

MINUTES OF THE ... MEETING OF THANINGTON WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL held at Ashford Road Community Association Clubhouse, Thanington Without,
Monday 9th AUGUST 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.
The Vicar was also present.

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.) Co-option of Mr. Epps, who read and signed the required Declaration Form. He was provided with an Information Pack.
The Clerk undertook to inform the Returning Officer.
- (2.) The Clerk confirmed that he had formally expressed thanks to Mr. Potts for his interest and to inform him that any application to fill a future vacancy would be welcomed and considered.

In view of the Vicar's attendance, the Chairman proposed dealing with Agenda Item 12: ST. NICHOLAS CHURCHYARD at the beginning of the Meeting. This was agreed to.

The Chairman explained that the Vicar had spoken to him about two difficulties:-

- (i) the shortage of remaining grave spaces and (ii) maintenance of the Churchyard.

The Clerk had obtained information about Parish Councils' position, concerning Closed Churchyards, from KRCC. This was read out.

At 7.45 the Chairman adjourned the Meeting and invited the Vicar to speak. He did so and explained that it was extremely difficult to anticipate how long it might be before there were no more grave spaces available. He emphasised that he did not foresee the necessity for him to apply for formal closure in the immediate future. On the subject of Churchyard maintenance, the Vicar explained that he considered that the whole community should have an interest in the neat appearance of the Churchyard, and not only Church members. He welcomed any financial support which the Parish Council might be prepared to make.

The Chairman thanked the Vicar and resumed the Meeting at 7.58 p.m.

Councillors discussed the matter and it was agreed that the threat of a Closure was not pressing, but that it was good to have been made aware of the situation and possible ramifications.

Cllr. Blackman pointed out that, in fact, there had been a large area of land, available for use as a burial-ground, which the Church had sold. It was agreed, in principle, to the possibility of making some form of

financial support towards maintenance. The Clerk's suggestion that actual amount and method be considered at the time of budgeting for next Precept, was accepted.

Matters Arising continued with item: -

- 3.) A reply from Canterbury Community Holiday Playschemes was read. It stated that the number of children participating who are residing Thanington Without, is 22. After discussion, the Clerk was instructed to write to state that the Parish Council did not feel that it could supportive this year, but that it would be willing to consider the in future years. They would appreciate being informed to what extent parents made a financial contribution and how it was planned to use proposed cassette recorder
- 4.) The Clerk confirmed that he had checked the position regarding previous donations to NALC Centenary Appeal. These had all been made Direct Debit. KRCC had undertaken to enquire why no acknowledgement been sent.
- 5.) Regarding Messrs. Collings & Co. (Solicitors) and ARCA Land Register the Clerk confirmed that he had been advised by the CCC Finance Dept that the Lottery Fund could not be used for this payment. However, could be paid from the Precept; even next year. The Clerk had discussed this matter with the ARCA Secretary and had subsequently requested the Solicitor to issue a replacement account, addressed to the Parish Council. This had been received.
- 6.) Concerning Application: CA/93/0595/THA "White Lodge", Tonford Lane Clerk confirmed that he had written expressing concern over the fact by renewing this 'temporary' arrangement for continued stationing of a mobile home, it may become permanent.
- 7.) The Chairman reported that Mr. Ian Mead had visited him, in connection with a school project on the proposed Golf Course. It was due for October/November. They may meet again. The Clerk enquired about the possibility of obtaining a copy of the finished project.
- 8.) The Clerk confirmed that he had reported the poor state of the footpath near the letter-box, on Cockering Road.
- 9.) The Clerk confirmed that he had enquired about the blockage of path Larkey Valley Woods.
- 10.) Concerning the path between the bridge and level crossing in Tonford Lane, which was in an overgrown condition; the Clerk said that Mrs. Andrews had referred to the possibility of it being cleared by contractors.
- 11.) The Clerk confirmed that he had written to the occupiers of 1 & 1A Tonford Lane about hedges overgrowing the footway. A reply from Alexander, at 1A, was read.

- (12.) The Clerk confirmed that he had reported that the light in New House Lane, near the letter-box, was switched on all the time.
- (13.) The Clerk had reported that the elevated footpath was badly overgrown. The KCC Footpaths Officer, Mrs. Andrews, had commented that clearance work by the contractors was imminent. Cllr. Knott interjected that convolvulus was a problem.
- (14.) The Clerk reported that when he had telephoned about Planning Application CA/93/0580/LHA, which is outside our Parish, he was informed that the Application had been withdrawn.
- (15.) The Clerk confirmed that he had replied to KCC regarding PPP and had enclosed a Financial Report and List of Plans for the coming year. He was still awaiting the list of tools required.
- (16.) The Clerk announced that he had identified the suggested 'auger' as an 'earth-borer', in the catalogue. Cllr. Stokes would include that in his list of requirements.
- (17.) The Clerk had discussed a staggered hinder on CB 490 with Mrs. Andrews. She had stated that stile kits may be collected, free of charge. The Clerk had also referred to markers at each end of the footpath. Cllr. Knott commented that one had been erected at the New House Lane end.
- (18.) The Clerk informed that CB 456 had been cleared.
- (19.) In response to his request, to the Planning Department, for clarification about the press reports on the proposed Supermarket siting on the Brett's site, the Clerk had been informed that the Application was being challenged as to its legality and that City Cllr. Frogley had requested an extra-ordinary City Council meeting. The Chairman reminded councillors that he had written a letter to Kentish Gazette, as requested, supporting the Superstore, but expressing concern if any development should take place on the recreation ground. This letter was published on July 23rd.

3. APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS:

COLLINGS & CO.	ARCA A/c Land Transfer	£538.87
	inc. VAT	£67.37
GEERING'S	Photocopy paper	£11.69
	inc. VAT	£1.74

Approval of the above payments was proposed by Cllr. Knott, seconded by Cllr. Williams and unanimously approved. The cheques were then signed by the named councillors.

4. FINANCE: The Clerk submitted a Finance Report (as at 9/8/93) and comments, which had been previously circulated. There was no discussion. The Chairman expressed appreciation to the Clerk for preparing these.

A letter from Inland Revenue was read. It stated that VAT repayments would be made directly to the bank account, in future.

MIDLAND BANK statements: -

Balance on Premium Business a/c £19406.93
 Current a/c £414.81
 £1000 has been transferred from the former to the latter

MIDLAND BANK: Account signatures Mandate was up-dated. All councillor signed.

5. CORRESPONDENCE: MRS. HOLLAND: CHAIRMAN ARCA. Copy of letter to City Councillors for information.
 KAPC: Local Council Assoc. in the next century: Summary of comments. (To Chairman, to be circulated.)
 KAPC: PARISH NEWS No: 202 & 203 Circulated.
 CCC Chief Exec. Pleasure ground bye-laws.
 Bye-law. Environmental Issues; Throxted Mill.
 KCS: Notice of reduced prices.
 KCC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Tour de France 1994
 ACRE: Local Charity magazine. It was agreed to subscribe.
 CCC: Rural Development Areas.
 SLCC: "The Clerk"
6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS There were no applications.
7. REPORTS: Cllr. Page commented on the quarterly meeting of the KAPC (Canterbury Area) Committee, at which he had presented apologies from Cllr. Knott. He had resigned as Secretary. He referred to the decision ma to write again to CCC concerning Community Action Initiative. A rep listing Capital Grants to Parish Councils had been received. A copy was passed to the Clerk.
 The Chairman informed Cllr. Knott that the next meeting was schedul for October 20th.
8. STREET LIGHTING: The Clerk announced that he had reminded WSD about payment arrangements. He had still not received an account.
 Cllr. Goddard explained that there was no Street-lighting Group report, as they had not been able to arrange a meeting. However, he now considered that a meeting was not necessary and he undertook to check details of the proposals for improvements and to submit them to the Clerk for processing.
 Cllr. Page referred to a telephone call from City Cllr. Dolby and t reporting of Thanington's street-lighting plans in "Focus".
9. NOTICE BOARD: The Clerk observed that the Grays Way board's perspex had become quite opaque. Cllr. Stokes commented that clear, strong perspex was available and this was noted for future replacement.
10. PARISH AFFAIRS:
 The Clerk reported that he had received a brochure, which he had requested from CCC, regarding bon-fires.

Cllr. Page referred to a press cutting which referred to a campaign by CCC Highways to reduced the number of various footway obstructions.

Cllr. Williams announced that she would be on holiday between August 13th & 27th.

Cllr. Blackman apologised, in advance, for her absence from the September meeting.

Cllr. Page referred to a reply from Mr Richardson, Highways Department, concerning repairs to the Ashford Road northside footway. He had informed Mr. Jessop at 146 Ashford Road.

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Cllr. Blackman wished to comment on the new Wincheap round-about, even though it is outside the Parish. She welcomed the new format but hoped that subsequent landscaping would be kept low, so as not to reduce drivers' visibility. The Clerk was instructed to convey this opinion to CCC on behalf of the Parish Council, in the interests of road-safety.

11. FOOTPATHS: The Clerk commented on the Financial position. This had been previously circulated.

Ashenden Close: Letters from Mrs. Andrews had been sent to residents, in properties which abut the footpath, following the footpath having been cleared. Cllr. Furness undertook to inspect the footpath to assess the requirements, possibly to discuss with neighbours and, perhaps, to commence clearance. A replacement stile had been discouraged by Mrs. Andrews.

A letter to Cllr. Williams from KCC, regarding the possible sale of Footpath maps, was read. The Clerk was instructed to approach ARCA about this matter.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 9.25 p.m. to invite the Vicar to speak. He had nothing to add, except to thank the councillors and to express his approval of their attitude towards community responsibility.

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY SEPTEMBER 13TH 1993

CLOSE: There being no other business, the Chairman declared the Meeting closed, at 9.26 p.m.

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