

THANINGTON WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL  
held at  
Ashford Road Community Association Clubhouse, Thanington Without,  
on Monday, November 1st at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Mr. I. Bain, Mrs. P. Blackman, , Mr. K. Goddard,  
Mrs. J.McMillan, Mr. G. Page, Mr. K. Stokes and the Clerk.

CHAIRMAN: Cllr. Mr. G. Page.

APOLOGIES Apologies were received from Cllrs Furness, Pringle and Potts.  
Cllrs. Furness and Potts were unwell and Cllr Pringle was delayed at a business meeting.  
Their apologies were accepted.

( 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 October meeting have been despatched.
- [ 2.] The Clerk telephoned Colas to request an extension of the maintenance contract to March 31st 2000 and awaits a response from Mr. Holdaway.  
The Clerk telephoned again on 29/10 and Colas agreed to extend the contract until 31/3/00. This will be confirmed in writing.
- [ 3.] The Clerk telephoned to Cornhill Insurance about a reduction of insurance as a result of the CCC take-over of streetlighting. He was advised to write about April to June when confirmation is received from CCC and then later about the ensuing year..
- [ 4.] A letter from Inland Revenue about the recent VAT. repayment claim has been received, in answer to the Clerk's query. £ 211.48 has now been credited to HSCB.
- [ 5.] The Clerk has requested ARCA to specify their preferences on the submitted list of items, to the sum of £2,000.
- [ 6.] The Clerk has written to CCC Planning to recommend approval of applications CA/99/0907/THA , CA/99/0932/THA and CA/99/0965/THA
- [ 7.] The Clerk has spoken to Mr. T. about the possible electric cables mentioned by Ms. Sue Knott and that both replaced items should be disposed of.
- [ 8.] The Clerk has written to Chartham P. C., regarding being successful in winning the title of "Kent Village of the Year", to congratulate them and wish them further success in the regional competition,.
- [ 9.] Concerning Cllr.. Page's reference to nothing having been done to the barrier, damaged by a car crashing though on the river side of the A28, in spite of repeated requests; and that cones and plastic tape have disappeared, the Clerk has again spoken to CCC Highways.  
The Clerk added that he had again raised the matter of the still un-connected new light standard in Hanging Banks. He was told that CCC was chasing Seeboard to complete.
- [10.] In connection with vandalism to the fencing surrounding the generator at the top of Grays Way, the Clerk has informed Seeboard. They expressed appreciation of being informed.
- [11.] The 3 burnt out, abandoned cars at Larkey Valley Wood.; ( two in the car park and third

in the road) and a quantity of about twenty car tyres dumped at the lower entrance of the Woods, have been reported to CCC Environment & Health Department, by the Clerk.

[12.] In connection with the discovery, by ARCA, that the present clubhouse building was never connected to main drainage, the Clerk has spoken to Brian Reynolds. He said 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. He was informed that ARCA had already contacted Southern Water.

[13.] Concerning the dangerous turning from Hollow Lane into New House Lane and the suggestion that a coloured road surface and/or a large SLOW sign or DANGEROUS CORNER be requested, plus the eternal question of the dangerous Oast House bend, the Clerk confirmed that he has contacted Highways.

[14.] A reply from HMU Canterbury re: Public Footpath CB 491 - Hollow Lane, was read out by the Chairman.

(3.) APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS:

None.

(4.) FINANCES: HSBC *kindly* Statement of the Treasurer a/c showing balance of £2091.93 at October 12th, including gross interest of £0,47 to 11/10/99

A letter has been received from CCC: Finance & Office Services: Parish Precept & Concurrent Function Grants. This was read out by the Chairman. Attention was drawn to the advice given regarding Capital Grants for the next three years.

The Clerk explained that upon not having received a letter of confirmation from Kathryn Beldon regarding CCC take-over of responsibility for Parish streetlighting, he had contacted her. She promised to send a duplicate letter.

It was agreed that the Clerk should inform the Finance Department of the Parish Council's request for a Precept for 2000-2001 of £7192.

(5.) CORRESPONDENCE.: CCC: NEWS FROM CCC 228/99 Council shapes up for the future.

KENT CLERK: 1999 Issue 1, August '99

KCC CORPORATE SERVICES: A-Z of COUNCIL SERVICES.

ENVIRONMENT AGENCY: "Floodline" pack.

SERPA: Request for subscription.

KCC STRATEGIC PLANNING: Road Safety Plan 1999 to 2002. To circulate.

CCC Minutes (circulated)

CLEANAWAY: Advertisement for Playground Surfaces.

(6.) PLANNING.: CA/99/1022/THA Milton Manor, Ashford Road.

Two-storey side extension to outbuilding.

The Clerk was instructed to recommend APPROVAL.

(7.) REPORTS: Cllr. Page referred to having attended the quarterly meeting of KAPC [Canterbury Area ] on together with Cllr. Bain. Supt. Robert Chidley, who succeeds Supt. Grace had spoken at the meeting. Cllr. Bain referred to the latest, high tech equipment the police hoped to have in operation within the next five years.

(8.) STREET LIGHTING: The Clerk has received numerous telephone calls about lighting problems outside 23/25 Grays Way and also 14 Manor Close. He has repeated contact with Colas. Repairs were apparently carried out, but lights failed again. The Clerk also reported several wrong synchronisations in Thanington Road and also a failure outside 38 Bramley Avenue.

(9.) PARISH AFFAIRS: The Clerk reported that he had received a note from the Chairman informing him that he would not be able to attend the KAPC AGM on 6/11. The Chairman regretted that he would not be able to attend, on health grounds.

The Clerk reported that Ms. Browning had telephoned enquiring if Cllr. Potts was willing to

represent the Parish Council on the Community Centre Steering Group. The Clerk said that he had that impression but suggested that she telephoned and obtained a direct, personal response.

The Chairman commented that the Clerk had suggested the possibility of asking Mr. Bob Porter, Chairman of the Community Centre Steering Committee, to speak at the next Parish Assembly. After some discussion the Clerk was asked to make initial approaches to Mr. Porter.

Cllr. Page referred to a cutting from the Kentish Gazette about a threat to the existence of parish councils which could be replaced by parish forums. It stated that KAPC had condemned this proposal. Cllr. Page also referred to the latest edition of Focus, in particular to proposed traffic measures in Wincheap.

Cllr. Page also suggested the introduction of a form of Welcome Letter to new residents. The suggestion was accepted and he agreed to produce a draft.

Cllr. Goddard reported that pot-holes in Strangers Close had been repaired.

Cllr. Bain observed that shrubbery was still badly obstructing the footpath near Milton Bridge, Cllr. Blackman agreed. The Clerk said that he had spoken again to Highways within the last two weeks, Cllr. Bain also commented on the lack of adequate street lighting in the area around 10-12 Tonford Lane. The Clerk undertook to bring this to the notice of Trevor Goldsack, at CCC.

Cllr. Stokes referred to poor condition of Cockering Lane, in the region of the dumping of soil in the Chartham parish. Cllr. McMillan also commented on the narrowness of the new road. It was agreed to monitor this area.

Cllr. Stokes also pointed out that the road sweeper in Manor Close confines his activities to the main road and ignores the two side roads. The Clerk undertook to report this observation to CCC.

Cllr. Stokes also reported that the wire fencing dumped near the A28 traffic lights had been removed.

Cllr. McMillan spoke approvingly of the road sweeping carried out in the New House Lane area.

(10.) FOOTPATHS: "CONSERVER" Autumn 1999, (circulated).

Following a meeting with Mike Ellis, PROW Officer, the Clerk wrote to make a case for a grant of £300 for next year.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be on Monday, December 13th 1999 at 7.30 p.m. in ARCA Clubhouse.

CLOSURE: There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.11 p.m.

*Cllr. Blackman consented to provide mince-pies after the December meeting.*