

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THANINGTON WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL held at Ashford Ro Community Association Clubhouse, Thanington Without,  
Monday 5th APRIL 1993 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs. P. Blackman, Mr. G. Furness, Mr. K. Goddard,  
 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: The Chairman announced that the resignation of Cllr. Mrs. Hughes had been received and reluctantly accepted. The Clerk undertook to inform CCC and post the Notice of Vacancy. The Chairman asked councillors for suggestions in the event that co-option became necessary. It was agreed that representation by a Council Estate resident would be preferable. The Chairman undertook to approach Mr. Potts and Mr. Smith to enquire if they would be interested.

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 collated and returned the requested information about street-name signs.
- ( 2. ) The Clerk confirmed that he had contacted British Rail concerning the Tonford level-crossing, which Cllr. Blackman had requested him to view, as she considered it to be insufficiently completed. Cllr. Blackman announced that nothing more had yet been done
- ( 3. ) The Clerk confirmed that he had requested more details from Mr. Alexander, concerning St. Nicholas Church and the Lottery Fund. This matter was dealt with under "FINANCE".
- ( 4. ) The Clerk reported that he had contacted Midland Bank about transferring funds to a new Premium Business Account and closing the HICA. This matter was dealt with under "FINANCE".
- ( 5. ) The Clerk confirmed that he had sent, to Cornhill Insurance Company, the forms requested in connection with the increase in the Fidelity Guarantee section of cover to £14000 at the next renewal.
- ( 6. ) The Clerk confirmed that he had written to the Treasurer's Department of CCC to request a further £10,000 under Concurrent Powers. A reply has been received. This matter was dealt with under "FINANCE" & "STREET LIGHTING".
- ( 7. ) The Clerk confirmed that he had written to enquire about the possibility of a notice-board being sited near the post-box, in Cockerling Road.

- ( 8. ) The Clerk confirmed that he had reported the filthy condition of the bus-shelter outside the Post Office.  
A reply from CCC was read, stating that the matter would be attended to and that the bus-stop shelter in Strangers Lane would be repaired.
- ( 9. ) The Clerk reported that the British Telecom's repair work, in Ashford Road, had been carried out
- (10. ) The Clerk reported that circulation of the Canterbury District Economic Development Strategy had been completed and that no comments had been made.

### 3. APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS

KAPC			£376, 71
	Subscription	£331, 71	
	(inc. VAT £49, 40)		
	"Review" subs.	£45, 00	
BTCV	Insurance premium increase		£5, 50
GEERINGS			£29, 45
	Photocopier	£10, 12	
	inc. VAT £1, 51		
	Photocopying paper	£19, 33	
	inc. VAT £2, 83		
D. E. GOULD	Reimbursement for Adscene advert		£54, 12
	inc. VAT £8, 06		
G. PAGE	Travel to Barham		£4, 19
D. E. GOULD	Salary Jan/Feb/Mar '93	£596, 34	£612, 08
	2/3 telephone rental	£15, 74	

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

4. FINANCE: MIDLAND BANK had written confirming the transfer details in connection with the new Premium Business Account and enclosed the statement of the HICA, after closure, on March 12th.  
Two tax certificates were later received and a statement of the Current a/c showing a balance of £1093, 92 on March 31st

WSD: Street-lighting Contract. Two copies were signed by the Chairman and the Clerk undertook to forward them to WSD.

PARISH PRECEPT/CONTRIBUTION 1993/94: notification had been received indicating that:-

Precept	£3725
Contributions	£2000
Capital Projects Fund	£600

payments would be made early April.

CORNHILL INSURANCE: Will send notice of renewal premium in mid-April thus in time for payment approval at the May meeting

LOTTERY FUND: A letter was read, from Mr. Alexander, re: St. Nicholas Church; listing possible projects. It was unanimously agreed that the Clerk should write to offer support for an application for £320 for security lighting. The Clerk undertook to supply forms.

CCC CITY TREASURER: A letter re: PARISH COUNCIL'S CAPITAL FUND was read. The Chairman also reported on a telephone conversation with Cllr. Simon Dolby regarding street-lighting and the proposed extension to Thanington Within Community Centre. The Clerk reported on his attendance at a meeting with the Centre's Chairman, Cllr. Dolby and the Architect. The Clerk outlined the project, reported that the Architect would be costing it and that a rough estimate was £50,000. Cllr. Dolby was keen to take advantage of extra funds available, but application would have to be made through the Parish Council. The Clerk commented on the fact of the possible extra £10,000 for street-lighting coming from the same source

END OF YEAR FINANCES. Details of the 1991/92 accounts had been circulated to councillors. The balanced ledger accounts were signed by the Chairman and Clerk. The Chairman thanked the Clerk for his presentation of details concerning finances.

#### 5. CORRESPONDENCE:

KCC: Elements; environmental newspaper. (circulated)  
 KAPC: MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION PACK & SUBSCRIPTION DETAILS.  
 CCC: KENT COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTIONS 6 May 1993. Posters were supplied and they have been posted in both Wards.  
 CCC Cleansing & Recycling Officer. Re: register of authorised collectors. The Clerk confirmed that he had telephoned.  
 SECRETARY OF STATE FOR NATIONAL HERITAGE: Info re. Music Day. (circ.)  
 PARK LEISURE: Catalogue (filed)  
 CCC Environmental Network: Information Sheet 6 (circulated & posted)  
 KAPC: PARISH NEWS: NO: 198 (circulated)  
 Members Allowances.  
 Clerks' Info. Day: Harrietsham 8/5/93  
 The Rochford Principle: recreational land.  
 Proposals for Parliamentary Constituency Boundaries  
 KCC: RAILINK No:21 Distributed.  
 CCC: Littlebourne Barn poster.

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS: The Chairman reported that he had received the usual CCC Agenda & Report, from the Clerk. He drew attention to the fact that the refusal of the Golf Course Application CA/92/0672/THA (for change of use from agricultural land) would go to Appeal.

CA/93/0058/THA 2, "The Birches" Iffin Lane. Granted.

CA/93/0255/THA Land adjacent to "Wisteria Cottage", Iffin Lane.  
Erection of dwelling.

[NOTE: Outline permission granted CA/91/1178/THA]  
The Clerk was instructed to confirm that there were no objections.

CA/93/0240/THA "Fairlawns", Iffin Lane.

Change of use from private residential to guest house.  
The Clerk was instructed to confirm that there were no objections,  
but to add that there was concern over street parking outside the  
property.

CA/93/0090/THA 7 New House Lane.

Second-storey extension to dwelling.  
The Clerk confirmed that he had written to the Planning Department,  
to convey the fact that this application was unanimously approved.

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

Erection of 8 one-bedroom flats.  
This application has been GRANTED.

/92/0756 Construction of Park & Ride site.

Allotment land adjacent to A2 By-pass, Wincheap.  
Notification that this application has been GRANTED.

Slightly amended plan for application CA/93/0058/THA (previously  
approved by P.C.) received by Clerk and noted by Chairman.

CA/93/0257/CAN

Allotment land adjacent to A2, Wincheap.  
Details pursuant to outline planning permission for  
the construction of park & ride site with ancillary facilities and  
formation of vehicular access onto A28  
The Clerk was instructed to confirm that there were no objections

The Chairman had received a telephone call from City Councillor Dolby  
referring to a proposed extension to the Community Centre. It may be  
possible for a contribution towards the cost could come from the  
Parish Fund (under Concurrent Powers). An architect was meeting with  
the Community Centre Chairman and Cllr. Dolby. The P.C. was invited  
to send a representative. The Clerk agreed to attend at 10.30 a.m.  
March 17th. THIS MATTER WAS PREVIOUSLY REFERRED TO, UNDER "FINANCE".

A letter from KCC Planning Dept. was read, regarding Kent Minerals  
Local Plan (Chalk & Clay)

CA/93/0269/THA 12 Cockering Road,

Single-storey front & rear extension to dwelling.  
The Clerk was instructed to reply that there were no objections.

CA/93/0170/THA

A letter to Mr. Mansell, CCC Planning, from Cllr.  
Goddard, written in his capacity as a resident of  
Strangers Close, was read.

Leaflets: 'What happens at Planning Committee' were received and  
circulated.

7. **REPORTS:** The Clerk commented on his meeting, referred to in Item 6. Cllr. Blackman and The Clerk had attended the AGM of ARCA. Cllr. Blackman commented briefly in positive terms, in spite of the financial concerns. The warmer conditions in the Hall, were noted.

The Clerk & the Chairman commented on their attendance at a meeting of local council representatives with KCC Canterbury Area Highways Division. The Chairman reported briefly on problems connected with greatly increased traffic volumes. The Clerk pointed out that the quite large attendance necessitated generalised discussion.

8. **STREET LIGHTING:** As noted earlier, the Chairman had received a telephone call from City Cllr. Dolby, regarding street-lighting. It had been suggested that the P.C. Street-lighting Group should meet with Tony Parker or Trevor Goldsack, at CCC. Cllr. Dolby may also be able to attend such a meeting. He was keen that details to substantiate the request for £10,000 be supplied to the Treasurer as soon as possible. Upon being informed, the Clerk had passed on the information to Cllr. Goddard.

A reply from the City Treasurer was read. The Clerk had given copies to the Chairman and to Cllr. Blackman, in order to inform the Street lighting Group at their proposed meeting(s)

The Lighting Group (Cllrs. Blackman, Knott, McMillan & Goddard) had met on Wednesday evening, March 31st. They had toured the Parish after dark. Their recommendations were read out by Cllr. McMillan and she thanked Cllr. Blackman for accommodating the meeting and Cllr. Goddard for transport. Cllr. Knott added her notes.

The following more definite proposals were made:-

- (i) A light required outside No: 18 Athelstan Road, or on opposite side of the street.
- (ii) An extra light in Grays Way, near the bend, below where the last one was installed.
- (iii) New House Close, a new light outside Nos: 33/34, near the entrance to the Close.
- (iv) New House Lane, a new light on the corner, near <sup>No: 59</sup> New House Lane

Contact with an 'expert' had not yet been made. It was agreed that Mr. Goldsack would be approached by Cllr. Goddard and Cllr Knott, concerning their respective Wards.

Meanwhile, the Clerk was instructed to contact WSD, with a view to obtaining estimates and to reply to the City Treasurer, informing him of the position and progress.

The WSD Contract had been dealt with under Item 4. FINANCE.

9. **NOTICE BOARD:** Mr. Foster has collected the Thanington Road notice-board doors for repair to perspex.

10. PARISH AFFAIRS: The Clerk reported that he had informed Seaboard of street-light failure outside 29, Bramley Avenue.

The Clerk informed that he had reported the almost permanent state of litter at Hanging Banks. He requested regular clearance, albeit that there is, currently, no bin on site. Cllr. Williams commented that the site had been cleared but that there is no bin.

The Clerk reported that he had received an invitation to the Lord Mayor's Banquet & Ball, which he had not been able to accept, as he will be away.

Cllr. Blackman had informed the Clerk of light failures in Windsor Road and Cockerling Road; in the latter instance foliage was also causing obstruction. The Clerk had reported this to WSD, who undertook to rectify the situation.

Cllr. Page referred to concern expressed by Mrs. Goldfarb, St. Nicholas Road, regarding possible closure of nearby 'footpaths'. Cllr. Page had discussed the matter with Cllr. Dolby and had then informed Mrs. Goldfarb that there was no known, immediate threat and that any action would be subject to notice being given. Cllr. Page also drew attention to a recent edition of "Focus" in which reference was made to the A28 refuges, installed some years ago. He wished to explain and stress, that this had been as a result of P.C. initiative.

Cllr. Goddard reminded that trees in Strangers Close and yellow lines in Strangers Lane had been promised in the new financial year.

Cllr. Stokes drew attention to the rubble behind the salt-bin, in Cockerling Road. The Clerk undertook to report this.

Cllr. Stokes also expressed concern over the fact that motor-cyclists are using Footpath CB 490/CC 59 as a track. The Clerk undertook to seek advice from KCC Highways, Mrs. Andrews.

Cllr. Blackman reported complaints concerning difficulties caused outside 72 Ashford Road, caused by the excessive width of hedge, aggravated by a lamp standard and traffic sign. The Clerk undertook to write to the house-owner.

Cllr. McMillan took pleasure in being able to comment positively about the road improvement works in New House Lane. She also referred to complaints received, concerning the hedge, at No: 29 New House Close, overgrowing the footway. The Clerk undertook to endeavour to trace the owner and to get the situation remedied. Cllr. McMillan spoke about the danger of the bend in Hollow Lane. The Clerk replied that this matter had often been discussed and reported; adding that it is, in fact, outside our Parish

Cllr. Knott referred to the pot-holes at the entrance to the ARCA drive. The Clerk commented that it was not Council property, but private.

Cllr. Williams supported the request for action concerning obstructing hedges.

11. PARISH MEETING. The Clerk confirmed that he had sent invitations to City Councillors for Wincheap/Thanington and representatives of local organisations.  
The Clerk confirmed that he had inserted advertisements of the Meeting.  
The Clerk circulated, for distribution by councillors, the Chairman's Report & Parish Meeting details. Upon discovering that a few copies were not easily legible, the Clerk undertook to supply any necessary replacements, upon request.  
The Chairman suggested distribution near to April 15th, if possible.

The Clerk distributed up-dated details of the Year 92/93 Finances, which would be presented, by Cllr Knott, on April 22nd. He offered to meet Cllr. Knott, to clarify, if necessary.

The Chairman read a draft copy of the Agenda. It was agreed to include an item on the proposed extension to the Community Centre. There were no other alterations proposed.  
Cllr. Williams agreed to speak about Footpaths and Cllr. Goddard agreed to comment on Street Lighting.  
Cllr. Blackman announced that she was already prepared to organise refreshments.

A letter of acceptance of invitation, from Mr. Alexander, St. Nicholas Church Secretary, was read.

A reply from Cllr. Purchase, expressing apologies, was noted. Cllr. Vye had replied, explaining that he would not be attending this year.

12. FOOTPATHS: Cllrs. Williams & Blackman, with the Clerk, attended a short unveiling ceremony, at the site of the new Footpaths Map, next to the notice-board, in Ashford Road. The map is solidly mounted and attractively presented.  
Afterwards, they proceeded to a similar ceremony in Chartham and, subsequently, partook of a buffet lunch at The Chapter Arms. Cllr. Stokes and Mr. Glen Sharman were unable to attend.  
The Clerk showed a 'Footpaths' badge. These are obtainable at the new shop in Chartham Hatch.  
A letter from the Chairman of KCC Highways & Transportation Sub-Committee, expressing thanks for co-operation, was noted.

The Clerk explained that Mr. Robert Hancock, at KCC Footpaths, had responded to his query about the supply of tools, by saying that his quotation and information had been based on BTCV'S catalogue. Such a catalogue arrived, together with Certificate of Insurance and details from BTCV, and the Clerk has submitted an order.  
A small number of items will have to be obtained elsewhere.

A package of various materials, sent from BTCV to Cllr. Williams, were passed, by the Clerk, to Cllr. Stokes, for his information.

A letter from BTCV regarding 'excess' on insurance cover, was passed, by Cllr. Williams, to the Clerk. The contents were noted.

13. TREES: When the Clerk returned Brett's plan showing landscaping in connection with the link to Cockerling Road, to Mr. Glen Sharman, he mentioned details about the trees which had been planted behind the ARCA Clubhouse, in order that these could be brought to the notice of The Men of the Trees competition judge.

The Clerk reported that he had requested, from C.C.C. an up-dated version of the list of Tree Protection Orders, in the Parish

NEXT MEETING: Annual Parish Council Meeting Monday May 10th 1993, at 7.30 p. m.

CLOSE OF MEETING. There being no other business, the Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.33 p.m.

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