

MINUTES OF THE ... MEETING OF THANINGTON WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL held at Ashford Road Community Association Clubhouse, Thanington Without, Monday 12th JULY 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, The Vicar, one other local resident and the Clerk.

CHAIRMAN: Cllr. Mr. G. Page

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: All councillors were present.

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

2. MATTERS ARISING:

- ( 1. ) The Chairman reported on the action taken regarding the co-option of a new Councillor. The recommendation that Mr. Epps, of Bramley Avenue, be appointed, was unanimously accepted. The Clerk was asked to inform Mr. Epps and to invite him to attend the next meeting, when he would read and sign the Declaration and receive a Councillor's Information pack. The Clerk was also requested to formally express thanks to Mr. Potts for his interest and to inform him that any application to fill a future vacancy would be welcomed and considered.
- ( 2. ) The Clerk confirmed that he had written to the Returning Officer in connection with the Vacancy for Councillor, as instructed. He was now asked to write again to explain the position regarding Mr. Epps.
- ( 3. ) The Clerk confirmed that he had contacted the Police about the fact that motor-cyclists are using Footpath CB 490/CC 59 as a track.
- ( 4. ) The Clerk confirmed that he had combined the responses of Cllr. Williams and Mr. Sharman, and had returned the Questionnaire to Kent Stour Countryside Project.
- ( 5. ) The Clerk confirmed that he had mentioned the fact that there would still be a need for further improvements in Parish street lighting, in his submission to the City Treasurer. He had sent copies to Cllrs. Page and Goddard.
- ( 6. ) Mr. Potts had informed the Clerk that the Police had contacted him three days after the matter of the abandoned bicycle had been resolved.
- ( 7. ) The Clerk confirmed that he had informed Mrs. Church about the reply from the Environmental Health Department, concerning the byre.
- ( 8. ) The Clerk confirmed that he had written to inform Parrings of the situation prevailing at their Ashford Road site and had also informed the

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Police. Cllr. Page had also telephoned to the agents subsequently, in the Clerk's absence. No reply had been received from Messrs. Perring.

- (9.) The Clerk confirmed that he had enquired again about the double yellow lines in Strangers Lane and had been informed that the order had been placed. He had also enquired about the replacement of trees in Strangers Close. A reply concerning this matter was read, expressing the hope of expedition.
- (10.) The Clerk confirmed that he had advised the authorities about the usual rubbish at Cockering Road 'triangle'.
- (11.) The Clerk announced that British Rail had telephoned to state that the Tonford level-crossing repairs had now been completed. They apologised for the long delay.
- (12.) The Clerk confirmed that he had spoken to CCC Highways and to the Police about the three items raised by Mr. Potts. They were attentive.

### 3. APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS

M. J. FOSTER PROPERTY SERVICES	Repairs	£10, 00
D. E. GOULD	Clerk's Salary £595, 01 2/3 Telephone rental £15, 76	£610, 77
KRCC	Cast to Coast Subs.	£5, 00
BTCV ENTERPRISES LTD.	Tools inc. VAT £1, 86	£12, 47
GEERINGS	Photocopier £7, 66 inc. VAT £1, 14 Photocopier £12, 38 inc. VAT £1, 84	£20, 04
G. PAGE	Reimbursement (ARCA) £5, 00 Chairman's Allowance £75, 00	£80, 00

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

### 4. FINANCE:

LOTTERY FUND: CANTERBURY COMMUNITY HOLIDAY PLAYSCHMES  
The Clerk was instructed to enquire about the number of children participating who are residing in Thanington Without.

MIDLAND BANK: Statements:

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Balance at 30/6/93      Ordinary a/c £163,09  
 Balance at 30/6/93      Prem. Bus. £14377,71

£1000 has been transferred from Premium Business to Ordinary a/c.

LOTTERY FUND: Notification received of unallocated balance: £457.

CCC: P.C. CAPITAL FUND: Street Lighting; £6020 credited.

5. CORRESPONDENCE:

KAPC: Parish News Nos. 200 & 201 (circulated)  
 KAPC: Letter to Chairman re: NALC Centenary Appeal.  
 The Clerk undertook to check the position regarding  
 previous donations.  
 KAPC (CANTERBURY AREA): Agenda & Minutes (copies to  
 Cllrs. Page, Knott & Goddard)  
 KAPC: Planning Information Day 19/6  
 KRCC: Seminar 16/6  
 KCC HIGHWAYS: A28 Milton Roundabout (copy to Chairman)  
 KENTISH STOUR COUNTRYSIDE PROJECT: Newsletters (to  
 circulate)  
 KRCC: Oast to Coast Summer 1993 (circulated)  
 SHAW & SONS: Local Council Official Forms.  
 CRUSE-BEREAVEMENT CARE: Appeal  
 It was regrettably agreed not to create a precedent by  
 responding to this appeal.  
 GEERINGS: Exhibition 27th MAY  
 WICKSTEED LEISURE: Advertisement.  
 MID KENT WATER: Booklet (to circulate)  
 SOUTHERN WATER SERVICES: (to circulate)  
 LEVERCREST: Advertisement.  
 NALC: 'Review' Spring 1993 (circulated)  
 COLLINGS & CO.: Letter re. ARCA Land Registration  
 (copy sent to Chairman)  
 The Clerk was asked to discuss this matter with the  
 ARCA Secretary and to enquire about the possibility of  
 a Lottery Fund contribution.  
 ARCA Newsletter May 1993  
 CCC: City Council Membership. (copies circulated)  
 CCC: Canterbury District Economic Development Strategy  
 93/94, circulated by Chairman 2/6/93.  
 ASPARK: Leisure products advert.  
 CHIPMAN: Play & Leisure catalogue  
 CCC: Bye-law re. Removal of Canine Faeces from Greens.  
 CCC: Minutes for April & June (circulated)  
 CCC: Canterbury District Environmental Network.  
 Information Sheet 7.  
 CCC: Assistant Director (Local Plans): Kent Structure  
 Plan third Review: Formal response.  
 K. C. S. Catalogue up-date

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS The usual monthly Agenda & Report for May 25th and June  
 22nd were sent directly to the Chairman. There were no items  
 specifically relating to Thanington Without.

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KCC PLANNING: Kent Structure Plan Third Review: Deposit Plan.  
There were no comments to be made.  
CA/93/0430/THA 10 Cockering Road Permission GRANTED

WHITE LODGE, TONFORD LANE: Reply to Chairman's enquiry regarding  
expiry of time limit on permission for mobile home.  
CA/93/0595/THA "White Lodge", Tonford Lane.  
Continued stationing of mobile home.  
The Clerk was instructed to write expressing concern  
over the fact that by renewing this 'temporary'  
arrangement it may become permanent.

CA/93/0255/THA Wisteria Cottage, Iffin Lane. Permission GRANTED

CA/93/0090/THA 7 New House Close Permission GRANTED.

CA/93/0410/THA 76 New House Lane  
Erection of three-stable unit.  
Details circularised for comments. Summarised and  
returned by Chairman, stating 'no objection in  
principle' but adding 'concern about impact of  
traffic'.

7. **REPORTS:** The Chairman reported on his attendance at the Planning Application Appeal by Torbeau Developments Ltd. re. the proposed golf course extension. A copy of copious notes is lodged with the Clerk. He concluded by announcing that he had, today, received notification that the Appeal had been granted.

The Chairman reported that he had been unable to attend the meeting to discuss the Kent Structure Plan Third Review.

He referred briefly to the fact that he had represented the Council at the Licencing Service of the Rev. Tim Herbert, the new Vicar of St. Nicholas Church.

8. **STREET LIGHTING** A letter from WSD was read.  
A Report was made by the Chairman after his visit to Cllrs. Knott & McMillan concerning New House Lane/Close. (A copy had been sent to Cllr. Goddard). Cllr. Knott announced her extreme disappointment over some residents' responses to the matter of street lighting in South Ward. Cllr. Goddard undertook to arrange a meeting of the Street Lighting Group to come up with a proposal for the use of funds for improvements, by the next meeting. Cllr. Blackman offered for the meeting to be held at her home and 7.30 p.m. on July 22nd was provisionally agreed.
9. **NOTICE BOARD:** Mr. Potts had reported the damaged Thanington Road board, to Chairman. He had asked WSD to collect. It had been returned to the Clerk. Cllrs. Goddard and Stokes kindly agreed to endeavour to obtain a tool which would enable them to more easily re-erect the board.
10. **PARISH AFFAIRS:** The case of the education of Darius Hemsworth, reported to the Chairman by Mr. Potts, was explained and action reported on.

The matter of the footway, St. Nicholas Road to Cockering Road was explained by the Chairman.

The Chairman read a letter from the Chief Executive of CCC, written to him as Secretary of the KAPC (Canterbury Area), regarding funds for woodland management.

The Chairman reported on complaints by Mr. Potts about various areas of dissatisfaction on the Council Estate, his visit with Mr. Potts and the reply received from CCC Director of Housing.

The Chairman reported on action taken regarding the poor footway surface in Ashford Road and an overhanging tree at the top of Grays Way.

The Chairman reported that he had written to Mr. Julian Brazier M.P., concerning the matter of public persuasion to have benefits and pensions paid into a bank/building society. He had sent a copy to Mr. Richardson at the Post Office. A reply from the M.P. was read, outlining Government policy concerning Post Offices.

The Chairman reported on action taken regarding 86 Ashford Road, concerning overgrown shrubbery. Also 150 Ashford Road. Some improvements were reported.

The Chairman commented on his various actions in connection with the appointment of the new Vicar, The Rev. Timothy Herbert.

The Clerk reported that Mr. Ian Mead (tel: 713079) had contacted him again, requesting an interview with a Councillor, in connection with a school project on the proposed Golf Course. Cllr. Page offered to contact Mr. Mead. The Clerk commented that Mr. Mead had been in attendance at the Appeal

Cllr. Blackman had told the Clerk about rubbish lying near the Footpath CC58 which she thought might be the same as was reported before. The Clerk had investigated and informed the Cleansing Dept.

The Clerk had reported to the Cleansing Dept. about amissing litter bin in Ashford Road, near Grays Way and had also reminded about there being no litter bin at Hanging Banks. Subsequently a litter bin has been placed near the Grays Way/Ashford Road notice board.

Cllr. Goddard commented that notices had been placed, by the CCC, in Strangers Lane, concerning the extension of double yellow lines.

Cllr. Page referred to having seen a Legal Notice concerning the insolvency of the Thanington Within Bar Club. He also announced that he had sent a bouquet and greetings card, on behalf of the Council, on the occasion of the Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. & Mrs. Eggleton. Grateful thanks have been received.

Disappointment was expressed when Cllr. Page explained that his tactful attempts to recognise the Diamond Wedding Anniversary of Mr. & Mrs. Stockbridge, had been in vain.

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Cllr. Page commented on the fact that Cllr. McMillan had contacted him about exposed, live electric wires and that his call to WSD's Emergency number had been dealt with very promptly. Finally, he requested councillors to advise the Clerk of any known periods of absence from their homes, in order to avoid delays in circulation of materials delivered.

Cllr. Stokes reported the poor state of the footway, near the letter box, on Cockering Road. The Clerk undertook to report this.

Cllr. Blackman commented on the blockage of paths in Larkey Valley Woods, doubting that it had been done by the Authorities. The Clerk undertook to enquire about this matter. She also remarked that the path between the bridge and level crossing, in Tonford Lane, was in an overgrown condition. The Clerk said that he would inform CCC.

Cllr. Blackman also drew attention to the report in the Kentish Gazette, regarding City Cllr. Frogley's remarks concerning the proposed Park & Ride situation. The Chairman undertook, to write a reply to the paper, stressing that the Council supports the idea of a Superstore but objects to any suggestion of using the Recreation Ground as a site.

Cllr. Williams referred to hedges overgrowing the footway, outside 1 & 1A Tonford Lane. The Clerk was asked to investigate, with a view to writing to request cutting back.

Cllr. Knott reported that the light in New House Lane, near the letter box, was on all the time. The Clerk undertook to inform WSD. She also reported that the elevated footpath was badly overgrown. The Clerk undertook, to inform the KCC Footpaths Officer, Mrs. Andrews. Cllr. Knott referred to Planning Application CA/93/0580/LHA, which although outside our Parish, could create traffic danger within it. The Clerk undertook to contact the Planning Dept.

Cllr. McMillan commented very positively on local residents reaction to the fact that the CCC had trimmed back the overgrown hedge in New House Close.

11. FOOTPATHS: The Clerk stated that fencing pliers had been received, to complete the order, and passed to Cllr. Stokes. A letter from KCC re PPP was read. Copies had been forwarded to Cllrs. Williams & Stokes. It requested planned projects for the coming year. Cllr. Williams suggested that Cllr. Stokes liaise with the Clerk and he agreed to do so. Cllr. Stokes had suggested buying an auger, which could also be used to erect notice-boards. There had been difficulty in tracing these in catalogues, but various suggestions would be investigated. A staggered hinder on CB 490 and also markers at each end were generally agreed to be desirable. The Clerk undertook to discuss the latter with Mrs. Andrews. The Clerk raised the matter of the condition of CB 456. Cllr. Blackman undertook to investigate. If necessary, the Clerk was asked to report the condition to KCC/CCC. KCC: PPP request for insurance details had been dealt with by the Clerk.

12. TREES There were no matters to discuss.

13. HARRIS' PENSION CHARITY: The Chairman reported on his action concerning provision of information regarding the new Vicar, as a Trustee.

*At 9.40 p.m. the Meeting was adjourned and the Chairman invited the members of the public to speak.*

*The Vicar thanked the Chairman for his welcoming remarks. He added that he had no further comments to make.*

*Mr. Potts reported that the schoolboy, mentioned earlier, had been granted a place at Chaucer School.*

*In connection with the Park & ride scheme, Mr. Potts commented that he had heard that allotment holders would be moved further back and the land cleared. The Clerk was asked to obtain more information.*

NEXT MEETING: Monday August 9th at 7.30 p.m.

CLOSE: There being no further business, the Chairman declared the Meeting closed, at 9.44 p.m.

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