly' concerned with the uncovered vehicle movement, but added support for the general aspects of the protest.

The Clerk made known that he had reported (once again) to CCC D. of A. & E that the glass in the Strangers Lane bus shelter is broken.

Cllr. Blackman had informed the Clerk of disturbed/missing planks on the Tonford Lane level-crossing. He has informed British Rail, who expressed gratitude.

Upon Cllr. Blackman's report that conditions were currently much the same, the Clerk undertook to follow-up on the matter.

The Clerk reported that after Cllr. Knott had telephoned to him on Sunday February 7th, about sewage flowing from a man-hole cover near the elevated footpath, he had contacted the Emergency Services of Southern Water, who promised assistance.

The Clerk reported that a caravan was parked in the car park of Larkey Valley Woods. There was also a lorry 'abandoned' on the bridal path. He had consequently telephoned to Mr. Glen Sharman and had been informed that whereas the lorry actually belonged to workers in the woods, the caravan had been there some weeks ago and presumably belonged to travellers. He had not reported it. The Clerk undertook to do so.

Cllr. Page announced that, upon being advised by Cllr. Blackman of the Diamond wedding of Mr. & Mrs. Hyde in Tonford Lane, he had sent a card and arranged for a bouquet of flowers to be sent, on behalf of the Council, from his Allowance.

Cllr. Blackman referred to another anniversary due soon i.e. Mr. & Mrs. Stockbridge in Tonford Lane. She undertook to monitor the situation.

Cllr. Furness then commented similarly about the forthcoming Golden wedding of Mr. & Mrs. D. Egleton of Ashenden Close.

Cllr. Goddard raised the matter of the management of traffic delays caused by current road-works in Wincheap. Following the Chairman's

proposal, it was agreed to monitor the situation, once it had passed Cow Lane.

Cllr. Stokes referred to the damaged fence of chestnut palings along footpath CB 464. Cllr. Williams informed that this matter had been reported and was under control and that the fence was generally intact.

Cllr. Stokes also reported that the fence on the grass play-area at Manor Close had been damaged. The Clerk reminded about his previous long struggle to identify who was responsible for repairs and that eventual restitution had occurred by an unknown operator. He undertook to do what he could to obtain assistance.

Cllr. Stokes wondered if it might be possible to obtain a small store-space for tools in the proposed new hall. This was noted.

Cllr. Page reported that he had been informed of lights being out in Windsor Road. The Clerk undertook to report this to CCC as soon as possible.

Cllr. Blackman informed that a petition, initiated by Mr. Willis, had been sent to CCC on the subject of parking problems in Grays Way. Reference was made to 20 vehicles, at one time, being partially parked on footways. No copy had been sent to the P.C. but one may be forthcoming.

Cllr. Blackman reported that there were renewed complaints about the noise caused by traffic over the BT man-hole cover in Ashford Road (near No: 72.). The Clerk was asked to write again to BT.

Cllr. Knott referred to the BT pole in New House Lane, opposite No: 4 and the possibility of it being used in connection with the proposed installation of new lighting, thus reducing expense. The Clerk was instructed to write to BT Way-leave Officer about this.

Cllr. Knott reported that the street-light, outside No:55 New House Lane, appeared to be out of synchronisation. The Clerk undertook to report this to Seaboard.

Cllr. Knott also referred to very muddy road conditions in Stuppington Lane. This is outside our Parish, but the Clerk undertook to follow-up on the complaint.

Cllr. Blackman referred to an incident of squatting, at Flint Cottages, where padlocks had been cut and a gun was said to have been found. Cllr. Page had reported the broken lock to the Police.

11. PARISH MEETING.

The Clerk confirmed that the ARCA Clubhouse was booked for April 22nd at 7.30 p.m.

Mr. Aspinall from KCC Highways, Canterbury Division had agreed to speak.

12. FOOTPATHS:

Cllr. Williams & the Clerk had attended a meeting at KCC Highways, Canterbury Division, regarding the Parish Footpaths Partnership. The Parish was asked to put in an application for expected expenses up until April '93, as soon as possible. The need for someone to be responsible for the strimmer and to attend a course, had been raised. Cllr. Stokes had agreed to this and also to store tools together with the strimmer.

The Clerk confirmed that he had submitted an application.

A letter was read from KCC Highways (Barbara Andrews) referring to stile repairs on CB464 off Strangers Lane.

The Chairman announced that he and Cllr. Williams had accepted the invitation to attend the launching of the Footpaths Partnership, in Maidstone, on February 18th.

13. PARISH TREES A letter from the Men of the Trees was read, inviting participation in the annual competition. The Clerk reported that he had approached Mr. Glen Sharman who had agreed to help again. Mr. Sharman had informed the Clerk that arrangements were in progress to arrange a meeting between himself and representatives of Bretts & Men of the Trees, regarding possible tree planting near Milton Farm.

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

CLOSE OF MEETING. There being no other business, the Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.20 p.m.