

THANINGTON WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
held  
Ashford Road Community Association Clubhouse, Thanington Without,  
on Monday March 12th, 2001 at 7.30 p.m.

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

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr. Maple submitted his apologies in advance at the close of the last meeting. His apology was accepted.

*Cllr. Potts was not present, but Cllr. Blackman reported that she had met his daughter who had said that her father was still incapacitated. The Council regretted, sympathised with and accepted his continued absence,*

**CHAIRMAN:** Cllr. Mr. Graham Page.

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

(2.) **MATTERS ARISING:**

[ 1.] The Clerk reported that he had contacted David Swain, as instructed, but he felt unable to undertake the proposed work. The Clerk had attempted, in vain, to enlist the services of another builder. After a telephone conversation with the Chairman, it was decided, under these circumstances, to delay the proposed letter to Mr. T.

The Clerk reported that he had heard nothing further from Mr. T. Councillors agreed that an alternative should be found and when the Chairman asked if councillors had other builders to suggest, three names were put forward. The Clerk undertook to follow up on this matter, whilst Cllr. Bain offered to approach one of them the following day and inform the Clerk of the reaction.

[ 2.] The Clerk confirmed that the cheques approved at the February meeting have been despatched

[ 3.] The Clerk confirmed that he has written to CCC Planning Dept. to very strongly recommend refusal of application CA/00/1261/THA 79, New House Lane. and also to recommend that CA/01/0014/THA 7B Hassall Reach be approved.

[ 4.] The Clerk confirmed that he has contacted the Highways Unit regarding the matter of the repairs to the footway along the north side of Ashford Road., as instructed.  
No reply has been received nor apparent action taken.

[ 5.] The Clerk confirmed that he had again informed Highways Unit about the pot-holes in Strangers Close.  
No reply has been received nor apparent action taken.

[ 6.] The Clerk reported that he had asked Mr. Brian Pitcher, at CCC, if anything further had been heard about the drains in Hassall Reach. He had replied in the negative, saying that nothing further had been done, but that they were expecting to proceed and dig up the garden at No: 5, when conditions permitted,

[ 7.] Regarding the shrubbery along the footway in Hanging Banks having been cut back, but left lying on the path, the Clerk has reported this and Mr. Watmough and Mr. Aden Potts will investigate the matter,.  
No further reply has been received, but the path now appears to have been cleared.

[ 8.] The Clerk confirmed that he has written to the Highway Unit about the falls of chalk in Hollow Lane and strongly recommended fundamental action.  
The Chairman read out a reply which presumably refers to this matter.

[ 9.] The Clerk reported to CCC Estates and Housing Departments that the damaged sections of fence, in

Manor Close, had been removed; but that no new panels had been erected. He was informed by telephone from Housing Department (Mr. Seaman) that the fence is not, in fact, the responsibility of the CCC, but as a once off, goodwill offer, they will replace the panels this time, hopefully by the end of March.

- [10.] The Clerk confirmed that he has written to inform BTCV that the Parish Council did not wish to renew BTCV membership,
- [11.] The Clerk confirmed that he has written to Cornhill Insurance to increase the existing Cornhill insurance to cover the strimmer and tools as from April 1st 2001. He also advised that Cllr. Maple had replaced Cllr. MacMillan.
- [12.] The Chairman read out a reply from KENT HIGHWAYS, Highway Unit, Canterbury; headed "Various Matters - Thanington". This was in reply to matters which the Clerk had referred to the Highway Unit and had reported at the February meeting. They concerned:-
- (i) Pot Holes, Godwin Road
  - (ii) Cockerling Road - Overgrown vegetation
  - (iii) Thanington Road - Footway [outside 71 & 73]
- (i) has been repaired
  - (ii) has been cleared [CCC having contacted the land-owner]
  - (iii) no action has yet been taken.

**(3.) APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS:**

Before considering new items, the Clerk explained that an invoice for £20.50 for KCC stationery had been inadvertently omitted from last month's payments. In an attempt to meet the dead-line for payments the Clerk had obtained the signatures of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman This requires official approval by the Council at the March meeting.

Cllr. Page proposed, Cllr. Stokes seconded and it was unanimously agreed that the above cheque for £20.50 be approved.

ASHFORD ROAD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION Hall rental.	£50.00
KAPC Subscription £351.16 + VAT £61.45 Local Council Review (for 6 issues of 10 copies) £89.90	£502.51
KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (KCS) Stationery Including £3,33 VAT.	£22.33
D.E.GOULD. Reimbursement for cash payment to Petty Cash	£20.00
KCC (KCS) Stationery Including VAT £14.81	£99.41
KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (KCS) Photocopier Including £15.77 VAT	£105.82
KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (KCS) Stationery Including £1.13 VAT	£7.58
CORNHILL INSURANCE. Annual Premium	£294.21

*An invoice arrived on 12/3/01 for the District Audit in the sum of £242.52, including £36.52 VAT, for 99/01 Core Unit. In order to comply with the due payment within the specified 28 days and to make the ledger entry for payment and the VAT claim both within the current year, the Clerk processed this payment for approval at this March meeting.*

It was proposed by Cllr. Page, seconded by Cllr. Stokes and unanimously agreed that

these cheques be paid. The cheques were then signed by the named councillors

- ( 4.) **FINANCES** HSBC: Statement for Treasurer Account showing Balance of £3,206.16 at 12/02/01 including £ 3.37 gross interest to 11/02/01.

KAPC: Renewal of subscription for approval.

Proposed by Cllr. Page seconded by Cllr. Bain .and unanimously agreed.

DISTRICT AUDIT: The Chairman read out a letter with comments accompanying the returned completed audit for 1999-2000.

The Clerk undertook to note the comments and comply with the instructions.

CLAIM FOR REPAYMENT OF VAT: The Clerk announced that he has submitted a claim for £153.20 which he hopes will be paid within the current financial year.

- ( 5.) **CORRESPONDENCE:** CCC: Register of electors 2001. 2 copies of SouthWard and 7 copies of North Ward received after request for 10 copies of each. The Clerk duplicated extra copies to be able to distribute a copy of both wards to each councillor.

KCC: Modern Local Govt. Proposals for change.

The Chairman referred to a very similar recent request from CCC and it was unanimously agreed that the Clerk should reply in the same manner.

KRCC: Oast to Coast; Winter 2000 [to be circulated]

CCC Development and Planning. Head of Development Planning, Equal Opportunities Monitoring Group: Request to put up poster.

CCC: Council Minutes FEBRUARY 2001.

SLCC: Reply to Clerk's letter explaining the delay in responding to his enquiry.

SLCC: Nomination Forms for elections to NEC..

DETR: "A model Code of Conduct for Members". Circulated to all councillors, with sheets for answers, by the April meeting.

KCC: Leader of the Council: Re: "The Kent Agreement". [To be circulated.]

KRCC: Local Needs Housing in Kent . [ To be circulated.

KCC: Highways & Flooding.

KCC STRATEGIC PLANNING: Kent Countryside 2000; understanding Rural Change. [To circulate]

COMPLETE WEED CONTROL: Offering services.

KENT COUNTY CONSTABULARY: A request from the Special Constabulary Liaison Officer for Canterbury area, to put up a poster.

CCC: NEWS from CCC; Foot & Mouth Disease- Update.

KCC: re: Foot & Mouth. Notices for boards.

CLERKS & COUNCILS DIRECT: Issue 14 March 2001. [To be circulated]

KONIKA: Invitation to demonstration of Document Solutions in Basildon, 23/3.

CLLR. EDEN-GREEN: Apologies for inability to attend March 12th P. C, meeting. Also notification of change of address to 16 Dane John, CT1 2QU.

CCC: NEWS RELEASE: Foot & Mouth; stay vigilant.

KCC: STRATEGIC PLANNING: Foot & Mouth Disease; Up-date.

KENT COUNTY CONSTABULARY: Re: traffic problems, including Tonford Lane & Grays Way, plus road speed enforcement along Thanington Road.

Councillors reacted strongly to the comment about the parking in Grays Way and the Clerk was instructed to follow up on this matter.

COUNTRYSIDE AGENCY: New rights, new responsibilities. (circulated)

- ( 6.) **PLANNING:** CA/01/0014/THA 7B Hassall Reach. Application GRANTED

CA/01/0158/THA 187 Ashford Road

Formation of vehicular access. (Circulated)

The Clerk was instructed to recommend approval.

CCC: Supplementary Report [6/3/01] re: Planning Applications

CA/00/1261/THA 79 New House Lane. Application GRANTED. (also two separate letters)  
This caused strong reaction from councillors, especially from South Ward.

The Chairman undertook to follow up on the Clerk's letter, which had *strongly* recommended refusal and write to the Chief Executive of CCC. He requested the Clerk to supply him with all the relevant correspondence.

CA/01/0234/THA 42 Tonford Lane.

Replacement single-storey rear extension to dwelling.

The Clerk was instructed to recommend approval.

- (7.) **REPORTS:** The Chairman reported at some length about his attendance at the KAPC meeting at Harrietsham on March 10th, which was mainly concerned with the Rural White Paper.

He has supplied the Clerk with several hand-outs and leaflets which he had received. These could later be circulated and then returned to the Clerk for future reference.

He also submitted a Travel Claim to the Clerk, for processing for the next meeting.

Finally, he thanked councillors for supporting his attendance at this useful meeting.

- (8.) **STREET LIGHTING :** There were no items for discussion.

- (9.) **PARISH AFFAIRS;** The Clerk reported that Cllr. Blackman had informed him about damaged to the bus-shelter outside the Post Office in Ashford Road. He telephoned to CCC, early Monday February 19th and was told that they would investigate.

Cllr. Blackman commented that the loose panel has subsequently been removed.

The Clerk reported that he had informed Highways Unit about a deep pot-hole at the junction of Alfred Road with St. Nicholas Road.

This has already been repaired.

The Clerk commented on the new footways and fence now positioned in the vicinity of the grass verge opposite the playing field.

Councillors made positive comments about this.

The Clerk reported that the precarious shed, overhanging the footway, near the junction of Strangers Lane and Bramley Avenue, has been removed.

Councillors made positive comments about this, also, and commented that a new wall had been erected.

Cllr. Page drew attention to the ARCA AGM on March 28th at the ARCA Clubhouse.

He also remarked that Mrs. C. Holness had been enquiring about the Manor Road fencing and that he would now be able to report back about that. (See Matters Arising [ 9.] )

Cllr. Goddard commented that the pot-holes in Strangers Close have still not been repaired. (See Matters Arising [ 5.] )

He also reminded about the footway outside 73 Thanington Road. (See M

atters Arising [ 12.] )

Cllr. Goddard also drew attention to the fact that both 30 mph and 40 mph signs were standing in Thanington Road.

Cllr. Blackman reported that the shrubbery near the Flint Cottage was still overgrowing the footway. The Clerk undertook to write to the occupier again.

Cllr. Pringle said that he wished to advise councillors that a very determined correspondence was now being conducted by a group of South Ward residents, with CCC and KCC, concerning damage sustained by their vehicles when travelling on Hollow Lane.

- (10.) **FOOTPATHS:** The Clerk reported that Ms. Jackie Hawkes (01787 477887) had telephoned from Essex to enquire about local walks. The Clerk contacted Cllr. Blackman and passed on the details.

Cllr. Blackman commented that she has contacted Ms. Hawkes and provided appropriate information. Obviously, the Foot & Mouth Crisis impinges on these possible arrangements.

KCC PROW Mike Ellis: Canterbury District Parish Liaison Meeting 21/2. Brief minutes and notes were supplied. These were particularly useful as the Chairman & Clerk had been unable to get through the flooded roads and traffic diversions to attend the meeting.

The Clerk has informed BTCV that membership is not being renewed. He has amended insurance with Cornhill Insurance to cover mower (strimmer) and tools [previously covered by BTCV insurance]. A cheque to Cornhill Insurance is approved above.

BTCV: People's Places; new grant scheme. [This is no longer appropriate]

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

**(12.) PARISH MEETING:** The Chairman raised the matter of a Chairman's letter this year. He said that whilst he was perfectly willing to produce one, he was aware that it was open to question.

It was unanimously agreed that the hand delivery by councillors during the past decade had created virtually no response as far as arousing interest or increasing attendance at the Parish Meeting were concerned. It was felt that time and money would be wasted.

It was agreed that the usual advertisement in the local newspaper and a few luminous notices on Parish notice boards and possibly at sites such as Safeway, would be sufficient

**NEXT MEETING:** The next Meeting will be held at the ARCA Clubhouse on Monday April 9th at 7.30p. m..

**CLOSURE:** There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.04 p. m.