

MINUTES
of
THANINGTON WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held at

Ashford Road Community Association Clubhouse, Thanington Without,
on Monday, September 11th, 2000 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Mr. I. Bain, Mrs. P. Blackman, Mr. G. Furness, Mr. K. Goddard, Mr. T. Maple
Mr. G. Page, Mr. K. Stokes, the Clerk and one local elector..

APOLOGIES: Apologies were received from Cllr. Pringle, who was delayed in traffic, and Cllr. Potts, who was unwell. The apologies were accepted.

CHAIRMAN: Cllr. Mr. G. Page.

(1.) **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:** These were unanimously approved

(2.) **MATTERS ARISING:**

- [1.] The Clerk confirmed that he had written a letter of appreciation to Mrs. McMillan, following her resignation as councillor
He has also informed the CCC Returning Officer and posted the required notices on boards in both Wards.
A response had been received from CCC Electoral Registration Officer regarding Parish of Thanington Without, South Ward. co-option of new member. The Chairman announced that Mr. Terry Maple, who had expressed an interest in becoming a councillor to represent South Ward and who had been invited to attend a recent meeting, had subsequently agreed to be considered to fill the vacancy. Cllr. Page proposed, Cllr. Blackman seconded and it was unanimously agreed that Mr. Maple be co-opted. Mr. Maple then signed and read out the required Acceptance of Office form.
- [2.] The Clerk confirmed that the cheques approved at the July meeting have been despatched..
- [3.] Regarding the matter of shrubbery protruding over the footway near Milton Bridge, the Clerk confirmed that he has written, yet again, to CCC and requested a *more severe* cut-back.
A reply from KENT HIGHWAYS, CANTERBURY: (14/7) Overhanging Vegetation - Milton Bridge was read out by the Chairman. It was noted that action was anticipated to commence by approximately October 6th. The Clerk commented that the extremely long delay since the initial requests were made was regrettable.
- [4.] The Clerk confirmed that he has deposited the required materials for the Auditors, to the Council Offices on July 13th. He added that they were due for collection on September 18th.
- [5.] The Clerk confirmed that he has informed Mrs. Martin that the Parish Council will donate £320 to the Church funds for work to be carried out on Yew Trees & Lime Trees in the Churchyard.
- [6.] The Clerk confirmed that he has informed CCC Highways about seating requests; a replacement log and a seat, in the Recreation Ground.
- [7.] The Clerk confirmed that he has informed CCC Planning that the Council recommends the applications CA/97/0780/THA, (Renewal), CA/00/0467/THA. (Amended plans) and CA/00/0714/THA be GRANTED, although he added that the Council is still rather concerned about 0467/THA .
- [8.] Regarding the question of the sudden appearance of so many white lines on roadways, the Clerk has made enquiries, at CCC Highways, about the motivation for this. A reply was read out by the Chairman indicating that the lines had been painted at the request of residents who had experienced difficulty in gaining access to their driveways.
- [9.] The Clerk has informed CCC that the bank along Cockerling Road, east of Strangers Lane needs to be cut back and that streetlighting is being obscured.

A reply from the Principal Environment Service Officer was read out by the Chairman.

- [10.] The Clerk has reported that the surface of the footway from Ingoldsby Road through to the playground is in poor condition. He also stated that the playground is, as always, in a neglected, uncared-for condition.
The Chairman read out a reply from CCC: Principal Environment Services Office. Re: Footway from Ingoldsby Road to the Children's Playground
- [11.] The Clerk confirmed that he has written to thank Mr. Shelton (Kentish Stour Countryside Officer) and to confirm our support, as instructed.
- [12.] The Clerk reported that he had received a letter from Mr. Phil Harding (Bretts) with three photocopies enclosed. These contained some historical facts regarding the Tonford footpath area, but nothing substantiating an agreement with KCC. The Clerk forwarded copies to the Chairman.
He also informed Andy Hutchinson, PROW.. In addition he telephoned to Mr. Harding, to thank him, but could only leave a message.
The Chairman read out a letter from Mr. Andy Hutchinson regarding the Tonford Bridge Amenity Area. Also enclosed were details about Rural Revival, who may have been able to help. The Clerk telephoned to them for initial information and he informed the meeting that the required long-term maintenance would not be available.
- [13.] At the suggestion of Mr. Phil Harding, the Clerk telephoned Mr. Jon Shelton, to enquire about the past care of the Tonford footpath area. Mr. Shelton said that the project with the trees and seats was a one-off and that they would not take on long-term responsibility for keeping such areas cleared.
- [14.] The Chairman read out copies of two letters which had been sent by Kent Highways, Beer Lane, Canterbury to Brett & Sons, regarding the access track at Cockering Road junction with Milton Manor Road.
- [15.] The Clerk reported that he was very disappointed to hear that the new seat in South Ward had still not been erected. He telephoned to Mr. T. and was promised that it should be attended to within two weeks.
- [16.] The Clerk also reported that, despite promises to deliver before mid-July, the new notice-board has not yet been despatched. Delivery is now expected within 6 weeks. Apologies were profuse.

(3.) APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS:

ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH THANINGTON.

Donation for work on churchyard trees. £320.00

AUDIT COMMISSION 98/99 Audit fee. £218.10
including VAT £32.48

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (KCS) Photocopier rental & charges £95.65
including VAT £14.25

Cllr. Page proposed, Cllr. Bain seconded and it was unanimously agreed that these payments be approved.

(4.) FINANCES : HSBC Bank Statements: Treasurer a/c Balance at 12/7/00 £5,330.55, including £ 6.01 gross interest to 11/7.

Treasurer a/c Balance at 11/8/00 £4,047.32, including £ 4.17 gross interest to 10/8.

DISTRICT AUDIT invoice for £218.10, dated 14/07/00, payment due within 28 days. The Clerk telephoned to explain delay.

(5.) CORRESPONDENCE: Clerks & Councillors Direct: July 2000, circulated.

CCC, BOB PORTER, HOUSING SERVICES: (14/7) Thanington Neighbourhood Resource Centre:

JULIAN BRAZIER M. P. Re: Kent Highways/South Ward.

MID KENT WATER PLC: (14/8): Copy of a letter sent to all Mid Kent Water customers.

HSBC: RE: Telephone Banking.
 KAPC: PARISH NEWS No. 267: including "Drastic Changes to Audit System?
 Highways Agency Major Roadworks in Kent
 Playing Field Risk Assessment
 KCC: Child Care Network
 Finance Information Day, Larkfield 21/10 Booking by 13/10
 SERPA Issue 36 Summer 2000
 Audit Commission: Think Piece.[The Clerk ordered & has received a copy for each
 councillor]
 KAPC: PARISH NEWS Special Edition on "Consultation Papers" 25/08/00
 KRCC: Charity Commission Surgery 26/09/00 Ashford.
 Community Transport Seminar: 19/9 Maidstone
 Various other seminars.
 Oast to Coast Summer 2000
 KRCC: Rural News Issue 25 July 2000
 Community Transport Seminar. Maidstone 19/9
 Commonwork
 Network 21. July 2000 Issue 13.
 Various advertisements
 KCC: Local Housing in Kent.
 GLASDON: Advertisement.
 KENTISH STOUR COUNTRYSIDE PROJECT: Newsletter Issue 22 Summer 2000.
 ditto Train Rides to Ramble (Already on 10/08/00)
 SLCC: Re: Clerks Questionnaire: Audit of Clerks.
 SOVEREIGN: Specialists in Playground Equipment & Furniture. Offer.
 KAPC (Canterbury Area) from T. Austin: Minutes of 12/04/00 [6 copies sent]. Copies
 forwarded to Cllrs. Page & Bain.
 KAPC (from Rodney Williamson) . Correction of the above, plus Minutes for 12/07/00.
 Copies forwarded to Cllrs. Page & Bain.
 KENT PROBATION COMMITTEE: Membership of Kent Probation Local Board.
 KCC Senior Librarian Mobile Library Services. RE: New Siting at ARCA from 4/10.
 The Clerk confirmed with ARCA Chairman and spoke to Keith Rundell at KCC, Mr.
 Rundell will confirm with the ARCA Secretary.
 SLCC: The Clerk: August 2000
 SEEBOARD: Newsletter Business Assist. August 2000.
 CCC : LOCAL PLANS SECTION: Landscape Assessment: Review of southern and western
 boundary of the Blean Woods Special Landscape Area and the River Valleys of the
 Great and Little Stour.
 KCC: NETWORK MANAGEMENT; Bridge Manager. 3 copies of each of leaflets: Inspection
 & maintenance, Design & Standards and Conservation & Heritage.
 NALC: Local Council Review. July 2000 circulated.
 CCC; Copies of Your Local Council 2000/2001 and also photographs of City Councillors
 received. To be held by the Clerk, Chairman & Vice Chairman. One copy circulated for
 information.
 KENT HIGHWAYS: Details of new Speed Limit, including two on A28 Thanington.
 CCC: Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Policy Committee were received by the Chairman
 CCC: Minutes for 20 July 2000 were received, in duplicate, by the Chairman and circulated.
 CCC: Time Team Live (Re: live broadcasts from 3 archaeological digs in Canterbury).
 CCC Public Cleansing Section. RE: The Warden Service.
 CCC: Minutes of a Street Monitoring Meeting, on 5/7/00.
 CCC: NEWS from CCC. Loo Review- Fewer but Better.
 KENT HIGHWAY, HMU Canterbury. Tony Parker, Highway Manager. City Council
 Reorganisation.
 CCC Acting Senior Community Development Officer, Trevor Kennett, Re; Parish Council
 Support.
 CCC Chief Executive Strategic Planning. Re: Landscape Assessment meeting on 18/9 7.30 at
 Tyler Hill, Memorial Hall. RSVP by 14/9
 PFIZER: Community Newsletter August 2000 (to be distributed).
 KRCC: RURAL NEWS: September 2000
 Annual Meeting 14/10 Ryarsh.

RAISE: Towards Regionalisation.
Kent Voluntary & Community Sector Conference 29/9
Charity Commission Surgery 26/9

QUILL: Stationery catalogue.

SLCC: "The Clerk" August 2000.

STREET MONITORS: AGENDA for meeting on 13/9.

METROSIGNS 2000: Advertisement.

CCC: Development Control Sub-committee. Supplementary Report.

CCC: CANTERBURY DISTRICT COMMUNITY FORUM: Autumn Newsletter.

(6.) PLANNING: CCC PLANNING Agenda for 18/7 meeting, with List of Applications, forwarded to the Chairman.

CA/00/0807/THA Cockerling Barns, Cockerling Road. Application GRANTED.

NOTA BENE! A new submission.

Details were circulated by the Chairman, but replies were not received before this meeting.

Acknowledgement of 97/0780, 00/0467 & 00/0714 recommendations received.

CA/00/0742 72 New House Lane.

Extension to side of dwelling, with dormer window to rear.

Details were circulated by the Chairman, but replies were not received in time. However the comments by the seven councillors responding were unanimously in favour of recommending approval

CA/00/0507/CAN

Revised layout at Park & Ride site, New Dover Road

Comments invited by 10/8. None was made.

This application has been GRANTED.

CAL00/0052/THA Tonford Manor (Listed building). GRANTED.

CA/00/0591/THA Golf Course. (Renewal of CA/97/0780/THA) GRANTED.

CA/00/0714/THA 1, Grays Way GRANTED

CA/00/0436/THA 3 New House Lane GRANTED

CA/00/0467/THA 124 Ashford Road GRANTED

LOCAL PLANS TEAM LEADER. The Chairman reported that he had telephoned to Andrew Gale and explained the vacation situation. It was acceptable to raise the matter at the September meeting and then contact either Ian Brown or Andrew Gale regarding the Local Plan Review.

After discussion, the Clerk was instructed to offer for CCC representatives to meet with the Council at 7 p.m., prior to our next meeting. This was agreed after Cllr. Blackman had expressed concern over the number of councillors able to attend at the earlier time.

COUNCIL REORGANISATION- Development Services Division of Development & Planning Department.

CCC Agendas & Lists of Planning Applications for 18/7 & 15/8 received by the Chairman. Those for 12/9 have been received and passed to the Chairman.

CA/00/0962/THA 39 Thanington Road.

Formation of vehicular access.

Received 7/9 and not circulated.

This was discussed and the Clerk was instructed to inform CCC Planning that whilst approving in principle any moves to tidy up the existing state of vehicle parking in front gardens in this area, the Council had serious concerns about traffic along the A289 at

this point.

CA/00/0974/THA included in CCC list of applications received w/e 7/9.

- 7.) **REPORTS :** i Cllr. Page spoke about the KAPC (Canterbury) meeting held on 12/7 at the ARCA Clubhouse. He outlined some of the details of the Minutes received, including the new officers and committee members. Reference was also made to the complaints about unsatisfactory acoustics at ARCA and a change of venue. The next meeting, on 11/10 will be at Tyler Hill.

Cllr. Page spoke about two Thanington Neighbourhood Resources Centre held on July 17 & August 14. He had written to complain about non-receipt of Minutes and Agendas, in spite of several requests and reminders.. He referred to some of the details connected to the appointment of staff, copies of which have been received and are on file. He expressed hopes and doubts about the outcome of the weaning from CCC help and involvement.

Finally, Cllr. Page referred to having attended the Official Opening of the new ARCA Clubhouse, on August 8. He thought that it was a very successful gathering. Cllr. Blackman agreed and supplied the statistic that there were more than 70 visitors; many of them having had a very long association with the old clubhouse.

In passing, Cllr. Page referred to meeting Mrs. Church there and having discussed the Harris Charity and the position regarding two other older charities. This matter was to be taken up with the Charity Commission.

(8.) STREET LIGHTING:

- (9.) **PARISH AFFAIRS:** The Clerk reported that he had returned a letter addressed to J. Spencer, Treasurer, Thanington Community Centre, which had been delivered to him, to the sender Courage Ltd. This was after several and various efforts to obtain contact details.

He had 'phoned to Courage Ltd..

A reply from SLCC to a personal letter written by the Clerk included a request for a short comment on the word Without in the P.C.'s name, for entry in the Society magazine. The Clerk has offered to write a few lines, in the near future.

The Chairman has written to the Thanington Neighbourhood Resource Centre Steering Group, , Mr. Bob Porter, and expressed his willingness to act as the Parish Council 's affiliated representative on the committee.

The Clerk referred to a letter from KCC Mobile Library regarding the use of ARCA parking area from October 4th. He had consulted with the ARCA Chairman and was told that there were no difficulties. He was asked to request confirmation to the ARCA Secretary, which he did.

Cllr. Page referred to a copy of a letter he had received from Martin Vye, KCC, (delivered to householders) in which he had commented on the unsatisfactory/appalling conditions concerning the Ashford roadworks.

Cllr. Goddard requested that CCC be asked to supply an additional "poop-scoop" container for the Recreation Ground as the present one was insufficient; ideally to be placed in a different part of the grounds. The Clerk undertook to contact CCC.

Cllr. Bain reported that the "poop-scoop" container near Tonford Bridge had been set alight. The Clerk undertook to report this when dealing with the item above.

When asked about the problems with local, youthful "nuisances", Cllr. Bain replied that after a more peaceful respite, troubles are restarting and with older youths, some not from the immediate neighbourhood. He added that a motor-cycle and car were now sometimes involved. He was disappointed that he is no longer getting the same good, Police response, as it had been previously. He was hoping to meet with parents.

Cllr. Stokes happily reported that the problem with the damaging of the Manor Close fencing seems to have solved itself; by the culprits moving away.

(10.) FOOTPATHS: BTCV: Kent Connections June/September 2000

BTCV: Conserver. Summer 2000.

BTCV: Election Nomination Forms.

KCC RECREATION & ACCESS ASSISTANT: Parish paths Maps enhanced renewals project.

The Chairman read out a letter which referred to plans to produce local maps including illustrated highlights of parish features. The Clerk expressed willingness to meet Tamara Marshall, to discuss the scheme.

Cllr Page mentioned Mr. Derek Butler (166, Ashford Road) as a possible source of assistance.

Cllr. Blackman also mentioned Caroline Mettam

KCC: KPRWO Volunteer Training Day. 4/11 Maidstone.

(11.) TREES: There were no items for discussion.

Before closing the meeting the Chairman extended the opportunity to comment or question, to the local elector present. He replied that he had nothing to say or ask, other than to comment that it had been a busy and interesting meeting.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be on Monday, October 9th, 2000 at 7.30 p.m.[or possibly 7 p.m.] in the ARCA Clubhouse.

CLOSURE : There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.00.p. m.