

MINUTES OF THE ... MEETING OF THANINGTON WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL held at Ashford Road Community Association Clubhouse, Thanington Without, Monday 13th DECEMBER 1993 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs.P Blackman, Mr. R. Epps, Mr. G Furness, Miss S. Knott, Mr. K. Goddard, Mrs. J. McMillan, Mr. G. Page, Mr. J. Potts, Mr. K. Stokes and the Clerk.

CHAIRMAN: Cllr. Mr. G. Page

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

- (1). APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: The Minutes were unanimously agreed and signed.
(2). MATTERS ARISING:
(1.) The Chairman explained that he had contacted Mr. J. Potts about the existing Casual Vacancy and that Mr. Potts had expressed willingness to join the Council. It having been proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr. Goddard unanimously agreed by all councillors, the Chairman invited Mr. Potts to join the meeting. Cllr. Potts then read and signed the official Notice of Acceptance of Office. He was supplied with an Information Pack, by the Clerk. The Clerk undertook to inform CCC that the Casual Vacancy had been filled.
(2.) The Clerk announced that Mr. Tory had replied regarding the "Triangle", Cockerling Road. The matter would be dealt with under ITEM 4 "FINANCE".
(3.) The Clerk confirmed that he had written to offer Thanington Project '93 support in the sum of £50, as instructed. No reply had been received.
(4.) The Clerk confirmed that he had written to CCC Planning Department to express approval of the Applications for:-
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.
(5.) The Clerk confirmed that he had written to KAPC regarding Local Government Review, as instructed. Acknowledgement was read out.
(6.) The Clerk confirmed that he had written to WSD, as instructed.
(7.) The Clerk confirmed that he had written to Mr. Goldsack at CCC, as instructed.
(8.) The Clerk explained that he had ordered a new 16th edition of The Parish Councillor's Guide, as approved, but that payment was not yet processed as the price was still only known to be "approx." £12. It would apparently be slightly less.

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- (9.) The Clerk confirmed that he had approached the Vicar about the possibility of Miss Eyles' embroidery being placed, permanently, in the Church. The Vicar had informed him that regulations made negligible the chance of it being allowed; but the alternative of placement in the Church Hall would be welcomed. He apologised for not being able to attend this meeting. It was agreed, after discussion, to keep the framed embroider in the ARCA Clubhouse.
The Clerk undertook to advise the Vicar.
The Chairman put forward his suggestions concerning the presentation, by Miss Eyles, of the embroidery. There was general acceptance that the meeting be held at the ARCA Clubhouse, preferably on a Saturday evening, most likely 1 April but partly depending upon availability of the Clubhouse. A buffet was suggested. The Chairman read out a list of possible guests and invited additions.
The Clerk undertook to advise Miss Eyles of these proposals.
- (10.) The Clerk confirmed that the matter of the installation of the kissing gate was in hand with the contractor.

3. APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS

Approval of the following payments was proposed by Cllr. Knott, seconded by Cllr. Blackman and unanimously agreed.

D. E. GOULD. Reimbursement PPP	£40,00	£100,00
Clerk's Administration Fee	<u>£60,00</u>	
KAPC Forms & Info. sheets; inc. VAT	£0,31	£7,35 (post Agent)

The cheques were then signed by the named councillors.

4. FINANCE: CONCURRENT EXPENSES 1993/94: A letter from the City Treasurer was read. It clarified the position regarding concurrent powers previously granted for street-lighting and the position for the coming financial year.

MIDLAND BANK: Statement 16 Premium Business a/c	
Balance at Nov. 11th	£17843,01
" 17 Premium Business a/c	
Balance at Nov. 30th	£18379,66
" 40 Current a/c	
Balance at Nov. 30th	£281,53

The Clerk had requested £1000 to be transferred from P.B. a/c to Current a/c.

BANK SIGNATURES: Form signed by all councillors, including new member, Cllr. Potts. The Clerk undertook to submit this to the Bank.

P. N. TORY Esq.: A letter, regarding the parcel of land off Cockerling Road, was read. A donation of £50,00 had been enclosed. It was proposed by the Chairman and unanimously agreed that consideration be given to hire a skip, for use when the area was cleared. Cllr. Stoke

suggested that our supply of tools could be put to good use, in the spring.

The Clerk undertook to write to thank Mr. Tory.

CCC TREASURER: 1994/95 BUDGET; PARISH REQUIREMENTS. A letter was read. The Clerk explained the significance of the contents of the table it contained. The date for submission of requirements was noted as being January 12th 1994.

BUDGET PROPOSAL for 1994/95. Copies, with comments, had been circulated in advance of meeting. The Clerk explained the significance of street-lighting choice and the two alternative budget proposals presented, indicating that the less expensive type of lighting would result in a precept of £3360, which was almost identical to last year's figure of £3300.

The Clerk then explained the items of income and expenditure, as shown on the circulated proposal, one by one.

The Chairman proposed that a precept of £3360 be applied for, with no concurrent powers items. This was seconded by Cllr. Epps and unanimously agreed.

The Chairman requested that a note of appreciation of the Clerk's work in preparing the budget proposal and the interim reports which keep all the councillors aware of the over-all, current, financial situation, be minuted.

5. CORRESPONDENCE:

CCC: Director of Environmental Service: re: Recycling Plan. Comments acceptable after Dec. 13th Meeting. (circ'ed)

CCC: Public Relations: BBC radio. (Out-dated: Dec. 5th)

CCC: Dial-a-Bus (Copies sent to ARCA & VICAR) (circ.)

CCC: TOURISM: TOUR de FRANCE (circulated)

CCC: Local Govt. Co-ordinator. Minutes (for circ.)

CCC: Notification of Extraordinary Meeting: Local Government Reorganisation. January 12th. (copy to Chairman). The Chairman expressed his hope to attend.

HIGHWAYS: Transport Plan for Kent (circulated)

KCC: Heritage Development Fund. (circ.)

KCC: RAILINK NOV. '93; (circulated)

KCC HIGHWAYS. Notification of Iffin Lane closure 20/12. (circulated) Copy for South Ward n/b.

KCC PLANNING. Local Govt. Review (circulated)

KRCC: OAST TO COAST: Winter '93 (circulated) Euro Tunnel Competition. For circulation.

KAPC: PARISH NEWS NO: 206 (circulated)

It was proposed by the Chairman and unanimously agreed that one copy of "Centenary History of Parish Government" be purchased. The Clerk undertook to do this.

NALC RAFFLE. It was decided to restrict the response to purchases immediately after the meeting and that the Clerk should then return unsold books, counterfoils and payment.

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FORMS & INFO, as requested.
KAPC CANTERBURY AREA: Minutes & Agenda (passed to
Cllrs. Page & Knott).

6. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS:** There were no Applications.
7. **REPORTS:** Local Government Review Meeting, November 10th, attended by Chairman & Clerk. The Chairman presented a report on the main points of the meeting and outlined the target dates for coming stages of the implementation. The Clerk added a few minor observations. Some more detailed notes of the meeting are on file.
- Conservation Seminar, November 30th, attended by Cllr. Blackman, Mr. Parish Tree Warden and Clerk. Cllr. Blackman commented very favourably on the presentations, whilst expressing slight, personal disappointment that there was not more dealing with wild life *per se*. The Clerk remarked that different aspects of the topic of conservation were linked together by several specialist' speakers. Notes from the meeting were circulated to all councillors.
8. **STREET LIGHTING:** Before presenting the Budget proposals, the Clerk had explained the position regarding street-lighting, as follows:-
When telephoning WSD the Clerk spoke to Mr. Morgan, who referred to the lighting in Cockerling Road. Mr. Morgan stated that the type of lighting existing in Stour Stret area of Canterbury was very expensive (approx. £400) but sufficiently efficient lighting, such as could be seen in Littlebourne was about the same price as quoted to us (£138). He suggested/recommended that a councillor may like to view them, before our next meeting. The Clerk had informed Cllr. Goddard. It is for only 7 of the 14 Cockerling Road lights that this type decision needs to be made.
Cllr. Goddard had commented, before the Budget proposal was considered, that he had visted the sites referred to and felt that the Littlebourne type would be quite adequate. His recommendation was agreed to unanimously. The Clerk undertook to inform WSD.
9. **NOTICE BOARD:** Cllr. Stokes informed that the repair was complete and awaiting lettering. The Clerk undertook to deal with that aspect, once the board was in position. Cllr. Stokes undertook to restore it.
10. **PARISH AFFAIRS:** The Clerk had reported light failure on Thanington Road and later, outside 25 New House Close.

The Clerk reported that Mrs. Fowler had informed him of light failure between 15 & 17 Grays Way and that he had contacted WSD immediately.

Cllr. Page raised the matter of the new double-yellow lines in Strangers Lane, about which Cllr. Goddard had expressed extreme disappointment. Several councillors spoke in strong terms about the dangerous exit from Bramley Avenue, especially when cars are parked nearby, in Strangers Lane (albeit quite legally). Attention was also drawn to the bus service using the road. The Clerk was instructed to point out this condition to the authorities, yet again, in the strongest of terms and to stress the fears of an impending accident.

Cllr. Epps commented that the 40 mph sign, outside 72 Ashford Road, had not yet been attended to. The Clerk undertook to report it yet again.

Cllr. Epps also reported flooding in Tonford Lane and the approaches to the bridge. The Clerk undertook to refer this to the authorities.

Cllr. Potts referred to vandalism in the lane along the end of Ingoldsby Road. The Chairman replied that there had, very recently, been a long correspondence about that area. Cllr. Potts referred to a forthcoming meeting, arranged by Cllr. Dolby.

Cllr. Blackman wished to bring to the Council's notice, the fact that she had spoken to Mr. Richardson about the potential danger to pedestrians when portable advertising boards were positioned on the footway.

Cllr. Knott reported that the warning triangle which is normally atop the "Falling Rocks" sign, in Hollow Lane opposite the Oast, is missing. The Clerk undertook to report this to the authority.

Cllr. McMillan enquired about a reference to a booklet on the subject of road-lighting, which had appeared on Page 91 in the recent copy of 'Review'. She wondered if it would be possible to obtain a copy. The Clerk undertook to enquire about details.

Cllr. Stokes referred to a fence around 1 Manor Close. He had previously telephoned to CCC Planning Department and had been informed that it should not be there. However, no action had been taken and now a conifer has been planted. The Clerk undertook to follow up on this matter.

The Chairman read from a newspaper cutting which Cllr. Epps had provided, from "Kent Today". It dealt with the extensive use and misuse of Footpaths, nation-wide.

11. **FOOTPATHS:** The Clerk reported that a cheque for £590 had been received from KCC Parish Paths Programme. This was for:- £100 (administration fee), £225 (kissing gate), £225 (tools & equipment & £40 (insurance). It represented the full claim, less the Strimmer Course, which had been paid for directly by KCC.

12. **TREES** The Chairman read a letter which he had received from Men of the Trees. It announced the winners of the recent competition and stated that, in the Silver Jubilee Year a Silver Birch would be sent to all entrants. Siting was considered and a suggestion made that the cleared 'triangle' might be appropriate. No definite decision was made, but Mr. Sharman will be consulted for advice.
The Clerk undertook to inform Mr. Sharman.

NEXT MEETING. JANUARY 10th 1994 at 7.30 p.m.

CLOSE: There being no other business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.