

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
of
THANINGTON WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL
held at

Ashford Road Community Association Clubhouse, Thanington Without,
on Monday, January 10th, 2000 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Mr. I. Bain, Mrs. P. Blackman, Mr. G. Furness, Mr. K. Goddard,
Mrs. J. McMillan, Mr A. Pringle and the Clerk.

CHAIRMAN: Cllr. Mrs. P. Blackman. (Vice-Chairman)

APOLOGIES: Cllrs. Page, Potts & Stokes were unwell and presented their apologies, which were accepted .

(1.) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: These were unanimously approved and signed
by the Chairman, as a correct record.

(2.) MATTERS ARISING:

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

[2.] The Clerk confirmed that he has phoned to CCC Planning to recommend that
CA/99/1187/THA, Cockering Barns application, be APPROVED.....and that CA/99/0458/CAN,
land between Hollow Lane, the A2 and Wincheap, be REFUSED.

[3.] The Clerk confirmed that he has written to KCC Strategic Planning to recommend that the
Appeal regarding the LARKEY WOOD FARM application be NOT GRANTED.

[4.] The Clerk confirmed that he has written to the occupier/owner of 131 Ashford Road regarding
shrubbery overhanging the footway.

[5.] The Clerk reported that Mr. Bob Porter accepted the offer to speak at the next Parish Assembly,
on Tuesday, April 18th.

[6.] The Clerk reported the dumping of rubbish along Cockering Road and had requested clearance.

[7.] The Clerk confirmed that he had again reported the overgrown shrubbery along the footpath near
Milton Bridge and had requested a severe cut-back. CCC promised to investigate, commenting that it may
required an enforcement order on a landowner,

[8.] The Chairman has produced a draft of his proposed "Welcome to the Parish" letter, which was
circulated at the last meeting, for comment It was agreed to postpone this until the next meeting and the
presence of Cllr. Page

[9.] The Clerk confirmed that he has spoken to CCC Highways about water accumulation in Tonford
Lane. Investigation was promised. Upon hearing Cllr. Blackman's comments and queries, the Clerk
undertook to follow up on the matter.

[10.] The Clerk confirmed that he had written to Chartham P.C. to congratulate them on their success
in gaining a National Award for their contribution to Environmental Improvements. He also included
Seasonal Greetings.

[11.] The matter of the Data Box was discussed. This appears not to have been circulated as expected and it
was agreed to postpone this matter until the next meeting.

(3.) APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS:

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D.E. GOULD Clerk's salary OCT/NOV/DEC '99	£1196.52	
2/3 Telephone rental	£27.41	
Remuneration for payment to Petty Cash	£ 20.00	
		£1243.93

INLAND REVENUE National Insurance Contribution £14.28

D.E.GOULD Reimbursement to Clerk for cash payment into PPP Petty Cash on 22/12/99 £100.00

Note: A late addition to the Agenda

Payment of these amounts was proposed by Cllr. Pringle, seconded by Cllr. Bain and unanimously agreed. The cheques were then signed by the named councillors

The Bank form for transfer of £3,000 from the Business No-notice a/c to the Treasurer a/c was also signed by the above named councillors.

(4.) FINANCES: HSBC Statement of the Treasurer a/c showing balance of £.761.99 at 10/12/99, including gross interest of £0.15 to 9/12/99

Statement of No-notice Business a/c: Balance at 24/12 £198.62, including Gross Interest to 3/12/99 of £14.39

The Clerk reported that Cllr. Page has carried out an Internal Audit on 7/1/2000 and had signed confirmation that the bank account reconciliation was correct.

The Clerk confirmed that the transfer of £4,000 from No-notice Business a/c to boost Treasurer a/c. had been processed.

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AUDIT: The Clerk confirmed that the amended, signed copy of the Balance Sheet at 31/3/99 had been returned to the Auditors.

The Clerk reported that he has written to SEEBOARD to confirm the taking over of responsibility for streetlighting, by CCC from 1/4/2000.

NATIONAL SAVINGS: Investment a/c Bank Book returned, showing a balance of £5,456.70 remaining after the transfer of £4,000 to HSBC a/c. The warrant will be forwarded on 17/1/2000. Interest for 1999 was NOT entered

(5.) CORRESPONDENCE A Christmas card received from Colas
A 2000 diary received from Colas
Christmas cards were received from KAPC, CCC, Kent County Constabulary, Canterbury. & P.C. Chris Smith, Kent County Constabulary Crime Reduction Unit,

COLAS: Details of Christmas & New Year closures, with Emergency telephone number..

CHC NEWS: December '99

KAPC: PARISH NEWS No: 262

Network 21

Public Libraries Seminar

Children's Playground Annual Inspection

NALC Conference 16-18 June Brighton

KCC Cable Laying in Kent

Commonwork Review 1999

KENT COUNTY CONSTABULARY: Amended e-mail addresses.

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KENT COUNTY COUNCIL, SOCIAL SERVICES. Re: Safer Rural Communities

KRCC: Kent Village of the Year 2000.:

THE MILLENNIUM AUCTION: In aid of Fire Service Charities. The Clerk reported that Cllr.

Page had commented that, however worthy a cause, it was possibly difficult to create a precedent.

CCC HIGHWAY UNIT: Traffic Regulation Review 1999.

KCC (KCS): Konika photocopiers advertisement.

MID KENT WATERWORKS: Water Mains Reinforcement Scheme - Watling Street area.

CCC: WHITEFRIARS WATCH

PFIZER LTD: Community Newsletter: December 1999. Circulated.

BRINKMAN & PARSONS ENGINEERING: Unsolicited advertisement.

MYCO FALCON: Unsolicited advertisement re: Millennium bench.

CLLR. MARTIN VYE: A letter was read out by the Chairman.

CCC HMU: Re: Public Footpath CB491 - Hollow Lane Canterbury.

After this letter and the attached letter from the PROW Team Leader were read out, councillors expressed their disappointment, disagreement and, in some cases, anger..

In particular, Cllr, Pringle, one of the two councillors representing South Ward, produced a folder with details of the Parish Council's repeated pleas for attention to the condition of the barrier fence, dating back to 1995. He intended to persist in his determination to contest the contents of the letter.

After discussion, it was unanimously agreed that the Clerk should write to CCC HMU and copy to Andy Hutchinson, stating the Council's reaction and that Cllr. Pringle would be writing his comments with the unanimous support of the Council.

KCC STRATEGIC PLANNING: Public Meeting for Local Transport for Kent. Copy made for South Ward.

KAPC (Canterbury Area): Agenda for 12/1/2000. Copies forwarded to Cllrs. Page & Bain.

CCC NEWS FROM CCC 002/2000. Chance to Comment on Key Plans.

- (6.) PLANNING: The Clerk has forwarded the Agenda for 4/1 and the List of Applications to the Chairman.
- (7.) REPORTS: Cllr. Blackman reported that she was present at a meeting of Thanington Drop in Steering Group on 22/11/1999 as a representative of ARCA. She reported that the support was poor. She has supplied minutes of the meeting, a copy of the constitution and of Terms of Reference Recommendations to the Steering Group/Management Committee, to the Clerk. When asked if Cllr. Potts had attended, she replied in the negative. Allan Hollands had been present as the sole representative of the Residents' Association.
- (8.) STREET LIGHTING: The Clerk reported that he has informed SEEBOARD about CCC taking over responsibility for lighting from 1/4/00, but they have still sent the forms about the existing set-up. The Clerk has copied and forwarded to Trevor Goldsack at CCC.
- (9.) PARISH AFFAIRS: The Clerk commented that Cllr. Page had informed him that he had asked CCC Planning about rumours concerning a large housing development in the fields behind the ARCA site. There had been no planning applications received.

The Clerk confirmed that he had informed CCC Highways, after Cllr. Bain had reported that the bollard on the crossing, opposite Grays Way, needed to be secured.

The Clerk referred to the fact that Cllr. Potts had informed him that the damaged barrier at the exit from the playground, which had been reported to CCC, had still not been removed. He also reported a damaged traffic light. The Clerk immediately informed CCC. He was told that KCC, who are responsible for traffic lights, had already been notified

Cllr. McMillan referred again to the pot-holes in Hollow Lane. She noted that two of them had received attention but that there are several remaining which are in need of repair.. The Clerk undertook to write to CCC. Cllr. Pringle interjected to comment that so much money was being wasted on repeated patching jobs whilst a full-scale, proper repair job would be cheaper in the

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long run. He added that the land-slippage, after the excessive tree-felling, had happened, as forecast.

Cllr. Pringle requested that CCC Environment & Health be asked to carry out regular clearance of rubbish from the area around the telephone kiosk at the junction of Hollow Lane and New House Lane. The Clerk undertook to write to CCC about this matter.

Cllr. Pringle also enquired whether anything further had been heard about the proposed speed checks, in particular along New House Lane. The Clerk said that he had heard nothing more on this subject.

Cllr. Bain informed that he had been approached by Mr. Romer, J. P. about the fact that his house had been pelted with eggs by local, troublesome youths and that there had been other unpleasant incidents. When the Clerk replied positively to the question as to whether this was more a matter for the Police, Cllr. Bain undertook to reply in this vein to Mr. Romer adding that the Parish Council appreciated being informed, regretted very much that such incidents should occur and were sympathetic.

Cllr. Goddard raised again his query about the five protective posts erected in Strangers Close. He wanted to know if they were temporary or permanent. He would prefer them to be removed. The Clerk undertook to contact CCC HMU again.

Cllr. Blackman referred to the amount of litter in the area between the Community Centre and the A2. She wondered if it came under CCC responsibility. The Clerk said that he would ask CCC.

(10.) FOOTPATHS: BTCV: Two "Natural Breaks" Jan-April 2000.

CPRE: Welcome to Millennium Visions Travelling.

BTCV: Kent Connections Dec/March 2000.

KCC: PROW Team Leader.: PPP Volunteers Training Day.19/2/00 in Maidstone.

The Clerk reported that on New Year's Day he saw that a large tree had fallen across the Centenary Footpath, near Tonford Far, He has endeavoured to contact KCC's Mike Ellis & the property owner. No contacts in Tonford but spoke to Andy Hutchinson. KCC will deal with the matter.

The Clerk confirmed that he has replied to Mike Ellis, PRW Officer and complete the requested form for 1999/2000 up-date and also a bid for a grant of £300 for 2000/2001.

He had commented that the Parish planned to continue membership of PPP and BTCV for, at least, one more year.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be on Monday, February 14th 2000 at 7.30 p.m. in ARCA Clubhouse.

CLOSURE : There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.32 p.m.

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