

MINUTES OF THE 11th MEETING OF THANINGTON WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL held at Ashford Road Community Association Clubhouse, Thanington Without, Monday 8th NOVEMBER 1993 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Mr. E. Dyer, Mr. P. Evans, Miss C. Knott, Mr. E. Goddard, Mr. J. McMillan, Mr. G. Page, Mr. F. Stokes, and the Clerk.

CHAIRMAN: Cllr. M. G. Page.

APPOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr. Mrs. Blackman was absent. The Rev. Tim Herbert had stated, at the last meeting, that he would not be able to attend.

(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 written to send good wishes for a speedy recovery, to Cllr. Goddard.
- (2.) The Clerk reported that he had been visited by Mr. Church to collect an archive file containing historical details of Parish buildings. These had been photocopied, noted, slightly corrected and returned.
- (3.) The Clerk confirmed that he had written to 84 Ashford Road (Flint Cottage) regarding overhanging shrubbery. The Chairman commented that this had been cut back almost immediately.
- (4.) A reply from CCC was read, promising investigation into the matter of requested double yellow lines in Strangers Lane and Tonford Lane.
- (5.) The Clerk confirmed that he had reported that some lights were still not operating, at around 5 a.m., on the A28. He added that WSD no longer had that contract.
- (6.) The Clerk confirmed that he had written to Barbara Andrews, Footpath's Officer, to request that a follow-up letter be sent to NO: 32 Manor Close.
- (8.) The Clerk confirmed that he had written to Mr. Tory regarding the "Triangle", Cockerling Road. No reply has been received.
- (9.) The Clerk reported that the tools had now been collected by Cllr. Stokes.
- (10.) The Clerk confirmed that he had written to Bratt's Estates Manager and to Brian Watmough, at CCC, drawing their attentions to relevant sections of the Men of the Trees report.

3. APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS

D. E. COULD	Salary adjustment	£197.83
	Increase from £1.23 per number	

slab alongside the Playing Field fence.

Miss Eyles has acknowledged receipt of reimbursement for framing. The Chairman asked the Clerk to place the matter of the presentation of the embroidered picture on next meeting's Agenda. The Clerk was also requested to approach the Vicar about the possibility of it being placed, permanently, in the Church.

The Chairman drew attention to press reports about local government organisation and "consequent possible increase in parish-power". He also referred to a cutting concerning a request by Chartham P.C. re-investigate the traffic problems connected with the St. Augustine development.

He up-dated on the position regarding the financial difficulties of Thanington Post Office/shop, following a conversation with Mr. Richardson.

Cllr. Furness made a brief, complimentary comment about the footpath clearing carried out by Chartham P.C., near our Parish borders.

11. FOOTPATHS: The Clerk announced that the Contractor 'phoned to inform that kissing-gate would not be sheep-proof. It was agreed that he should proceed with the installation.
12. TREES There was nothing to discuss.

NEXT MEETING: The Chairman announced this would be held on MONDAY DECEMBER 13th.

CLOSE: There being no other business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

G. B. M.
13.12.93

As there was no opportunity to address the meeting, the Clerk subsequently telephoned the Director of Planning to draw attention that the wording, about the flow of traffic through Thanington, after completion of the Cockering Road Link, was still misleading after several attempts to get it rectified, over a two year period. The Director regretted the ambiguity and undertook to deal with the matter.

8. STREET LIGHTING The Chairman announced that Cllr. Blackman had informed the Clerk about the siting of the extra light in Grays Way. The Chairman had contacted Mr. Wildish Sen., at No. 27, and he was delighted. The Clerk had notified WSD.

The Clerk had circulated an up-date, immediately after the last meeting. This was mainly concerned with the position regarding Strangers Lane.

The Chairman apologised to Cllr. Goddard for the fact that he had not been informed of a meeting held to discuss Street-lighting, but it had been a conscious decision out of consideration for his recent ill-health. The Chairman referred to the five points in the letter from WSD, dated September 22nd '93. Points 3 and 5 had already been dealt with. Points 2 and 4 awaited Cllr. Goddard's return and input. The Clerk was instructed to write to WSD to ask for Mr. Morgan's suggestion for Cockering Road and a quotation for that work. After discussion it was agreed that the proposed 'cages' should be postponed until any future necessity arose.

The Clerk had telephoned Mr. Cunningham at CCC on Nov. 5th, to request an up-date on the position regarding Streetlighting Finances. Mr. McDonald telephoned on November 8th to inform the Clerk that a letter would be coming, proposing that the Parish Council retains the £6020 for Concurrent Powers and reduce the coming claim for 1994/95. The Clerk explained that he was preparing Budget proposals on that basis.

The Clerk undertook to up-date WSD regarding all these street-lighting matters.

The Clerk added that, having been informed that Strangers Lane lighting actually came under the authority of KCC, he had telephoned KCC to enquire about the possibility of lighting improvements in that road. He was advised, by Mr. Wilmot, to request Mr. Goldsack at CCC to put in a bid. It was agreed that the Clerk should do so.

9. NOTICE BOARD: The Thanington Road board has been collected from the Clerk by Cllr. Stokes, who has repaired it and has undertaken to restore it to its original site. The Chairman thanked Cllr. Stokes for this action.

10. PARISH AFFAIRS:

The Chairman drew attention to the fact that a new 1993 edition of The Parish Council's guide is now available at "approx" £12. He recommended that the Clerk should obtain an updated version. This was unanimously agreed.

The Clerk reported that he had informed CCC about a disturbed paving

K.C.S. Order early for November.
 GEERINGS. Advertisement (photocopy paper)
 CCC: Local Plans; invitation to public meeting 2/11
 CCC: Local Govt. Review: Meeting 10/11/93.
 Chairman to attend, with Clerk.
 KAPC: PARISH NEWS No:205 with enclosures. (Circulated
 Page 2 missing for five councillors)
 Receipt for AGM Lunch.
 CCC: Senior Housing Officer re: Mrs. Goldfarb/footpath.
 The Chairman read the letter and express
 the hope that this terminated the matter
 CCC: B of A & E. Cycling in Canterbury. (circulated)
 SLCC: "The Clerk" Autumn '93
 KCC Railink (circulated)

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS Two applications had been received after circulation of the Agenda.

CA/93/0972 "Fair Lawns" Iffin Lane.
 Erection of extension to rear of bungalow.

CA/93/0976/THA 114 Ashford Road
 Two-storey extension to dwelling.

It was unanimously agreed that the Clerk be instructed to write suggesting approval of both applications.

7. REPORTS: The Chairman spoke about the KAPC (Canterbury Area) Quarterly meeting held on October 20th.

He also reported on the KAPC: AGM attended on October 23rd.
 He referred to Local Govt. Review; PARISH POTENTIAL, a copy of which had requested the Clerk to circulate to all councillors.
 It was agreed that the Clerk should write to KAPC to explain that, if all councillors had studied the Consultation Paper, it was unanimous felt that the status quo be maintained. Whereas increased responsibilities for decision making sounded attractive, it did not seem realistically desirable to undertake the extra work-load this would involve, especially in view of the fact that the majority of councillors had full-time employment in addition to their existing Parish Council commitments.
 However, greater co-operation and involvement with the principal authorities would be welcomed.

The Chairman concluded by giving details of the KAPC subscription, which had been agreed at the AGM.

The Clerk announced that he would be accompanied by Cllr. Blackman and Mr. Glen Sharmen at the seminar on "Nature Conservation in the Canterbury Area" on November 30th and that a report would subsequently be submitted.

SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING of CCC PLANNING COMMITTEE.

This was attended by the Clerk on November 2nd. He reported that a very long Agenda was tackled at great speed.

on electoral roll. to £1,25;
plus 4% for extra qualification.

G. PAGE	Travel to KAPC AGM	£15.54
D. E. GOULD	Petty Cash reimbursement	£20.00
K. Stokes	Travel	£15.30
C.C.C.	3 x £5 seminar fees	£15.00
BTCV Enterprises Ltd.	Tools inc. VAT £35.38	£37.54
WSD.	Maintenance 1/4 - 31/4. 93** inc. VAT £53.54	£393.04

The Clerk explained that WSD had confirmed that their Account was mis-dated and should be for 6 months

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

- 4. FINANCE: MIDLAND BANK : Statements; Premium Business a/c
 Balance at Oct. 11th £17371.73
 later; at Oct. 29th £17321.90
 Current a/c: £1180.28

LOTTERY FUND: Present balance: £337.00
 A request for £210 by THANINGTON PROJECT '93 was read. Cllr. Knott referred to the ARCA Bowling Club. The Clerk informed about a telephone call from the ARCA Secretary and their interest in applying to Carnegie Trust for a grant. After some discussion, it was proposed by Cllr. Epps, seconded by Cllr. Goddard and agreed that the Clerk be instructed to write to offer Thanington Project '93 support in the sum of £50.

CCC: Guidance Notes for Parish Councils: Precept, Concurrent Powers etc. The Clerk drew attention to the reference to Closed Churchyards.

VAT Central Unit: The Claim for £450.17 has been repaid to Bank.

WSD Account, for six months from April '93, had been referred to previously, under Item 3.

- 5. CORRESPONDENCE:
 CCC: Chief Exec. Casual Vacancy.
 The Chairman explained that regulations required that co-optation be made by the end of November. He asked to be informed of any suggestions for appointment. Meanwhile, it was agreed that he should again contact Mr. Potts.

G. E. P.