

THANINGTON WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
held  
Ashford Road Community Association Clubhouse, Thanington Without,  
on Monday April 9th, 2001 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 and the Clerk.

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr. Pringle telephoned to say that he was delayed in traffic and hoped to be able to attend later, but he did not arrive.

Cllr. Potts did not attend. It was presumed that he was still unwell.

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

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

( 2.) **MATTERS ARISING:**

[ 1.] The Chairman has supplied the Clerk (and also the South Ward Cllrs.) with a copy of his letter to the CCC Chief Executive, regarding Planning Applications CA/00/1219/THA & 1261/THA and also re: Hollow Lane, as undertaken at the last meeting.

The Chairman read out his letter and an acknowledgement, signed by Mr. Finch, saying that a reply would be made within 10 days time.

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

[ 3.] The Clerk has been visited by Mr. A. E. White and Mr. M. F. Sherwood and subsequently received estimates from both of them, for the erection of the new notice- board. The former was for £190 and the latter for £115. After discussion it was unanimously agreed to accept Mr. Sherwood's offer. The Clerk was asked to write to Mr. Sherwood and also to thank Mr. White.  
The Clerk was also instructed to advise Mr. T. of the Council's decision and disappointment.

[ 4.] Regarding the matter of the repairs to the footway along the north side of Ashford Road, the Highways Unit has now replied and assure that the remedial works will be undertaken during the week commencing 26/03.. The Clerk advised the Chairman of this.  
The Clerk was instructed to chase up this matter.

[ 5.] The Clerk reported that he had received a telephone call from Mr. Stark at 5 Hassall Reach. He enquired about the drains in Hassall Reach and requested details of the CCC contacts. The Clerk gave an up-date, from memory, and on the following morning hand-delivered a letter to Mr. Stark which contained copies of the Minute Book entries about this topic, in chronological order. He also copied this letter to Cllr. Bain.

[ 6.] The Clerk asked for any outstanding completed forms, for opinions requested by DETR concerning proposed changes in the code of conduct, to be handed to him, for forwarding to DETR. Cllr. Maple requested that he may deliver his in the near future and this was accepted. No other forms were forthcoming.

[ 7.] The Clerk confirmed that he had written to KCC, as instructed, to inform them of the Council's opinions regarding the type of future KCC leadership preferred.

[ 8.] The Clerk confirmed that he has informed CCC Planning that the Council recommends approval of Applications CA/01/0158/THA & CA/012/0234/THA.

[ 9.] The Clerk confirmed that he has supplied the Chairman with all the relevant correspondence concerning CA/0/1261/THA 79 New House Lane, as requested.

[10.] The Clerk confirmed that he hand-delivered a letter requesting cutting back shrubbery overhanging the

footway adjacent to the Flint Cottage in Ashford Road. He received a telephone response, with the promise that it would be seen to.

As the shrubbery appears not to have been cut back, the Clerk was instructed to write again to the occupants.

- [11.] The Clerk confirmed that he had replied to Kent County Constabulary regarding their comments on parking at the corner of Tonford Lane and Grays Way.  
He also thanked for information concerning speed cameras on the A28.

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

G. PAGE	Travel Claim. Harrietsham Rural White Paper Info. Day.	£14.69
D. E. GOULD	Salary Jan/Feb/Mar.	£1232.41
	2/3 Telephone Rental	28.88
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		£1261.29
INLAND REVENUE	Nat. Insce. contribution	16.11
S.L.C.C.	Annual subscription from 1/1/01	48.00

It was proposed by Cllr. Blackman, seconded by Cllr. .Bain 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 £3,133.21 at 12/03//01 including £2.80 gross interest to 11/03//01.

HSBC: Statement for Business No-notice a/c showing balance of £1,245.87 at 27/3/01 including £6.89 gross interest to 1/3/01

INLAND REVENUE: New Payslip Booklet for payments after April 2001

INLAND REVENUE (CANTERBURY OFFICE) Coding for D. E. Gould. The Clerk is querying with Ty Glas Office, regarding continuing non-PAYE.

INLAND REVENUE: DOVER OFFICE: Notification that in future all East Kent Offices will be centralised in the Dover Office.

H. M. CUSTOMS & EXCISE OFFICE, Southend-on-Sea. A new form for VAT reclaims.

H. M. CUSTOMS & EXCISE OFFICE, Notification that £153.20 will be paid into the bank account

RICOH: Request for photocopier meter reading for end of March 2001. Details 'phoned in on 30/03/01

AUDIT: The Clerk queried "The Way Ahead" in the Summary Report. It was sent in error and is not applicable.

CORNHILL INSURANCE: Acknowledgement of receipt of £294.21 and explanation of position regarding the premium for 1/6 2001 to 1/6 2002.

END OF FINANCIAL YEAR BALANCE. The Clerk announced that the Receipts & Payments Ledger had been balanced and duly signed by himself and the Chairman. A copy of these balanced accounts was supplied to each councillor.

- (5.) CORRESPONDENCE:** CORNHILL INSURANCE: Confirmation of Cllr. Maple's name replacing that of Cllr. MacMillan, for insurance cover,  
SLCC: Candidates statements for Election of Chief Executive.  
SLCC: Letter from NEC regarding election preference.

CCC: News from the CCC; Flood Scrutiny Panel Hears the Facts  
 KCC (KCS): Advertisement re photocopiers.  
 KRCC: RURAL NEWS March 2001  
 CCC: Points of View. The Conference Room, Westgate Hall; 2/4 11.00 to 12.00  
 NALC: Local Council Review March 2001 Vol. 52 No: 7 [ circulated ]  
 CCC: Notice of Election: 3/5/01. The Clerk has posted notices on North & South Ward boards.  
 KCC: Notice of Election: 3/5/01. The Clerk has posted notices on North & South Ward boards  
*[Not having received instructions from CCC or KCC following the Government's announcement to postpone Local Elections, the Clerk removed the notices from the North Ward board].*  
 THE COUNTRYSIDE AGENCY: Re: Rural Services Survey 2000  
 SEEBOARD: Newsletter BUSINESS ASSIST; Issue 3 February 2001.  
 SLCC: Notice of AGM 22/4.01 in York  
 CCC: DISTRICT LIFE. Issue 2- Spring 2001 (to circulate)  
 CCC: STREET MONITORS; Minutes of 1/3 meeting and Agenda for 10/5.  
 KAPC Canterbury Area. Agenda for meeting on April 11th, forwarded to Cllrs. Page & Bain.  
 KAPC PARISH NEWS No; 272  
 Receipt for 10/3 meeting Harrietsham.  
 Rural White Paper Info. Day II 30/5 Harrietsham.  
 Clerks' Info. Day 16./5 “  
 SOUND ADVICE: Advertisement.  
 CCC: Minutes of Extraordinary meet on April 2nd 2001; including results of returned preferences for formats of Council leadership.  
 WYE FARMERS' MARKET; Request to put up notices.  
 KCC, CHIEF EXECUTIVE: Best Value Performance Plan March 2001. Comments requested  
 To be circulated. The Clerk offered to duplicate reply forms and return them all together, if returned to him by the June meeting.  
*[The Clerk had queried the term “chi-squared”, in the statistics. CCC took trouble to investigate, ring me back and subsequently send written explanation]*  
 KENT COUNTY CONSTABULARY: Parish Council Forum. Minutes of 18/1/01 meeting. [including Crime Figures] Next meeting at the Guildhall, Tuesday 24/4/01 19.00 hrs. for 19.30.  
 It was noted that Thanington did not appear as a separate statistical area.  
 TNRC: Invitation to Open Day on May 7th at 12 o'clock. Clerk has replied accepting.  
 Invitations and a poster were distributed to all councillors.  
 CCC: Flooding Issues. Meeting at 5 p.m. at CCC Conference Room 1 & 2 Thursday 19/4. Cllr. Bain and the Clerk hope to attend.  
 CCC CHIEF EXECUTIVE: Best Value Performance Plan 2001/2002 & Corporate Plan 2000/2003 [to circulate]  
 CCC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING: Canterbury District Cycle Strategy. The Clerk telephoned to Sheila Webb, for comments, but was unable to speak to her before this meeting.  
 SLCC: Review of Society's Constitution.

**( 6.) PLANNING:** CA/01/0158/01 187 Ashford Road. Minor amendments; for information only.

AGENDA for 29/3/01, forward to the Chairman Several items high-lighted, including reference to crossings opposite TNRC and near Warren Lodge, Ashford Road.

Later, an errata copy.

Agenda & List of Applications for April 3rd

A supplementary report for 3/4 was subsequently received.

CA /01/0328/THA 23 Ashenden Close.

Single-storey extension & conservatory to side of dwelling.

The Clerk was instructed to write to CCC Planning to recommend APPROVAL.

CA/01/0338/THA 9, New House Close.

Two and single-storey side and rear extensions to dwelling.

The Clerk was instructed to write to CCC Planning to recommend APPROVAL.

CA/01/0282/THA Tonford Manor, Tonford Lane

Erection of detached outbuilding, replacement conservatory and external alterations to

dwelling.

The Clerk was instructed to write to CCC Planning to recommend APPROVAL.

CAL/01/0034/THA Tonford Manor, Tonford Lane

Demolition of conservatory, Garage & Tool-shed, erection of detached outbuildings and replacement conservatory & internal and external alterations to dwelling.

The Clerk was instructed to write to CCC Planning to recommend APPROVAL.

CAS01/0045/THA. Land at New House Lane, Thanington. Details submitted to condition 03 of CA/00/1219/THA relating to storage and disposal of waste. Application granted.

The Clerk queried this and was told that it had been sent in error. It should have been addresses to the applicant.

Cllr. Blackman asked if there had been any decision received, concerning 0234/THA 42 Tonford Lane. The Clerk confirmed that nothing has yet been received

- (7) **REPORTS:** The Clerk had attended the launch of CCC's Points of View, at Westgate Hall on Monday April 2nd. and he commented on that meeting. There were about a dozen or so council office staff, with the Chief Executive, but only 5 or 6 visitors. The Clerk was given a pack, for distribution to councillors. On 5/3 he received a letter regretting that he was unable to attend and which enclosed a second pack.
- (8) **STREET LIGHTING :** There were no items for discussion.
- (9) **PARISH AFFAIRS:** The Clerk informed that Cllr. Blackman had spoken to him about renewed complaints about the activities around the Tonford Bridge area; (i) cars blocking entrances to Hassall Reach properties, (ii) churning up the parking area and (iii) littering on other side of level crossing. She gave the Clerk a telephone number to Mid Kent Fisheries [730668]. The Clerk spoke to the Manager, Mr. Logsdon, (Chairman of the Fishing Club). He was most co-operative. His mobile phone number is 07967 226952. He referred to Martin Wood as being the local River Warden. (mobile 07771 864026). Much blame was directed towards possible poachers. An AGM is due shortly and the complaints will be mentioned. Good relations with local residents is a priority.

The Clerk reported that Cllr. Goddard had referred to an apparently abandoned motor vehicle near 71 Thanington Road. He simultaneously mentioned another abandoned car on the A2, visible from the playing field. The Clerk telephoned to the Police. They were aware of the latter and were grateful for being informed about the former, with which they would deal.

The Clerk later informed the Police that the vehicle had been moved towards St. Nicholas Road and was in a more dangerous position.

The Police subsequently informed the Clerk that the owner was aware of the situation and that the car was mechanically unroadworthy.(PG9 5824). The matter was in hand, but if the vehicle had not been moved within the next five days, they would appreciate being informed. [To PC Stevenson 4:605]

The Clerk attempted to contact P. C. Stevenson on Monday 9/4 but was informed that he would not be available until a few days time. The Clerk left a message for him and gave details for general information.

The Clerk reported that Cllr. Blackman had informed him that a NO ENTRY sign in Tonford Lane had been knocked down. The Clerk advised CCC Highways. Cll. Blackman reported fallen sign removed.

The Clerk reported that he had informed CCC Street Lighting that the cover on a street-lighting standard, outside St. Nicholas Church, was on the ground and wires were exposed.

The Clerk reported that Cllr. Blackman had queried with him a conversation with Mr. Thomas, at TNRC, concerning the Council Houses opposite and the position regarding access and hard-standing areas. Mr. Thomas quoted Mr. Walkling. The Clerk spoke to Mr. Walkling, CCC Housing Area Manager, who explained that residents had been informed that measures would be taken to prevent access to front gardens across the grass verge, unless special permission had been applied for and granted. This would only be for cases of extreme disability and even then, road-safety conditions would be seriously considered.

The Clerk took the opportunity to raise, once again, the matter of hard-standing outside 55 Thanington Road. Mr. Walkling informed him that bollards would be positioned, very soon, to prevent cars parking.

The grass verge would be restored.

The Clerk also asked about the areas around the new paths around the telephone kiosk. This too will be turfed, but there are currently delays due to the foot & mouth restrictions.

Finally, Mr. Walkling referred to the improvements programmed for the Thanington Estate, with new fencing and tree-planting.

Cllr. Page referred to a red car T752TK7 which has been left standing right across the footway, on the newly repaired surface, outside 71 Thanington Road.

The Clerk told of a telephone conversation with Mr. Bell ,at CCC Highways, concerning this matter in general and Mr. Bell's efforts to get Police action. The situation will be monitored and a request for supportive Parish Council action, if still necessary, was made.

Cllr. Page read out the latest edition of Focus and from a copy of a letter from Cllr. Martin Vye, distributed to residents of Ashford Road, Tonford Lane, Grays Way, Hassall Reach, concerning pedestrian crossings over the A28, both opposite the TNRC and by the Post Office.

The Clerk commented that as a P. S. to the invitations to the Parish Meeting on April 24th, he had added how pleased the Parish Council was to read that there appeared to be hope that its long and persistent request for a crossing west of Tonford Lane, may materialise.

Cllr. Goddard observed that no action had yet been taken to repair pot-holes in Strangers Close.

He also announced, with great pleasure, that he has at long last received a reply to a letter he wrote to CCC *years ago*, and to which he has often referred.

Cllr. Goddard also said that his mobile telephone number 0777 9861749 would be replacing the number previously provided.

Cllr. Bain reported that the notices concerning Foot & Mouth restrictions, put up on Tonford Bridge, were no longer there. There was some public confusion, as it was not clear whether these had been officially removed or not. The Clerk undertook to obtain clarification from CCC and/or the PRWO and to advise Cllr. Bain.

Cllr. Bain also reported that the street light outside 155 Ashford Road was permanently on all day. The Clerk undertook to inform CCC Street Lighting.

Cllr. Stokes commented on the recently cut back shrubbery, overhanging Cockering Road, stating that it already needed more attention. The Clerk explained that CCC had previously requested the land-owner to attend to this and that he would bring the matter to their attention.

Cllr. Furness drew attention to the amount of litter lying at the eastern end of footpath CC 58, behind Ashenden Close. The Clerk undertook to inform CCC.

**(10.) FOOTPATHS:**

The Clerk reported that CCC had telephoned to inform him, on 19/3 that Thanington now falls within an infected area. On 20/3 posters were received. One was for Dog Owners and the other about Footpath closures. In response to the Clerk's query, the Dog Owner notice has been posted in North Ward and copied and sent to Cllr. Pringle, for the South Ward notice board. The other notices are reserves, in case of requests for replacements.

PROW Officer Mike Ellis: Notification of a PPP grant of £150, to be sent by the Finance Section.

The letter was read out by the Chairman.

The cheque was received today and paid in to the Treasurer Account.

PROW Officer Mike Ellis. A letter informed that as from 1 April 2001 KCC will be managing the rights of way network in the whole of the Canterbury area directly. All queries regarding public rights of way should be forwarded to the New Street, Dover address rather than to CCC.

HIGHWAY UNIT , Canterbury. Steve Rivers, the Highway Manager, wrote to advise about the Future Management of the PROW Service, being taken over by KCB, with Andy Hutchinson as Team Leader.

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

**(12.) PARISH MEETING:** The Chairman has supplied the Clerk with a copy of his proposed Annual report for ARCA's AGM on 28/03 and also a copy of his draft for reports to Ena Blake (for the Kentish Gazette) and Ann Martin, for the Church Magazine.

The Chairman has supplied the Clerk with the Accounts of The Harris Pension Charity, for presentation at the Parish Meeting.

The ARCA Treasurer has supplied the Clerk with a copy of the Annual Financial Statement.

The Clerk has sent invitations to attend the Parish Meeting to the usual councillors and representatives of organisations.

The Clerk has prepared luminous notices advertising the Parish Meeting, to be distributed and/or placed on Notice Boards. He has also prepared the official notification for the North & South Ward boards.

The Clerk has prepared the usual advertisement for insertion in Adscene prior to the Parish Meeting.

The Clerk provided all councillors with a copy of the Agenda for the 24/4 Parish Meeting, which included a Financial balance sheet, on which the Chairman will report. The Chairman and Clerk will liaise over any anticipated needs for explanation.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next Meeting will be held at the ARCA Clubhouse on Monday May 14th at 7.30p. m.. **This will be the Annual General Meeting.**

**CLOSURE:** There being no further business, the Chairman declared the Meeting closed at 8.54 p. m.