

THE MEETING OF  
THANINGTON WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL  
held at

Ashford Road Community Association Clubhouse, Thanington Without,  
on Monday, September 13th at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Mr. I. Bain, Mrs. P.Blackman, Mr. G. Furness, Mr. K. Goddard, Mrs. J. McMillan,  
Mr. G. Page, Mr. J. Potts, Mr. A. Pringle, Mr. K. Stokes, 2 Local Electors and the  
Clerk.

CHAIRMAN: Cllr. Mr. G. Page.

APOLOGIES: There was none.

( 1.) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:

The minutes were unanimously agreed and signed by the Chairman, as a  
correct record.

( 2.) MATTERS ARISING:

[ 1.] The Clerk confirmed that all the cheques approved at the July meeting have been despatched.

[ 2.] The Chairman read out a reply from Harry Stebbing regarding the ordered notice-board.  
It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr. Bain and unanimously agreed that payment  
be approved for the time of delivery.

[ 3.] A reply received from Stagecoach, regarding timetabling and unpunctuality, was read out by the  
Chairman. The Clerk had already copied it to Cllr. Blackman.  
Cllr. Blackman commented that the promised notice-board has not yet been provided.

[ 4.] Regarding the letter about proposals concerning changes to the Concurrent Functions Grants, the  
Clerk confirmed that he had arranged for this to be circulated to all councillors, with an enclosed  
form for reply to the Clerk, if possible by 20/8. He has received replies only from Cllrs.  
Page & Bain.

It appeared that after passing from Cllr. Blackman the forms became lodged with one of the  
councillors and thus the circulation was not completed. In view of this the Chairman called for  
confirmation that the P.C. should confirm that they wished CCC to take over responsibility  
for streetlighting. This was unanimously agreed. The Clerk undertook to inform CCC.

[ 5.] The Clerk confirmed that he had contacted HMU about the fact that the promised "SLOW" sign  
had not been provided at Hanging Banks.

[ 6.] The Clerk confirmed that he had spoken to Andy Hutchinson about strimming of the elevated  
footpath.  
Cllr. McMillan confirmed that this had been attended to.

[ 7.] The Clerk confirmed that he had spoken to CCC Environment & Health Department about  
overhanging shrubbery near Milton Bridge and had spoken to Highways about the poor state of  
the footway along Hanging Banks.  
Cllr. Bain commented that the shrubbery had been cut back, but that it would need another cut  
soon. He also observed that nothing had yet, been done to the very poor condition of the footway  
in the Hanging Banks area.

( 3.) APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS:

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (KCS) Photocopier  
Including VAT £16.27

£109.18

D. E. GOULD. Reimbursement for payment to Petty Cash	£20.00
CANTERBURY CITY COUNCIL Parish Council Election	£113.66

Approval was proposed by Cllr. Page, seconded by Cllr. Blackman and unanimously approved. The cheques were then signed by the named councillors.

- (4.) FINANCES: HSCB Statement of the Treasurer Account showing a balance of £3,630.34 at 12/7/99 A second statement showing a balance of £2,215.91 on 12/8/99, including Gross Interest of £0.61 to 11/8 NOTE: Reconciliation revealed TWO errors by Seeboard resulting in a discrepancy of £30.87. The Clerk has informed Seeboard, who will adjust.

A letter from the Charity Commissioners concerning the Harris Charity etc., addressed to the Vicar, had been forwarded to the Clerk by Margaret Church. The Clerk had passed it to the Chairman.

DISTRICT AUDIT: Notice received that submission of materials will be on 18/10/99 at 9.30 and attendance to collect on 15/11/99.

Uncontested P. C. Election expenses £113.66. For info, 1995 £99.99.

- (5.) CORRESPONDENCE:
- KENT POLICE AUTHORITY:: Keeping Kent Safe 1999/2000 brochure.
  - CCC: Public Cleansing Sections' Local Charter.
  - CCC: Notice of Street Monitors' Meeting 21/7
  - CCC CHIEF EXECUTIVE: Re: Parish Forum 3/7
  - CCC: Direct Dial. New telephone numbers.
  - CCC: NEWS from CCC. Council A - Z Free for All.
  - CCC: NEWS from CCC. District becomes "Enterprise Grant Area" in shake-up of assisted area map.
  - CANTERBURY DRAMATIC SOCIETY: Poster for Ibsen's Dolls' House 28-31 July.
  - HARRY STEBBING The Chairman read out a letter regarding supplying of the new notice-board.
  - SOVEREIGN: Re : Display Sites Required for Playground Equipment. The Clerk reported that he had telephoned and referred Sovereign to CCC.
  - KCC (KCS) Office Focus Catalogue.
  - CCC HOUSING: Community Development Project Action Group. Minutes & Agenda for 27/8. Copied to Cllrs. Potts & Page,
  - GLASDON: Catalogue.
  - KENTISH STOUR COUNTRYSIDE PROJECT: Newsletter, Summer 99 Issue 19. [Sent in duplicate]
  - KCC ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT UNIT: Rural Revival Communities 1999/2000 (To circulate).
  - CCC: Your Local Council 1999/2000, Correct at 1/7/99.
  - KCC STRATEGIC PLANNING: Public Transport Up-date. (Forwarded to Cllr. Blackman for information and return to the Clerk).
  - ACRE: Rural Life Conference 1999 at Chester College 14-16 September.
  - SLCC "The Clerk"
  - KAPC CANTERBURY AREA: Minutes of the 14/7 meeting.
  - KRCC: KENT RCC FIELD TEAM Update 98/99.
  - KAPC: PARISH NEWS No. 259
    - Receipt for Audit Working Papers.
    - SERPA: Newsletter; Summer '99
    - Councillors' Information Day 18/9 at Hildenborough,
    - The Channel Tunnel Complaints Commissioner,
  - STANDARD FORMS: Catalogue.
  - ARCA: A letter from the ARCA Chairman was read out.
    - After some discussion and reference to a newspaper comment that a grant of £30,000 had been received, plus Cllr. Blackman's information that ARCA intended to go ahead with the installation of the wooden floor, the Clerk was instructed to write to ARCA and

to CCC. He undertook to apologise to ARCA for delay in replying, due to awaiting this meeting and to comment on the newspaper report, adding that the P.C. had informed CCC that they were fully supportive of the ARCA project and whatever requests for assistance that ARCA may make to the CCC.

THE COUNTRYSIDE AGENCY: Two pamphlets re: Market Towns.

KCC EDUCATION & LIBRARIES: Request for confirmation of contact details concerning Thanington Footpath Group.

KENT HIGHWAYS: Thanington Pumping Station Redevelopment Works. Works on Highways 23/8 for about 16 weeks.

The Chairman added information about road-works planned in connection with new gas mains in Ashford Road.

CANTERBURY & THANET HEALTH COUNCIL: CHC NEWS Issue 01/99

CCC:EVENTS OFFICE: PASSING TALES, Chaucer's 600th anniversary of death.

CCC: Re: Arts & Cultural Strategy 2000-2002.

CCC: NEWS from CCC. New Canterbury Shopmobility Scheme.

OLLERTON: Re: Bench seat order. The matter of a plaque was discussed and it was unanimously agreed that, despite the extra cost, an inscription was appropriate. The

Clerk was asked to request the wording "Presented by THANINGTON WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL in the year 2000"

EMPHASIS STATIONERY: Reminder re: Year planner. One ordered per telephone.

Invoice to be presented for approval of payment at October meeting.

CCC HOUSING: Project Action Group agenda for 27/8. [Received 27/8]

Copies prepared for Cllrs. Page & Potts for reference.

KAPC: SOUTH EAST ENGLAND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, forwarded to Chairman.

PHOENIX FIREWORKS: Catalogue.

KCC: Festival Diary 99. The Kentweek Festival 2000.

GLASDON: Catalogue

KENT REGIONAL NEWSPAPERS: Re: Adscene.

BTCV: INTERACTIONS. Ashford Newsletter No: 1

Also Kent Connections & Developing Skills (to be circulated)

KCC STRATEGIC PLANNING: Lorry Management, Road Signs & Markings, Road Safety & Speeding, Cycling & Walking Comments by 30/9. Copied to Chairman

Follow up sent 6/9 with draft response to the speed policy review paper, as promised.

Sections of the questionnaire were discussed, to which the Clerk will reply.. Particular attention was drawn to (i) Traffic along New House Lane, for which Cllr. Pringle suggested time limits for heavy vehicles.; (ii) the traffic light system and (iii) speeding along the A28,

CLERKS & COUNCILS DIRECT: Issue 5

GLASDON: Winter Catalogue

#### ( 6.) PLANNING:

Application CA/99/0562/THA 174 Ashford Road GRANTED.

CCC: Agenda for 20/7 and List of Applications (Forwarded to Chairman)

Re: Warren Lodge directional sign erected at 111 Thanington Road. Guidance booklet enclosed.

CA/99/0283/THA The Hovel, Milton Manor Barn. Minor amendments, for information.

Notice that application has been GRANTED came later,

CCC: Booklet "Outdoor Advertisements & Signs.

CA/99/0789/THA 1 Iffin Cottages, Iffin Lane.

Single-storey side extension to dwelling. (Revised scheme).

Details were circulated with a request for return in time for the Clerk to advise CCC Planning Department of the situation. The Clerk telephoned and informed that their were no objections from the seven councillors responding. He undertook to write to CCC after the meeting. This was confirmed at the meeting.

CA/99/0801/THA 76 New house Lane.

Erection of bungalow and garage. Single-storey side extension to dwelling. (Revised

scheme). The Clerk had also undertaken to confirm approval of this application.

Agenda for CCC meeting 14/9 and List of Planning Applications passed to Chairman.

CA/99/0865/THA Single-storey extension to rear of dwelling, incorporating room in attic.  
63, New House Lane.

Not circulated; for group consideration at meeting. The Clerk was instructed to inform CCC of the P.C.'s recommendation for approval.

- ( 7.) REPORTS: The Chairman reported on the KAPC (Canterbury Area) meeting, held on July 14th. He commented that attendance had been poor. He said that he did not have a great deal upon which to comment. He read out the new appointees to office, commenting that the Clerk had a copy of the minutes.
- ( 8.) STREET LIGHTING: As suggested, the Clerk contacted the Director of Colas to clarify the situation in Bramley Avenue. He undertook to have all the lights checked in that road.

SEEBOARD: Highway Lighting - Changes to address & telephone number.

COLAS LTD: The Chairman read out a letter which referred to the extension of the current maintenance contract until September 5th 1999. The Clerk had informed CCC Finance Department about this, in connection with the possible take-over of responsibility by CCC.

The Clerk informed Colas that CCC had commented that they doubted whether a decision about taking over responsibility would be made by September 5th. Mr. Holdaway, at Colas, agreed to extend further, to October 31st and would review again . then.

- ( 9.) PARISH AFFAIRS: The Clerk reported that the Chairman had informed him that he had visited the Hanging Banks area, immediately after the July meeting, and that he had subsequently contacted CCC Environment & Health Department about an abandoned , wrecked car which has subsequently been removed.

The Clerk referred to a fatal accident in Hollow Lane, which Cllr. Pringle had brought to his attention. Cllr. Pringle elaborated on this matter. He said that CCC had been neglectful in not repairing the barrier along the length of the elevated footpath, especially in view of the many, repeated references to the potential danger, reported by the P. C.

It was unanimously agreed that the Clerk should write in strong terms to request urgent attention to this matter,

The Clerk informed that he had asked Ollertons about supplying a seat for the South Ward. He had informed the Chairman about the details, who decided that it was a matter for discussion at the September meeting.

It was decided that the model with two legs[not four], to be set in concrete, would be preferable. Cllr. Blackman queried a guarantee and the Chairman read out the Terms & Conditions of Trade.

Regarding the matter of the overhanging shrubbery in Tonford Lane causing obstruction of the footway along Ashford Road ; the Clerk spoke of having, fortuitously mentioned this to Carol Middleton at CCC. She knows the position well and undertook to deal with the problem. Future problems will be referred to her.

The Clerk reported that he had spoken to HMU Canterbury about the promised provision of a "Slow" marking at Hanging Banks. HMU undertook to attend to this matter urgently.

The Clerk reported that he had spoken to Andy Hutchinson, PROW Team Leader, about the clearance of the elevated footpath. He said that he would prioritise this matter.

The Clerk reported that after Cllr. Furness had informed him about a hole in Ashenden Close, opposite No: 1, he had contacted Highways Department.

The Clerk reported that Cllr. Blackman had raised three matters with him:

- (i) The length of grass either side of Tonford Bridge.
- (ii) The unemptied litter bin at Tonford Bridge.
- (iii) An overhanging willow tree outside 41 Tonford Lane.

The Clerk confirmed that concerning

- (i) He had contacted Mr. Ellis who would endeavour to get the contractors to attend to this very soon..

Cllr. Blackman informed the Clerk that the grass had been strimmed on August 26th

- (ii) He had spoken to CCC Health & Environment.
- (iii) He had spoken to Mr. Flay at No: 41, (tel: 768054) who was co-operative, although he did question whether the tree was actually on his property. It was, however, his intention to trim it.

Cllr. Blackman confirmed that some trimming had been carried out.

She added that the tree was planted in the garden of a previous owner, several years ago.

The Clerk informed that Cllr. Blackman had told him about paint having been splashed and written onto Tonford Bridge. The Clerk reported this to CCC Environmental Health.

Cllr. Bain confirmed that this had been attended to.

After a local resident had informed the Clerk that there was a light failure outside 16 Grays Way, the Clerk informed Colas. The resident 'phoned 3 or 4 days later (late on Friday afternoon) to report no action. The Clerk contacted Colas immediately, who promised action on Monday September 5th.

Cllr. Page referred to the Harris Pension Fund and the fact that Cllr. Mrs. McCaull would be replacing Cllr. Simon Dolby as CCC representative.

He also reported that on 18/7 he had received a telephone call from a resident in Strangers concerning the neglected grass verge in Cocking Road, opposite the entrance to Strangers Lane. There was also a problem with bodies of dead foxes.. He had written to CCC HMU. He read out HMU's reply. The Clerk has copies of this correspondence,

Cllr. Goddard referred to holes in the road in Strangers Close. Some had been repaired but others left. The latter had become larger, especially outside No: 12.

Cllr. Bain reported that the slat in Tonford Bridge had been repaired.

He drew attention also to the fact that a "bollard" [part of the traffic island opposite the lych gate] has come loose and is often found lying nearby. He had replaced it as a temporary measure. The Clerk undertook to inform HMU..

Cllr. Pringle repeated and enlarged on his previous comments about the elevated footpath.

He also commented that traffic along New House Lane was limited by 30 mph or 40 mph signs, in spite of it being a built up area and the lane being very narrow in parts.

Cllr. Potts was pleased to report that the water leak near to St. Nicholas Road has been repaired, at long last.

Cllr. Stokes said that the bank along Cocking Road needed clearance.

The Clerk noted this for reporting.

Cllr. Stokes added that he will be away from 30/9 to 5/10.

Cllr. McMillan said that she would also be away 30/9 to 5/10.

She added positive comments about the new building on the Estate and general signs of improvement.

- (10.) FOOTPATHS: ROBERT BRETT & SONS LTD: Re: Proposed Footpath Extension. The Chairman read out a letter from Messrs. Bretts, which cast doubt on the hopes of proceeding with the project.

The Clerk commented that he had endeavoured to make an unofficial comment to Mr. Court and explain that the next Council meeting would not be until September 13th. However he had not succeeded in doing so. He proposed telephoning to Mr. Court after this meeting. He would

express the Council's extreme disappointment and hoped to get an up-date on the position.

CANTERBURY LIBRARY: Confirmation of Thanington Footpath Group address details.

*Before closing the meeting, the Chairman asked Mr. & Mrs. Whitcombe from Milton Cottage, the local electors attending, if they wished to comment. They said that they had mainly come to hear about the Milton Bridge footpath proposals, having seen observers in the vicinity. Mr. Whitcombe would like to see the speed limit extended back to the Milton roundabout.*

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be on Monday, October 11th 1999 at 7.30 p.m. in ARCA Clubhouse.

CLOSURE: There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.59 p.m.