

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THANINGTON WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL held at Ashford Road Community Association Clubhouse, Thanington Without.

Monday 8th MARCH 1993 at 7.30 p.m.

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

CHAIRMAN: Cllr. Mr. Graham Page

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr. Knott was unwell and unable to attend.
Cllr. Hughes was unable to attend because of family illness

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

2. MATTERS ARISING:

- (1.) The Clerk confirmed that Cllr. Blackman had returned the Kent Transport Action Forum material. There were no additional comments.
- (2.) The forms for comments on Street-name signs, circulated by the Clerk, were collected from those present. The Clerk undertook to collate and return details.
- (3.) The Clerk confirmed that he had requested Mr. Foster to repair the perspex in the Thanington Road board, which had been vandalised.
- (4.) The Clerk confirmed that he had written to Mr. Richardson at the Post Office, as instructed. A subsequent letter from the CCC Treasurer was read, concerning this matter.
- (5.) The Clerk confirmed that he had followed-up on the matter of the disturbed/missing planks on the Tonford Lane level-crossing. He later visited the site to find considerable improvement apart from the fact of there being no ramp in place on the north-side. Cllr. Blackman undertook to monitor this and if the work had not been 'completed', the Clerk undertook to contact British Rail, again.
- (6.) The Clerk confirmed that he had reported the fact that a caravan was parked in the car park of Larkey Valley Woods. It was still there on February 15th.
- (7.) Cllr. Page announced that he had received a letter of appreciation, from Mr. & Mrs. Hyde, of 44 Tonford Lane, for the presentation made in celebration of their Diamond wedding.
- (8.) The Clerk confirmed that he had written to CCC Estates department concerning the damaged fence of chestnut palings along footpath CB 464.
- (9.) The Clerk explained that he had written to CCC concerning a damaged fence in the Manor Close area. However, he had later discovered that he had misunderstood Cllr. Stoke's description of the location. It was not by the grassed playground area. The Clerk had contacted CCC to clarify this.

- (10) The Clerk confirmed that he had reported that he had been informed of lights being out in Windsor Road. Mr. & Mrs. Bennett had thanked the Chairman for swift attention.
- (11) A letter from British Telecom was read concerning the complaint made about the noise caused by traffic over the BT man-hole cover in Ashford Road. BT are awaiting a response from KCC HIGHWAYS, as a large, expensive operation may be called for. BT promised to keep us informed.
- (12) A letter from British Telecom was read concerning the possibility of way-leave for the BT pole in New House Lane, opposite No: 4, in connection with the proposed installation of new lighting. A reply was read, which indicated that this would not be possible.
- (13) The Clerk confirmed that he had reported that the street-light, outside No:55 New House Lane, appeared to be out of synchronisation.
- (14) The Clerk confirmed that he had reported the very muddy road conditions in Stuppington Lane. He was informed that this had already been attended to and action would be taken against the offender.

3. APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS

The Chairman explained that £100 of the KCC Parish Paths Partnership allowance, for 1992/93, was for Administration costs. The Clerk explained that he had obtained clarification about this, from Mr. Hancock. It was agreed that £60 be paid to the Clerk, for his extra work, and £40 would form a PPP petty cash fund.

D. E. GOULD	PPP (as explained above)	£100,00
A. R. C. A.	Hall rental	£120,00
J. A. STOCKLEY	Typewriter ribbons	£15,04
	inc. VAT £2,24	
D. E. GOULD	Travel to Maidstone (PPP)	£15,72
KRCC	Subscription to 'Oast to Coast'	£5,00

It was proposed by Cllr. McMillan, seconded by Cllr. Williams and unanimously agreed that these payments be made. The cheques were then signed by the named councillors.

4. FINANCE: NATIONAL SAVINGS: The advised interest for 1992 has been entered, to show a balance of £1450,36
- LOTTERY FUND: Mr. Alexander, of St. Nicholas Church, telephoned to ask the Clerk about possible financial help with a project. The Clerk informed him about the Lottery Fund and suggested that he should write to him, with details. His letter was read by the Chairman. There was unanimous approval for some measure of support. The Clerk was asked to write to request more itemised details, for consideration. It was also suggested that perhaps other organisations could help with trees and the Clerk undertook to supply names and addresses to Mr. Alexander.

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SEEBOARD: Notification of DECREASED electricity prices was read. There was a promise of details to follow.

MIDLAND BANK: A reply regarding interest payment was read. The Clerk has informed the Auditor, commenting also on non-receipt of other expected observations. Tax adjustments totalling £505,18 have been credited

A possible change of account type was noted. After hearing the Chairman's explanation of what a change from HICA to a Premium Business Account would involve (including a higher rate of interest) and the Clerk's remarks on the extent to which it would affect his administration of the accounts, it was unanimously agreed to apply to make the proposed transfer. The Clerk was so instructed.

Bank statements received, showed balances as at Mar. 1st '93: -

HICA	£10173,56
Current a/c	£398,68

CORNHILL INSURANCE. The Clerk announced that he had written to query payment arrangements for premium due June 1st 1993, when he will be abroad.

Those councillors who had completed Application Forms, connected with increased Fidelity coverage, returned them to the Clerk, for him to forward.

5. CORRESPONDENCE:

KCC HIGHWAYS: Invitation to meeting in Barham 10/3, to be attended by Chairman & Clerk.

KCC HIGHWAYS: re. Pelican Crossing in Ashford Road.

CCC ELECTORS ROLL: copy received, photocopied & delivered to each councillor.

KAPC: PARISH NEWS NO: 197 (circulated) enclosed notice of meetings announced. Parish Meeting leaflet (SEE ITEM 11 on AGENDA)

NALC: 'Review' Winter 1992 was distributed. (a copy sent to Cllr. Knott.)

KENT STOUR COUNTRYSIDE PROJECT: Leaflets for distribution.

KCC: Railink; for circulation.

KRCC: East to Coast; Spring 1993; for circulation

LOCAL CHARITY': Notification of cessation

D. I. A. L. KENT. Poster.

Twinning in Kent (for circulation)

GLASDON: catalogue (filed)

KAPC Canterbury Area Minutes & Agenda had been received. Copies were passed to Cllrs. Page & Goddard

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS: The monthly Agenda etc. were passed to the Chairman. There were no items of direct TWPC interest.

CA/93/0090/THA. 7 New House Lane. Second-storey extension to dwelling.

Details were circulated and comments received by the Clerk in time to reply by the due date of 3/3. There was unanimous 'approval' and the Clerk confirmed that he had written to the Planning Dept. to state this.

CA/93/0161/THA Land adjoining "Iffin Cottages" Iffin Lane

Erection of detached bungalow & integral garage
Details were examined and discussed at meeting. The Clerk was

instructed to inform the Planning Dept. that this was unanimously approved.

CA/93/0170/THA Land behind 1-4 Strangers Close.

Erection of 8 one-bedroom flats.

Details were examined and discussed at the meeting. Cllr. Goddard had reservations to make, but the general concensus was that as this was an amended application, with only minor alterations, it should be approved, as before in 1991. The Clerk was instructed to inform the Planning Dept. that this was unanimously approved.

The two local electors left the meeting after this item was completed.

7. **REPORTS:** The Clerk spoke briefly about the Parish Paths Partnership launching, attended by him, in Maidstone. Some of the details are referred to under 'Item 12 Footpaths' The Chairman thanked him for attending at very short notice.

8. **STREET LIGHTING:** The Clerk commented that he had telephoned WSD to remind them about the awaited agreement and that it had not been received.

The Chairman commented on a telephone call from Cllr. Dolby which recommended a speedy, additional application for funding, under Concurrent Powers, towards street-lighting, especially in view of the recent meeting with the Police. The Chairman had approved the Clerk's suggestion of contacting the Treasurer's Dept. about this possibility, in order for him to be able to report back to this meeting.

Mr. Messer replied to the Clerk's telephone enquiry, after having discussed the matter with the Treasurer. The Clerk gained the impression that an application would be sympathetically considered, but that a prompt one was required.

Councillors were unanimous in agreeing that the Clerk should write immediately to request a further sum of £10,000 under Concurrent Powers, for expenditure on street-lighting improvements, explaining that more specific details and costings are not immediately available. Cllr. Goddard undertook to arrange a Street-lighting Group meeting and to report to the next P.C. meeting about possible projects.

Reference was made again to the letter from BT (referred to under Matters Arising (12.)) and the fact that this news may not be so disappointing in view of the extra Concurrent Powers financing possibility. The Clerk explained that he had sent a copy to Cllr. Knott.

9. **NOTICE BOARD:** Cllr. Stokes has kindly installed the new notice-board, which he has made, in Strangers Lane. The Chairman thanked him for his helpful efforts.

The second half of the Thanington Road perspex has been smashed, before Mr. Foster had dealt with the first. He has been informed.

10. **PARISH AFFAIRS:** The Chairman reminded about the A.G.M. of A.R.C.A. on Thursday March 18th.

Cllr. Blackman had supplied the Clerk with a copy of a letter from the CCC Planning Inspector, addressed to Mr. Webster of 22 Grays Way, concerning the Painting & Decorating business at 24 Grays Way. This was read out by the Chairman.

Cllr. Furness had advised the Clerk that lights outside Nos: 10 & 19 Ashenden Close were not operating. The Clerk had informed Seeboard and again on March 8th.

The Clerk advised that CCC had reported faulty lighting outside 16 Grays Way & 11A Cockering Road. He had reported this to Seeboard, immediately. A resident telephoned again, some ten days later, about 16, Grays Way and the Clerk reported it again. (yet again, 5/3)

The Clerk advised that after County Cllr. Vye had reported faulty lighting, outside 23 Athelstan Road, he had contacted Seeboard.

The Chairman read out a letter from CCC Environment & Health Dept. concerning the site at 29 New House Close, regretting that no Council action could be taken.

11. PARISH MEETING. KAPC had sent a copy of a leaflet "The Conduct of Town or Parish Meetings" which the Clerk had photocopied to the Chairman. He read a few relevant points to councillors. Seating arrangements were discussed. It was agreed to try out a different placement of seats, with the speakers having their backs to the kitchen area.

Cllr. Martin Vye has been given the date of the Parish Meeting, which he hopes to attend. The Clerk undertook to write to City Council Councillors for Wincheap/Thanington and Parish organisation representatives.

The Clerk had circulated a suggested allocation for distribution, by councillors, of the Chairman's Report & Parish Meeting details.

The Chairman undertook to let the Clerk have his Report, in time for typing and photocopying, by the next P.C. meeting.

The Chairman stated that he would be approaching Cllr. Knott about presenting the Finance Report. (Knowing of Cllr. Knott's non-attendance, the Clerk had suggested that she may like to contact the Chairman about this).

The Chairman has passed details of the HARRISS' Charity to the Clerk, for preparation in time for presentation, with the Financial Report, at the Parish Meeting.

The Clerk informed that he had received ARCA's audited accounts from their Treasurer.

Cllr. Page commented on the filthy state of the bus-shelter, outside the Post Office. The Clerk undertook to endeavour to get this attended to.

Cllr. Furness reported having seen trailers in the Larkey Valley Woods car-park. The Clerk undertook to ask Mr. Sharman about this. Cllr. Furness also referred to the Cockering Farm fence being down

Cllr. Goddard commented on the problems caused by the road-works in Wincheap and felt that the Gas Board's traffic control could be greatly improved. The Clerk & Chairman undertook to endeavour to make general enquiries at their forthcoming meeting with KCC Highways.

Cllr. Stokes asked if it would be possible to erect an additional, notice-board near the post-box in Cockering Road, similar to the one he had supplied in Strangers Lane. If so, he would construct and erect it. All councillors agreed to the proposal and the Clerk was instructed to make enquiries about this possibility.

12. FOOTPATHS: As reported, the Clerk attended the P.P.P. launching and received a cheque for £736, which he has banked. He has subsequently written to Mr. Hancock to query some aspects of administration, supply etc. At the meeting, Chartham F.C. Chairman, informed him that she had positioned a way-marker within our Parish, behind Howfield Farm, at a junction on CB456 by the tank.

Cllr. Williams enquired about the supply of tools etc. and the Clerk explained that he had one or two outstanding queries with Mr. Hancock, but would order from KCS as soon as he heard from him.

Having seen the announcement of the formation of a Ramblers Group, in the Parish Magazine, the Clerk contacted Mr. Alexander and then Mrs. Martin, to ask for more information. He was told that Cllrs. Blackman & Williams are already informed.

The Clerk related that he had received a telephone call from KCC regarding a P.P.P. ceremony, upon the provision of a new map. He and Cllr. Williams were invited to attend at 11 a.m. Saturday March 20th. There would then be a similar ceremony at Chartham and a buffet reception at The Chapter Arms. Details would be forwarded and other previous helpers would be invited. It was agreed that Mr. Glen Sharman should be asked if he would like to attend and the Clerk was requested to contact him.

13. TREES: The Clerk reported that Mr. Sharman had telephoned to say that he had not been able to attend the meeting with representatives of Bretts and The Men of the Trees. He had received a letter from the latter which was read by the Chairman. The Clerk had also photocopied plans of the landscaping and these were displayed.

NEXT MEETING: Mon. April 5th 1993 (N. B. The first Monday of April) at 7.30 p.m.

CLOSE OF MEETING. There being no other business, the Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.06 p.m.