

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THANINGTON WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL held at Ashford Road Community Association Clubhouse, Thanington Without, Monday 11th OCTOBER 1993 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT. Councillors: Mrs. P. Blackman, Mr. R. Epps, Mr. G. Furness, Miss S. Kroll, Mrs. J. McMillan, Mr. G. Page, Mr. K. Stokes, and the Clerk. The Rev. Tim Herbert was present, but left after the Blessing at St. Nicholas Churchyard.

CHAIRMAN: Cllr. Mr. G. Page

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Mr. K. Goddard was undergoing hospital treatment. The Clerk undertook to write on behalf of the Meeting, to express councillors' wishes for a speedy recovery.

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

2. MATTERS ARISING:

- ( 1. ) The Clerk confirmed that he had informed the Returning Officer of the Casual Vacancy and had posted the required notices.
- ( 2. ) The Clerk confirmed that he had contacted County Councillor Martin Vye, as instructed, concerning (i) Collection of recyclable items and (ii) On-street parking. Cllr. Vye undertook to keep the Council informed.
- ( 3. ) The Clerk confirmed that he had written, as instructed, to recommend approval of Application CA/93/0784/CAN Land at Winthrop.
- ( 4. ) The Clerk confirmed that he had reported, to WSD, that a light outside 179 Ashford Road was on all day. Cllr. Page commented that the light was now functioning properly.
- ( 5. ) The Clerk reported that Cllr. Page had informed him that he had contacted Miss Esther Eyles regarding the embroidered map. Miss Eyles had subsequently written to the Clerk, approving of the suggested linking of a presentation to the Centenary celebrations. She enclosed a receipted account for the framing.
- ( 6. ) The Clerk confirmed that he had reported the fact that lights between the Post Office and St. Nicholas Road were not on in the early morning.
- ( 7. ) The Clerk confirmed that he had reported the fact that the double-yellow lines in Strangers Lane, promised on September 12th 1992, had still not been provided. Nor had the trees in Strangers Close. He had been informed that the lines delay was due to legal complications and that the work should be completed in 6-8 weeks time. Meanwhile, Cllr. Goddard had informed the Clerk that work had commenced on the trees.
- ( 8. ) The Clerk confirmed that he had ordered the tools for footpath usage.

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( 9. ) The Chairman explained that it did not appear necessary to apply to the Land Registry as a letter and plan had been received from Mr. Tovey, indicating that the 'triangle' was included in his land-borders.

The Chairman proposed that Agenda Item 9, ST. NICHOLAS CHURCHYARD, be brought forward, to accommodate the attendance of the Vicar. There was no objection.

9. ST. NICHOLAS CHURCHYARD: The Chairman suggested that there were two main matters for consideration: - (i) whether a contribution should be budgeted for assistance towards churchyard maintenance, for next year, and (ii) agreement to bring the matter to the next Parish Assembly (Parish Meeting).

*The Chairman adjourned the Meeting at 7.33 p.m. to allow the Vicar to comment. He referred to the financial summary he had circulated to all councillors. He remarked that one gets as attractive/unattractive churchyard as one is prepared to pay for it, in addition to voluntary work. He opined that the benefits and responsibility were a matter for the whole Parish community and not only Church members. The Vicar agreed to the idea of presenting the facts about the Churchyard to the Parish Meeting.*

*The Council Meeting was resumed at 7.35 p.m.*

After discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Blackman, seconded by Cllr. Epps and unanimously agreed, that the sum of £350 be included in the budget for next financial year ('94-'95) to assist with Churchyard expenses.

Cllr. Knott wondered whether the venue for the next Parish Meeting should be changed to Ashford Road but, after discussion, it was decided to keep it to the South Ward.

*At the close of deliberations on the Churchyard, the Vicar expressed his thanks for the Council's devotion of time to this matter and for their interest and support. He then excused himself from the meeting.*

### 3. APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS

It was proposed by Cllr. Epps, seconded by Cllr. McMillan and unanimously agreed, that the following payments be approved.

KAPC:	1 AGM lunch at £4,50	£4,50
D. E. GOULD.	Salary July/Aug/Sept. £595,01 (Based on 1935 at £1,23)	£610,77
	2/3 telephone rental £15,76	
E. EYLES	Reimbursement for map framing	£70,70

The cheques were then signed by the named councillors.

4. FINANCE

The Clerk announced that he had signed and returned a form from National Savings, granting permission to allow the District Auditor to have access to account details.

Cornhill Insurance: (i) Schedule  
(ii) Endorsement to include Cllr. Epps.

Midland Bank Ltd: Premium Business a/c Balance at 30/9 £13354.15  
Current a/c at 30/9 £861.75

The Clerk has requested transfer of £1000 from P.B. a/c to Current

5. CORRESPONDENCE:

KAPC: Copies of Agenda & papers for AGM 18/10 forwarded to Cllrs. Page & Blackman. The Chairman announced that Cllr. Blackman would be unable to attend but that he hoped to.

SLCC: AGM Swanley 14/10. Clerk has sent his apologies.

CCC: Tour de France

RECREATIONAL SUPPLY SERVICES LTD.: Playground equipment

KCC: REPORTS. 1993

KENTISH STOUR COUNTRYSIDE PROJECT: Brochures to circulate.

THE HOUSE BUILDERS FEDERATION: Issue of Housing Update (Via Miss Eyles)

CANTERBURY DISTRICT ENVIRONMENTAL NETWORK: Info Sheet 8 to circulate.

KRCC: Sponsored walk through Channel Tunnel

KAPC: Local Government Review in Kent. STOP PRESS!

CCC: Proposed review of City Conservation Areas.

It was agreed that the Clerk should reply and suggest the possible additional inclusion of Tonford Manor, the Flint Cottages and Cockerling Farm House.

CCC: Nature Conservation seminar on 30/11/93. The Clerk expressed willingness to attend. It was agreed that he should extend the invitation to the Tree Warden. Responding to the Chairman's enquiry, Cllr. Blackman also expressed an interest in attending. It was noted that the fee was £5 each.

ARCA: Notice re: the opening of a new Short Mat Bowls Club was read.

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

"The Chairman had attended CCC Planning meeting and informed the Clerk that "White Lodge" Tonford Lane Application had been refused and that an Enforcement Order would be processed.

CA/93/0595/THA "White Lodge" Continued stationing of Mobile Home REFUSED.

The Clerk had passed the CCC Report & Agenda to the Chairman. The Agenda included a note regarding White Lodge, stating "Ownership information requested."

CCC Planning Agenda & Report. Recommendation for granting permission for CA/92/0818/CAN Land at Wincheap (including Park & Ride) APPROVED

CA/93/0410/THA 76 New House Lane.

Having noticed that a decision was outstanding, the Clerk had queried the outcome. He was informed that it was a Permitted Development. That is, no application was necessary.

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7. REPORTS: There was none.

8. STREET LIGHTING

A letter from WSD was read. A Copy had been sent by Clerk to Cllr. Goddard. The Clerk regretted Cllr. Goddard's inability to be currently involved.

The five headings were dealt with. It was agreed that :-

- (1). A decision concerning the jurisdiction over Strangers Lane should await a definite outcome.
- (2). Whereas it may seem wise to accept Mr. Morgan's advice, Cllr. Goddard should be involved, before a final decision is made.
- (3). Cllr. Blackman would visit the site and Cllr. Page would contact the house-owner. The Clerk should inform Mr. Morgan that an early decision would be conveyed to him.
- (4). Protective cages should be requested.
- (5). WSD should liaise with SERBOARD.

9. ST. NICHOLAS CHURCHYARD [See above]

10. NOTICE BOARD: The Clerk reported that he had made a temporary repair.

11. PARISH AFFAIRS:

Cllr. Page reported on his contact with Miss Eyles concerning the embroidered Parish Map.

The Clerk reported his personal action in connection with the Wincheap Drinking Trough.

The Clerk confirmed that he had reported the street-light failure, outside 19 Ashenden Close, referred to him by Cllr. Furness.

The Clerk reported that he had followed up on the litter bin situation at Hanging Banks and he had been informed that anchored wheelie-bins should be in place in a few months' time.

The Clerk reported that he had informed the Cleansing Department about the shrubbery overgrowing the footway near the east on the Grays Way/Ashford Road corner.

Cllr. Page drew attention to a letter in a recent edition of 'Extra' which pointed out the dangerous situation created by shrubbery partially obscuring signs warning about the new Licker-led road. Cllr. Page read a copy of his letter to Mr. Dalby, Senior Housing Officer, concerning the correspondence with Mrs. Galfarb regarding the footpath off St. Nicholas Road. He had supplied the Clerk with a copy.

Cllr. Page reported the potentially dangerous overgrown Clematis at the corner of Tonford Lane, at 84 Ashford Road (flint cottage). The Clerk undertook to write to the owner.

Cllr. Stokes pointed out the danger caused by increased parking in Strangers Lane, opposite the parked cars outside the repairs-

garage. The Clerk was instructed to write to request double-yellow lines, in the interest of safety.

Cllr. Epps thanked the Clerk for his action regarding A29 lighting, but regretted that some lights were still not operating at around 5 a.m. The Clerk undertook to report this.

Cllr. Blackman drew attention to the parking problem on the corner of Tonford Lane/Grays Way. She requested another attempt to obtain double-yellow lines there, in the interests of safety.

Cllr. Furness apologised for the interruption, due to ill-health, in his efforts to further clear the footpath behind Ashenden Close. After some discussion, he and Cllr. Stokes requested that the Clerk should write to Barbara Andrews, Footpath's Officer, to request that a follow-up letter be sent to NO: 32 Manor Close.

## 12. FOOTPATHS:

A reply from Mr. Tony was read and the Clerk reported on a subsequent phone call, concerning Footpath CC59 and the "Cockering Road Triangle".

The Clerk reported on the current situation regarding the difference of opinion between Barbara Andrews and Robert Hancock, in the matter of a barrier to hinder motor-cycles on the 'golf-course' footpath. He also elaborated on the possibility of Mr. Tony helping with the problem of the untidy 'triangle' of land.

The Clerk undertook to pursue the matter of the barrier and to write to Mr. Tony to enquire in which manner he would be willing to help with the 'triangle'.

The Clerk reported that the tools had now been delivered and were ready for collection and storage, by Cllr. Stokes. The Clerk reminded about the resurrection of the Thanington notice-board, now that a new earth-borer was available. Cllr. Stokes undertook to deal with that matter.

Cllr. Stokes commented that he had attended the strimmer course.

## 13. TREES

A report received from Men of the Trees judge, Mr. Smith, was read by the Chairman. Copies had been circulated by the Clerk. Cllr. Blackman commented that it was an encouraging report. The Clerk pointed out that, unlike previous reports, it did not include any result of the competition. He had sent a copy to the Tree Warden.

The Clerk undertook to write to Brett's Estates Manager and to Brian Watmough, at CCC, drawing their attentions to relevant sections.

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY NOVEMBER 8th 1993

CLOSE: There being no other business, the Chairman declared the Meeting closed, at 9.35 p.m.