

MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
of  
THANINGTON WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL  
held at

Ashford Road Community Association Clubhouse, Thanington Without,  
on Monday, February 14th, 2000 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 and the Clerk.

CHAIRMAN: Cllr. Mr. G. Page,

APOLOGIES: There was none,

*The Chairman commenced by thanking the Vice-Chairman, Cllr. Mrs. Blackman, for chairing the last meeting, at short notice, due to his absence.*

( 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 January meeting have been despatched.

[ 2.] The Clerk confirmed that he had written to CCC Highways re: the unsatisfactory Hollow Lane footpath barrier and had copied to Andy Hutchinson. He had sent a copy of this to Cllr. Pringle and also enclosed copies of the letters read at our last meeting. The Chairman read out the Clerk's letter.  
Cllr. Pringle spoke at some length. He stated that he had taken legal advice, as he intends to take up the whole matter of the ways in which he feels that South Ward has been neglected by CCC. He expressed his intention of writing to The Chief Executive, at CCC and also to Julian Brazier, M. P. . He also intends to write to the Press. He said that he has taken numerous photographs to illustrate his case. In particular, he is motivated by the recent replies from CCC Highways regarding the damaged barrier along the elevated footpath; in view of the fatality some few months ago.  
Cllr. Pringle feels that the time has come for the Parish Council to take a stand on these matters which have been either neglected or insufficiently attended to, for many, many years. In particular, he referred to the poor standard of workmanship in the patchy road repairs, which he considers to have bordered on being fraudulent.  
Cllr. Pringle's request that the Parish Council should express to CCC, their extreme dissatisfaction and send a copy to the M.P. was unanimously supported. The Clerk was so instructed.

The Clerk explained that, in connection with this matter, he had thought it politic to advise County Councillor Martin Vye. He also spoke to Rodney Williamson, at KAPC, who undertook to send relevant notes on the legal position regarding land ownership. He also advised that the Chairman should clarify with Cllr. Pringle where any division between his personal comments, made as a private individual, and the Parish Council's utterances may lie

3.] The Clerk reported that the overhanging hedge at 131 Ashford Road has, in response to his request, been well cut back. Cllr. Blackman passed on expressions of appreciation from neighbours.

[ 4.] The Clerk confirmed that he requested CCC Highways to remove the posts erected in Strangers Close at the time of the new development in Millennium Close [Note new name]. This will be investigated. When told of this, Cllr. Goddard reported a hole left by workmen, near those posts. The Clerk then informed Highways about that, as well.

[ 5.] The Clerk confirmed that extra copies of posters for "Planning for the future of your area" requested by him, have been delivered.

[ 6.] The Clerk reported that Mark Adkins, Health Project Officer for Thanington Estate, had visited him and a long informative conversation took place.

- [ 7.] The Clerk confirmed that he has requested CCC Health & Environment Department to regularly clear around the telephone kiosk area, on the New House Lane/ Hollow Lane corner.
- [ 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  
This matter was taken up again and the draft was accepted. It was agreed to limit the contents to Council details. The Clerk was asked to produce a dozen copies for each councillor, for distribution to newcomers to the Parish.
- [ 9.] The Clerk confirmed that he has again spoken to CCC Highways about water accumulation in Tonford Lane. They are waiting to visit the site between Grays Way and the bridge, after rain.
- [10.] The Clerk reported that he has spoken to CCC about the untidy condition of the area between the Community Centre and the A2. He was promised that the site would be inspected.
- [11.] The matter of the Data Box was postponed until the next meeting. A repeat copy was circulated with the Agenda. Cllr. Blackman suggested that Mr. Derek Butler, of 166 Ashford Road, was a well qualified local historian and writer, who might be interested. The Clerk undertook to contact him and enquire if he were willing to take on this project.

(3.) APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS:

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL(KCS)	Stationery	£161.42
Including VAT	£24.08	

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

(4.) FINANCES: HSBC Statement of the Treasurer a/c showing balance of £ 3,078.70 at 12/1/00, including gross interest of £ 2.02 to 11/1/00

The credit from the National Savings Investment a/c for £4,000 was received and paid in to the HSBC Business No-notice a/c on 17/1/00. The transfer of £3, 000 signed at the last meeting was, in fact, not required and so it was not processed.

The National Savings Investment a/c Bank Book, sent in for interest entry, has been returned and shows £299.66 interest for 1999, with a balance of £5,756.36

INLAND REVENUE: Forms P35 & P38A have been received, for return by May 19th.

The Chairman confirmed that he had checked the reconciliation of bank balances and statements on 12/2/00, as part of the internal audit, and has signed the form to that effect.

(5.) CORRESPONDENCE: SLCC: Notice of General Meeting at Faversham Town Hall on 9/2. The Clerk hopes to attend the business part of the meeting, commencing 2 p.m.

ACRE: Announcing a Conference 24/2 A New Deal for Rural Communities, at Alfreton, Derbyshire.

QUILL: Stationery catalogue.

CLERKS & COUNCILS DIRECT, January 2000. Circulated.

KRCC: Council Meeting 4/2 2.30 p. m. Ashford Business Point.

CCC:Re: Local Plan Review. Posters. More requested by Clerk.

KENT POLICE AUTHORITY: Annual Report.

STAPLES: Stationery Catalogue

CANTERBURY COLLEGE: Request to display poster re: New Community Learning Initiative.

KAPC Canterbury Area. Minutes of 12/1/00 meeting, forwarded to Cllrs. Page & Bain.

CCC: Financial Services Officer,, Kathryn Beldon re: Capital Project Grants.

SLCC: Itinerary received for Branch General Meeting at Faversham Town Hall on 9/2.

BISHOP SPORTS & LEISURE: Catalogue

CANTERBURY & LOCAL NHS Primary Care Group. Re: Healthy Living. The letter was read out by the Chairman.

The Clerk explained that he had telephoned in reply and referred to the involvement by Mark Adkins, Thanington Health Project.. They did know of him, but would appreciate a reply from the Council.

The Clerk was asked to reply, stating that there are no such facilities in the Parish and suggest referring to Mark Adkins.

STREET MONITORS MEETING: Agenda for 16/2 at 6, 30 p.m. at CCC.

COMPLETE WEED CONTROL: Offering services.

KCC COMMERCIAL SERVICES: RE: Gang Mowing and Ground Maintenance-2000

QUILL: Stationery Catalogue.

SLCC: "The Clerk" Feb. 2000

CCC HOUSING: Review of the Canterbury Housing & Transfer Register. Comments invited.

The was none.

CCC: LAND SECURITIES. WHITEFRIARS. Managing the Change.

CCC REVIEW TEAM: Review of Public Toilets.

It was agreed to ask the Clerk to complete and return one form, as he saw fit, and to comment that there are no public toilets in the Parish. Cllr. Blackman took 5 forms for possible replies by members of the Women's Institute.

EAST KENT VOLUNTEER BUREAUX, OUTREACH SERVICE: Request to display poster.

CCC ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER: Re; War Memorials.

After councillors agreed that there' are no memorials in the Parish, Cllr. Blackman wondered whether the plaque in St. Nicholas Church may fall into the required category. The Clerk undertook to reply and recommend contacting the Vicar.

KENT COUNTY POLICE: Specials Liaisons Officer: Appeal for special constables & poster.

( 6.) PLANNING: CCC PLANNING Agenda for meeting on 1/2/00, forwarded to the Chairman

CA/00/0025/THA

71 New House Lane

Extension to front & dormer windows to rear of dwelling.

Circulated but returned to Clerk with only the comments of the two South Ward councillors and the Chairman.

The Clerk was instructed to recommend APPROVAL.

CCC PLANNING telephoned to inform the Clerk that the Application from Cockerling Oast

CA/99/1231/THA had been withdrawn. A letter of confirmation followed.

/99/081 76 New House Lane. Notification received that an Appeal is being made; reference number APP/J2210/A/00/1036419. Any comments are requested by 22/2.

Cllr. Pringle commented that building would not impinge on any neighbouring site.

It was agreed that after contacting CCC Planning to hear their reasons for refusal, the Clerk should use his discretion and, if he considered appropriate, write directly to Bristol to reiterate the Parish Council's recommendation for APPROVAL.

CA/00/0112/THA 3 New House Lane. Erection of detached dwelling.

Not circulated. For discussion at meeting.

Following comments by the two South Ward councillors, with particular emphasis on the access and the steep gradient of the slope, which is not apparent on the plan, the Clerk was instructed to recommend REFUSAL.

( 7.) REPORTS: The Clerk reported that he had attended the Kent Branch meeting of SLCC, held at the Guild Hall, Faversham, on February 9th. There were 20 members from the clerks of Kent present. [The number of parishes in Kent is 320]. The Clerk made a few general remarks about his impressions. He added information about a newly proposed induction course for new clerks,. This is intended to encourage continuation into the certificated courses and is not an alternative.

Cllr. Blackman mentioned that she had been invited to the Thanington Drop in Steering Group Committee meeting at the same time as the Parish Council meeting and that she had sent

her apologies. She has passed the Minutes of the January 17th meeting to the Clerk.

- ( 8.) STREET LIGHTING: SEEBOARD: Street Lighting Mains Cabling/Joining Works.
- ( 9.) PARISH AFFAIRS: The Clerk reported that he had requested Brian Watmough, CCC Countryside Officer, if it could be possible to replace the large, tree trunk “seat”, which has been removed from north-west corner of the recreation ground. The response was that this was a good idea and that provision would be borne in mind.

The Clerk referred to the matter of White Gates in Tonford Lane, which Cllr. Blackman had brought to his notice. The Clerk reported on the response which he obtained from Mr, Bob Britnell at CCC Planning and his advice regarding Planning Regulations, Section 215 Waste Land.

The Clerk was instructed to follow up on this. He will contact Bob Britnell and request a site visit and any subsequent, appropriate action..

The Clerk reported that, following Cll. Blackman’s comments to him about the condition of Tonford Lane, and on into Harbledown, he requested CCC Health & Environment to include that area in their regular clearing. He also requested Highways to inspect the condition of the highway.

The Clerk reported that a cheque for £87.50 had been received from ARCA, as payment for their share of the order of millennium mugs.

The Clerk reported that Mr. Albert Wicks of Tonford Manor Farm , Tonford, Harbledown CT2 9BH tel: 458498 ‘phoned to complain about horses being ridden quite regularly along the Centenary Walk. The Clerk brought this to the notice of Mike Ellis PRWO, who promised to take action in this matter.

Cllr. Page read out a passage from a newspaper, under the headline Parishes Have a Role to Play, wherein Environment Meacher referred to a Rural White Paper.,

Cllr. Goddard commented on a trench in Strangers Close not having been properly filled in, after work by BT engineers.

He also referred to the street-light outside No:7 Strangers Close, being out of synchronisation . Additionally he commented on the fact that the box provided for depositing dogs’ faeces was being emptied too infrequently. The Clerk undertook to follow up on all the above matters.

Cllr. Goddard’s final comment was that the latest edition of Focus arrived too late to announce a meeting in Wincheap.

Cllr. Bain drew attention to the fact that, in the Hanging Banks area (opposite the lay-by) , an arm-chair and other rubbish had been dumped over the railings. The Clerk undertook to inform CCC Health & Environment.

Cllr. Bain also referred to the matter of vandalism in Grays Way mentioned at the last meeting and said the problem was reduced.

Cllr. Potts referred to the matter of the unremoved barrier, near the playground, which was mentioned previously and that CCC had undertaken to clear away. He said that it was still remaining, plus additional items. The Clerk undertook to contact CCC Highways again.

Cllr. Furness drew attention to the accumulation of water on the A28, between Hanging Banks and the roundabout. The Clerk undertook to inform CCC Highways.

Cllr.. Pringle enquired about the new bench. The Clerk replied that he had delayed “chasing” Mr. T, having said that there was no immediate rush. Cllr. Pringle offered for the Clerk to assist on a Saturday or Sunday, if required. The Clerk will contact Mr. T. in this matter.

Cllr. Pringle supplied the Clerk with photographs of problems in the Hollow Lane area.

Cllr. Stokes stated that traffic along Cockering Road was tending to revert to two-way. The Clerk

undertook to inform the Police.

Cllr. McMillan said that she would like to express appreciation for all the efforts that Cllr. Pringle was making on behalf of South Ward, especially in connection with Hollow Lane.

The Clerk referred to a telephone enquiry from Mr. Tony Martin, on behalf of ARCA, about help in acquiring kitchen equipment for the new building. The Clerk reported that he had explained the VAT rulings.

(10.) FOOTPATHS: BTCV: ; Kent Mega Task, The Larches SSSI, Detling. 12 -13/2

Michael Ellis PROW Officer:: Public Rights of Way Meeting at Lower Hardes Village Hall, Lower Hardes 16/2 at 7.30 p. m. Forms A enclosed.

The Chairman announced that he and the Clerk hoped to attend.

Confirmation that fallen tree across the Centenary Footpath has been cleared by the landowner.

BTCV Developing Skills January -December 2000

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be on Monday, March 13th 2000 at 7.30 p.m. in ARCA Clubhouse.

CLOSURE : There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.07 p.m.