

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THANINGTON WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL held at Ashford Road Community Association Clubhouse, Thanington Without, Monday 10th MAY 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, 2 local residents and the Clerk.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr. Williams had apologised, in advance, for her absence at the close of the last meeting. She had made a request for no deliveries between May 5th and May 22nd.

1. **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN:** It was proposed by Cllr. Knott and seconded by Cllr. Blackman that Cllr. Page be re-elected. Cllr. Page accepted the nomination. There were no others and his appointment was unanimously agreed.

2. **DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE:** Cllr. Page signed and read out his acceptance of office. He thanked councillors for their past support and took the opportunity to thank Cllr. Knott for acting as Chairman at the recent Parish Meeting, at very short notice, when he had been indisposed. In turn, Cllr. Knott expressed her appreciation to the Clerk for his assistance and re-emphasised her appreciation of the contribution of Cllr. Blackman and her helpers, with the refreshments.

3. **ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN:** It was proposed by Cllr. Page and seconded by Cllr. Goddard that Cllr. Knott be re-elected. Cllr. Knott accepted the nomination. There were no others and her appointment was unanimously agreed.

4. **DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE:** Cllr. Knott signed and read out her acceptance of office.

5. **SELECTION OF TWO REPRESENTATIVES TO K. A. P. C. AREA COMMITTEE:** Cllr. Goddard expressed his wish not to be re-elected. Cllr. Stokes proposed and Cllr. Furness seconded Cllr. Page and Cllr. Knott. They both accepted the nominations. There were no others and their appointments were unanimously agreed.

6. **SELECTION OF TWO REPRESENTATIVES TO K. A. P. C. A. G. M.:** Cllr. Knott proposed and Cllr. McMillan seconded Cllr. Page and Cllr. Blackman. They both accepted the nominations. There were no others and their appointments were unanimously agreed.

7. **CHAIRMAN'S ALLOWANCE:** The amount of £75 was proposed by Cllr. Stokes. This was seconded by Cllr. Goddard. The Clerk commented that this was the sum which had been budgeted. The Chairman expressed his view that there was no need for an increase. The proposal was unanimously agreed.

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

G. S. Page

9. MATTERS ARISING:

- (1.) A reply from CCC City Estates was read, concerning the possibility of a notice-board being sited near the post-box, in Cockering Road. There were no objections but conditions were stated. A later reply was received which enquired about existing boards. The Clerk had telephoned to indicate that the one on the corner of Grays Way had not been included in the CCC records.
The Clerk commented that Cllr. Stokes had now erected the new board and the Chairman expressed his appreciation of this.
- (2.) The Clerk announced that the Returning Officer had written that no election had been requested in connected with the Notices of Vacancy for Councillor. The Chairman explained that co-option could now be arranged. There were two candidates and he proposed that he and the Vice-Chairman should interview them and report to the next meeting. The Clerk commented on the possibility of another vacancy in the near future. This was noted. The Chairman's suggestion was unanimously accepted. The Clerk undertook to advise the Returning Officer.
- (3.) The Clerk announced that the signed WSD Street-lighting Contract had been returned.
- (4.) The Clerk confirmed that he had written to CCC Planning Dept., concerning CA/93/0255/THA, CA/93/0240/THA, CA/93/0257/CAN and CA/93/0269/THA as instructed.
- (5.) The Clerk explained that, having been advised that the best person for the Street-lighting group to contact for advise was Mr. Morgan, the Clerk had telephoned to give him prior notice of a likely approach by Parish Councillors and background information.
Developments were discussed under Item 15, STREET LIGHTING.
- (6.) The Clerk confirmed that he had contacted the City Treasurer to inform him of the position regarding estimates from WSD, as instructed.
- (7.) The Clerk announced that the Thanington Road notice-board doors had been prepared and the account submitted. A problem with the padlock had been resolved.
- (8.) The Clerk confirmed that he had spoken to KCC Highways, Mrs. Andrews, regarding the fact that motor-cyclists are using Footpath CB 490/CC 59 as a track. She had no panacea to offer.
The Clerk was now asked to refer this matter to the Police.
- (9.) The Clerk explained that, whilst speaking to Mrs. Andrews, he had raised the matter of identifying the owners of the triangle of land near the footpath, at Cockering Lane. She had subsequently sent details regarding Land Search. The Clerk has obtained forms, for possible, future use.
- (10.) The Clerk reported that he had written to Mr. Mist, at 72 Ashford Road, about footway difficulties caused by the excessive width of the boundary hedge. There had been a quick response and the hedge is

now well cut back. The Clerk had written to express appreciation of this co-operation.

- (11.) The Clerk confirmed that he had contacted the authorities concerning tracing those responsible for the hedge, at No: 29 New House Close, overgrowing the footway. There has been no further reply.
- (12.) The Clerk confirmed that the inserted advertisements and letter, concerning the Parish Meeting, had appeared.
- (13.) The Clerk confirmed that he had met with Cllr. Knott, concerning the presentation of the Financial Report at the Parish Meeting.
- (14.) The Clerk confirmed that most of the tools had now been received from BTCV and that Cllr. Stokes had them stored.

10. APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS

CORNHILL INSURANCE	Additional premium	£14,00
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GEERINGS	Photocopier inc. VAT £4,53	£30,40
M. J. FOSTER PROPERTY SERVICES	Repairs to N/B	£23,00
D. E. GOULD	Petty Cash reimbursement	£20,00
BTCV ENTERPRISES LTD.	(Tools & trading) Tools. inc. VAT £42,30	£284,00

The Chairman pointed out that the BTCV account had been received after the Agenda had been circulated. Considering the circumstances of the extra length of time until the next meeting, it was agreed that it would be best to make payment now. Cllr. Blackman proposed, Cllr. McMillan seconded and it was unanimously agreed that all the above payments be approved. The named councillors then signed all the cheques.

11. FINANCE:

The Clerk confirmed that £6325,00 had been received for Precept and Concurrent Powers and that it had been paid in to the Bank. Acknowledgement had been received.

The Chairman referred to Cornhill Insurance: Additional premium: £14,00 and Premium renewal: £462,38, payment for which had just been approved.

The Chairman referred to the Midland Bank Premium Business Statement Balance: £8647,04.

Later statements showed balances at April 30th: -

Premium Business a/c £14972,04; Current a/c £476,87

The Clerk arranged transfer of £500. Confirmation had been received.

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The Clerk announced that the SEEBOARD new Direct Debit would be £41.09 per month with no VAT. The Chairman reminded that although this was a considerable reduction, there would also be the WSD charge.

LOTTERY FUND: The Clerk confirmed that a letter of support had been sent with St. Nicholas Church's Application for £320.00

12. CORRESPONDENCE:

SLCC: "THE CLERK": Spring 1993: Gratuities; Kent AGM photograph.
SEEBOARD: New prices. Standing charges. (copy to Cllr. Goddard)
CCC: Bye-law; Thruxted Mill

Kent Stour Countryside Project: Questionnaire. Details returned
by Cllr. Williams & Mr. Glen
Sharman for the Clerk to process.

LEVERCREST: Catalogue: Playground materials. (filed)

KENT HIGHWAYS, CANTERBURY: Kent Highways Partnership.

Clerk telephoned Mr. Tony Parker. Basically no
changes. Clerk requested local map which has been
received.

KCC: Notices of Poll & Polling Stations. Posted on boards.

CCC: Notices of Poll & description of Voters (posted on boards)

KAPC: Parish News No: 199 (circulated)

KAPC: Subs. receipt, inc. VAT £49.40

KRCC: Recycling in the Community. Seminar 14/5/93

ARCA: Re; Newsletter. Copied to Chairman

CLLR. MR. G. PAGE: Copy of letter to KAPC Canterbury Area
resigning as Secretary.

BTCV: The Conserver: to circulate.

MR. IAN MEAD: Letter read requesting interviewing, re: Proposed
Golf Course (addressed to previous Chairman.
The Clerk had telephoned to Mr. Mead.)

KCC Highways: Village Transport Rep. Newsheet No: 1 Spring '93
This was circulated.

KAPC: Community Action Initiative: copies for representatives.

KCS: Audio Visual Exhibition. Change of date to 11/6/93

COLLINGS & CO. re: ARCA. The Clerk reported that he had
contacted both Mr. Collings and Miss Eyles.
The Clerk undertook to advise the Solicitor of
Miss Eyles willingness to co-operate.

CCC Tourism: to circulate.

TREES FOR KENT: circulated.

13. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Notification of a Local Inquiry to be held on Thursday 17th June at
10 a.m., into an appeal by Torbeau Development against CCC's
decision to refuse planning permission for CA/92/0672/THA.

The Clerk had informed the Chairman immediately and also reminded
him that he would be unable to attend. The Chairman stated that he
hoped to be able to attend.

CA/92/0697/CAN & CA/92/0698/CAN Land at Pumping Station, Wincheap.
Applications withdrawn.

CA/93/0161/THA	Iffin Cottages, Iffin Lane	REFUSED.
CA/93/0240/THA	"Fairlawns", Iffin Lane	GRANTED.
CA/93/0269/THA	13 Cockering Road.	GRANTED.

14. REPORTS: There was none.

15. STREET LIGHTING: An unsolicited letter from Lighting Supplies was read. The Clerk reported that he had sent copies to inform the Chairman and to Cllr. Goddard, for the Streetlighting Group. He had also sent a copy to WSD and requested a comment. No response had been forthcoming.

Letter from WSD re: costings for additional street lights. A copy had been sent, by the Clerk, sent to Cllr. Goddard & Cllr. McMillan. The Chairman stressed the necessity of making an estimate of proposed expenditure, as far as was possible, in order to be able to submit the requested details to the City Treasurer.

After a lengthy discussion, the following list was agreed:-

Athelstan Road.....	1 new standard light.....	approx. £600
Grays Way.....	1 new standard light.....	approx. £600

Both the above involve SEEBOARD charges in addition to WSD prices.

Cockering Road and Strangers Lane	28 50W SON lanterns..	approx. £4000
	28 wire cage protection for above.....	approx. £700

6 lanterns with P42 controls		approx. £120
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It was deemed that brackets were not required.

Total thus far= approx.£6020

Additionally, there would be two new lights on extension brackets in New House Lane. Mr. Morgan, at WSD, was investigating this matter and would advise on the cost.

The comment was made that there would still be room for further improvements and that the Clerk should mention this fact in his submission to the City Treasurer.

Cllr. Knott referred to having had difficulties with local residents over siting of the proposed new light which had already been costed and included in the Concurrent Powers payment. It was agreed that we should not keep changing back and forth and that Cllr. Knott should inform local residents that the decision had been made by the Council and activated.

16. NOTICE BOARD: There was nothing to discuss.

17. PARISH AFFAIRS:
The Clerk reported that Miss Miller, 143 Ashford Road, had telephoned to report the pot-hole in the forecourt to the drive to the ARCA Clubhouse. She requested that it be attended to. The Clerk had commented that this matter had just recently been referred to at a

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Council meeting, when it was recalled that CCC had stated that it was not their property. The following day the Clerk delivered photocopies to Miss Miller substantiating the raising of the question at the 1989 Parish Meeting through to the report on CCC's reply at the September 1989 P.C. meeting and in Matters Arising, at the 1990 Parish Meeting.

Cllr. Blackman had informed the Clerk about a damaged fence and accumulated rubbish along the footpath behind Ashenden Close. The Clerk inspected and informed Cllr. Stokes, who undertook to investigate. The Clerk awaited his comments before deciding upon what further action to take. Upon hearing that Cllr. Stokes had made repairs to the fence and cleared rubbish from the path, to lie on an abandoned mattress, he then requested Cleansing Dept. to remove it all and he contacted Barbara Andrews, KCC Footpaths Officer, to report on the situation.

Mr. Potts had telephoned about a bicycle, in good condition, having been abandoned in a neighbour's garden, in Ingoldsby Road. Attempts to get authorities to act had been in vain. The Clerk contacted the CCC Dept. of the Environment and the Police. Both promised to investigate.

The Clerk reported that Mr. Wills, Grays Way, had again let him know that the light outside No: 16 was faulty. The Clerk advised WSD who promised a thorough investigation.

The Clerk reported that Mrs. Church, New House Lane, had telephoned about the unsatisfactory and unpleasant state of the bridleway CB 358A between New House Lane and Iffin Lane, due to liquid manure seepage from an adjacent byre. The Clerk has written to CCC Environmental Health, with a copy to Barbara Andrews, Footpaths Officer. A reply from Environmental Health was read. It recommended referring the matter to Highways. The Clerk stated that he was already waiting to be contacted by Mrs. Andrews. The Clerk undertook to keep Mrs. Church informed.

The Clerk reported that, after having been asked about the position regarding bye-laws covering bon-fires, in Thanington, he had telephoned to ask CCC for information. An oral, reply was given with the promise of a written one to follow. Nothing has yet been received.

Cllr. Page announced details of the arrival and induction of the new Vicar, Rev. Herbert.
He also referred to a problem which had been brought to his notice by Mrs. Jude, at 165 Ashford Road. This involved the fact that the Ferrings storage property had been vacated and that there was no proper boundary fence. This had resulted in people entering the grounds and lighting fires. Cllr. Page also referred to the fact that the main gate was not very secure and there was potential risk of travellers using the site. Cllr. Blackman added the fact of a recent burglary at a neighbouring property. It was proposed and agreed that the Clerk should write to Ferrings, drawing their attention to the situation and the Parish Council's concern.

Cllr. Goddard referred again to promised double yellow lines in Strangers Lane and the replacement of trees in Strangers Close. It was considered that it was still rather too soon in the new financial year to chase the matter of the lines, but the Clerk undertook, to write about the trees.

Cllr. Stokes stated that the 'usual' rubbish had re-appeared at the Cockering Road 'triangle'. The Clerk undertook to advise the authorities, yet again.

Cllr. Blackman announced that the Tonford level-crossing repairs had now been completed. She also announced that trees around the 'lake' had been vandalised.

Cllr. Knott announced that New House Lane had been re-surfaced. She also referred to the Half Marathon Race being due to pass through South Ward.

18. PARISH MEETING. The Chairman asked for any comments for improvements for next time, which should be noted.
Cllr. Page queried the necessity of automatically including a Guest Speaker. It was agreed to assess the inclusion of that Agenda item annually.
After considering the advantages and disadvantages of circulating an Annual Report to every household, it was agreed to continue for, at least, another year.
It was agreed that the new seating arrangement was an improvement.
19. FOOTPATHS:. The Clerk reported that all items which BTCV are able to supply on the recent order, except one which is to follow, were delivered before Easter. The Clerk informed Cllr. Stokes immediately who collected them, for storage.
The Invoice has subsequently been received and will now be paid. The Clerk stated that Cllr. Stokes would be considering items for an additional order of tools and equipment. Cllr. Stokes enquired about the possibility of a 'float'. The Clerk said that he had already organised this and could reimburse smaller cash payments against a receipt.
20. TREES There was nothing to discuss.

At 8.50 the Chairman adjourned the meeting and invited the local residents to speak.

Mr. Potts commented on the poor lighting in Ingoldsby Road. Cllr. Goddard interjected that he understood that City Councillor Dolby was already involved in campaigning for improvements there and in Windsor Road.

Mr. Potts also commented on the poor state of the pavement and the numbers of cars parked on footways. The Clerk was asked to report the complaint about footways to the authorities.

Mr. Epps said that he only wished to repeat Cllr. Goddard's reminder about the overdue double-yellow lines in Strangers Lane.

The Chairman resumed the Meeting at 8.57 and thanked the local electors for their remarks.

NEXT MEETING: It was reminded that the next meeting would not be until Monday July 12th 1993 at 7.30 p.m.

CLOSE OF MEETING: There being no other business, the Chairman declared the Meeting closed at 8.59 p.m.

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