

THANINGTON WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL  
held at  
Ashford Road Community Association Clubhouse, Thanington Without,  
on Monday, October 11th 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. A. Pringle, Mr. K. Stokes , the Clerk. and 1 local elector {Mr.  
Whitcombe]

CHAIRMAN: Cllr. Mr. G. Page.

APOLOGIES Apologies were received from Cllr. Potts who was indisposed.

( 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 September meeting have been  
despatched.

[ 2.] The Clerk confirmed that he had written to CCC about the possible transfer of responsibility for  
street-lighting, as instructed. A meeting of Ms. Kathryn Beldon, possibly Mr Trevor Goldsack,  
the Chairman & Clerk, is planned for the near future.

[ 3.] The Clerk confirmed that he had spoken to CCC about a renewed, more severe cutting back of  
shrubbery overhanging the footway near Milton Bridge.. He had also referred again to the poor  
state of the footway through the Hanging Banks area.

[ 4.] The Clerk confirmed that he had written to ARCA and to CCC Finance about the position  
regarding Parish possible financial help to ARCA. In addition he has had conversations with The  
ARCA Chairman and Kathryn Beldon

The Chairman of ARCA has supplied the Clerk with a list of various, possible furniture  
requirements and other items.

[ 5.] The Clerk confirmed that he had written to Ollerton Engineering about the seat plaque, as  
instructed. He had also specified the supply of a seat with two legs (not four),

[ 6.] The Clerk confirmed that he had completed and returned the questionnaire about Lorry  
Management, Road Safety etc, to KCC Strategic Planning. The Clerk also spoke on the  
telephone to Duncan Price at KCC Strategic Planning, in order to elaborate his comments.

A reply was read out by the Chairman. Enclosed drafts of A Cycling Strategy in Kent and A  
Walking Strategy for Kent will be circulated.

[ 7.] The Clerk confirmed that he had written to CCC Planning to recommend approval of  
applications CA/99/0801/THA and CA/99/0865/THA.

[ 8.] The Clerk confirmed that he had written to CCC about the neglected barrier along the elevated  
footpath in Hollow Lane and the recent fatal accident.

[ 9.] The Clerk confirmed that he had telephoned to CCC Highways about the holes in the road in  
Strangers Close.  
Cllr. Goddard commented that the holes have been marked, but nothing more.

[10] The Clerk confirmed that he had spoken o CCC Highways about the insecure traffic island  
bollard, near the Church.

[11] The Clerk confirmed that he had spoken to CCC Environment & Health about the need to clear the bank along Cockering Road east of Strangers Lane.

[12] The Clerk confirmed that he had spoken, at some length, with Mr. Mike Court, of Bretts, about the current position concerning the Milton footpath. Subsequently, he had a long talk with County Councillor Martin Vye, who promised to contact the Clerk again shortly.

(3.) APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS:

D.E.GOULD. Reimbursement for payment to Petty Cash	£20.00
Clerk's salary July/Aug./Sept.	£1196.52
2/3 telephone rental	<u>£27.41</u>
	£1243.93
INLAND REVENUE National Insurance Contribution	£14.28
July/Aug./Sept.	
EMPHASIS (CLASSIC ASSOCIATES LTD.) Calendar	£9.34
KAPC: One AGM Lunch.	£6.00

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

(4.) FINANCES: HSBC Statement of the Business No-Notice Account showing a balance of £4,184.23 Business No-notice a/c @ 27/9 including £13.63 gross interest to 3/9/99. NOTE new name of type of account.

Treasurer a/c showing balance of £2,154.19 at September 10th, including gross interest of £0.52 to 09/09

CCC FINANCE (Kathryn Beldon) Review of Revenue Current Function Grants. Copied to Chairman.

A meeting of CCC's Kathryn Beldon, Mr. Goldsack, the Chairman and the Clerk was held at the Clerk's residence on 8/10.

CCC agreed to take over responsibility for street lighting from 1/4/2000. This would be confirmed in writing.

The Clerk undertook to inform Colas and request an extension of the maintenance contract to March 31st 2000.

The Clerk pointed out that this may result in a reduction of insurance as it would be covered by CCC insurance. He undertook to follow up on this matter.

INLAND REVENUE: Employer's Bulletin Issue 3 - September 1999

CCC FINANCE: Millennium lighting schemes,

CUSTOMS & EXCISE: A puzzling letter from VAT. The Clerk has written to query if confirmation of payment of Claim was inadvertently omitted.

INTERNAL AUDIT. The Chairman confirmed that he had carried out an internal audit, including checking the reconciliation of bank balances.

He has also signed a record of internal audits undertaken throughout the financial year, for submission at the annual audit.

AUDIT: The Chairman has confirmed and signed the Balance Sheet approved by the Council, for submission to the Annual Audit.

BUDGET & PRECEPT: The Chairman explained that the position of the responsibility was pivotal for the preparation of the budget and precept and that consequently the Clerk had made preparations earlier this year. The Chairman had examined the Clerk's

proposals and he agreed with his recommended precept of £7192 and no requests for revenue or capital grants from CCC. This figure made allowances for additional costs for the millennium project [a new seat in South Ward and notice board in North Ward] and also for a sum of £2,000 [under Section 137] in connection with the new ARCA building. The Clerk undertook to request ARCA to specify their preferences on the submitted list of items, to the sum of £2,000.

The Chairman requested that appreciation of the Clerk's efforts in the preparation of the Budget Precept be minuted.

The Clerk then worked through the prepared, distributed details; explaining the less obvious features. The Chairman asked if there were further points to be queried, but there was none.

The Chairman proposed that the Precept be set at £7,192, This was seconded by Cllr. Bain. The Chairman also proposed that a sum of £2,000 be used, under Section 137, towards the new ARCA Clubhouse. This was seconded by Cllr. Goddard. Both proposals were unanimously approved.

- ( 5.) CORRESPONDENCE: CCC HOUSING: Community Development Project Action Group. Notice of meeting 23/9. Copied to Chairman and Cllr. Potts. Minutes of 27/8.  
CCC HOUSING: Rent Free Weeks  
WDS Signs Ltd.: Unsolicited Catalogue.  
KCC (KCS) Advertisement.  
KAPC: PARISH NEWS No: 260  
Finance Information Day Ryarsh 16/10  
PFIZER: Community Newsletter August 1999.  
OLLERTON: Re: steel plaque for seat. Confirmed by e-mail.  
KAPC (Canterbury Area) Agenda for 13/10 and Report on meeting of 23/7.  
Copies forwarded to Cllrs. Page & Bain.  
SLCC: Notice of AGM 12/10 in Swanley. The Clerk has sent his apologies and also completed and returned a questionnaire  
KAPC: Proposed new Subscription Base for KAPC.  
NALC: "Local Council Review" Vol. 51, No: 4. Circulated.  
RIHCO: Photocopier meter reading requested for end of September. Reading telephoned to Rihco 29/9.  
CCC: NEWS FROM CCC: Website launches CCC into 21st century.  
STREET MONITORS: Agenda for meeting 20/10 and minutes of 21/7 meeting.  
KAPC: AGM Ditton 6/11. Details, forwarded to Chairman who is the only representative Parish attending.  
CCC Local Plans Section: Customer Survey, completed, checked with Chairman and returned.  
CCC CHIEF SOLICITOR: Notice of intention to apply for an order authorising stopping up of a highway off Faversham Road, Seasalter, Whitstable.  
KRCC: AGM 29/10 Harrietsham Agenda. RSVP.  
KRCC: A reminder of above  
MID KENT WATER: A letter addresses to CLLR. D. Gould requests support in an appeal in connection with "Byatt's Price Cuts".  
KAPC: Copy of CANTERBURY Area Minutes forwarded from KAPC, as requested. It shows names of elected officers.  
J. TOMS LTD.: Catalogue.

- ( 6.) PLANNING: CA/99/0789/THA 1, Iffin Cottages, Iffin Lane, application GRANTED.

CA/99/0801/THA 76 New House Lane, application REFUSED.

CA/99/0907/THA Thanington Community Centre.  
Proposed new Community Centre and changing facilities.  
The Clerk was instructed to recommend APPROVAL

CCC: LOCAL PLAN Questionnaire. The Clerk had completed this and returned it.

CA/99/0932/THA: 10 Tonford Lane.

Two-storey side extension and canopy to front of dwelling..

The Clerk was instructed to recommend APPROVAL

CA/00/0865/THA 63 New House Lane. GRANTED

CCC: Agenda for 12/10 meeting and List of Applications, forwarded to the Chairman.

CA/99/0965/THA: 169, Ashford Road.

First-floor rear extension to dwelling.

The Clerk was instructed to recommend APPROVAL

“Canterbury District Local Plan Review - Public Consultation & Involvement Methods”.

- ( 7.) REPORTS: .Cllr. Blackman reported on a meeting of Thanington Community Steering Committee held on 27/9. She was representing ARCA (as was Tony Martin, who took notes; a copy of which the Clerk now has). Cllr. Potts was also in attendance, representing Thanington Residents. Cllr. Blackman commented that attendance was not good, probably due to the time of the meeting, and that she thought Cllr. Potts to be the only representative of the Residents.

In response to a request for P.C. involvement, Cllr. Blackman replied that two councillors were present and that for many years we had been endeavouring, in vain, to get CCC to attend to various matters of concern on the Estate.

Future evening meetings, at 7 o’c, at the Church Hall., have been set for 25/10, 22/11 & 20/12.

- ( 8.) STREET LIGHTING: CCC informed the Clerk about lighting failure in Manor Close, outside 14 & 18. The Clerk reported to Colas.

- ( 9.) PARISH AFFAIRS: The Clerk commented on telephone conversations with Mr. Mike Court of Bretts and County Cllr. Martin Vye, re: the Milton footpath.

A subsequent triangular call between Cllr. Vye, the Chairman & the Clerk was arranged. Martin Vye up-dated the situation and undertook to report back in about a week’s time.

Cllr. Blackman had informed the Clerk that the light outside 23 Tonford Lane was malfunctioning. He reported to Colas immediately..

The Clerk wished to confirm locations etc. for the new noticeboard & seat, including removals. It was agreed that both be as close to the existing sites as practicable. A warning , from Sue Knott, about possible electric cables, was noted. It was agreed that both replaced items should be disposed of. The Clerk undertook to confirm these issues with Mr. T.

The Clerk reported that Cllr. Potts had telephoned to him about rubbish left behind after work had been carried out on barriers in the playground area and also after the installation of new cameras nearby. The Clerk contacted CCC Highways who undertook to investigate and clear away. Cllr. Potts had also made passing comments about the disgraceful appearance of the area adjacent to the Community Centre.

The Clerk referred to a newspaper report concerning the fact that Chartham P. C. had been successful in winning the title of “Kent Village of the Year“. His suggestion that he should write to congratulate them and wish further success in the regional competition, was welcomed and approved. The Clerk undertook to so write.

Cllr. Page referred to the barrier, damaged by a car crashing though, on the river side of the A28. In spite of repeated requests, nothing has been done. Cones and plastic tape has disappeared and was inadequate in any case. There is no safeguard. The Clerk undertook to speak to Highways, again

Cllr. Bain referred to vandalism to the fencing surrounding the generator at the top of Grays Way. The Clerk undertook to inform Seaboard.

Cllr. Furness referred to 3 burnt out, abandoned cars at Larkey Valley Wood.; two in the car park and a third in the road.

Cllr. Pringle interjected to add reference to a quantity of about twenty car tyres dumped at the lower entrance to the Woods. In addition it appeared that the gate has been forced open.

The Clerk undertook to inform CCC Environment & Health Department.

Cllr. Pringle also referred to a conversation he had had with Sue Wallace at CCC Environment & Health Department, concerning dog fouling along the elevated footpath. A previous request for a bin had been turned down, but that decision may be reversed. Additional literature will be sent to Cllr. Pringle, which he will distribute to local residents. He was also advised to report details of any future incidents to the dog warden.

Cllr. Blackman talked about the almost incredible discovery, by ARCA, that the present clubhouse building was never connected to main drainage. That was half a century or more ago. There is no record of a cess pit having been emptied. Apparently, Southern Water have sent accounts for years. ARCA had asked Cllr. Blackman to ask for advice and any possible assistance. It was agreed that the P. C. would obviously be supportive of any requests made to CCC for assistance, but advised that ARCA should move very quickly to approach Southern Water and then, if still necessary, CCC or KCC..

Cllr. McMillan was pleased to report that the grass verges along New House Lane have been trimmed.

She was very concerned over the dangerous turning from Hollow Lane into New House Lane. She suggested that a coloured road surface and/or a large SLOW sign or DANGEROUS CORNER be requested. She also referred to the eternal question of the dangerous Oast House bend.

The Clerk undertook to contact Highways.

- (10.) FOOTPATHS : A form referring to Footpaths equipment, for submission at the Annual Audit, has been sent to Cllr. Stokes for return to the Clerk. The Clerk now has a signed declaration.

BTCV "Natural Breaks" magazine. [to be circulated] Also "Local Action September 1999" [copied to Cllr. Stokes]

*At 855 p. m. the Chairman adjourned the meet to offer Mr. Whitcombe the opportunity to comment. . He spoke about the new street light in Hanging Banks still not having been connected. He also commented that the promised SLOW road marking had still not been provided. The Clerk undertook to follow up on both items.*

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be on Monday, November 1st 1999 at 7.30 p.m. in ARCA Clubhouse.

NOTA BENE: The FIRST Monday in November !!!!

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