

MINUTES OF A MEETING  
of  
THANINGTON WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL  
held  
Ashford Road Community Association Clubhouse, Thanington Without,  
on Monday June 11th at 7. 30 p. m.

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

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr. Goddard had previously informed that he would be away on holiday.  
Cllr. Stokes was engaged at his place of employment.  
These apologies were accepted.

Cllr. Potts was also absent. The Chairman expressed concern over his continued non-attendance, due to ill-health.

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

(2.) **MATTERS ARISING:**

- [ 1.] A letter from Mr. Tickner, accompanying his invoice, was read out by the Chairman. Comments were made that this part of the project had been more expensive than anticipated.
- [ 2.] The Clerk confirmed that the cheques approved at the May meeting have been despatched
- { 3.] The Clerk confirmed that a cheque for £8,000.00 has been paid in to the National Savings Investment a/c.
- [ 4.] The Clerk confirmed that the transfer of £4,000.00 from the business a/c to Treasurer a/c has been processed..
- [ 5.] The Clerk reminded that further details about the appointment of a new Clerk were scheduled for this meeting. The Chairman proposed dealing with this matter under ITEM ( 9.) PARISH AFFAIRS.
- [ 6.] The Clerk confirmed that he had contacted Ted Edwards concerning Cllr. Bain's request about following up on the promises made at the recent Flooding Meeting. A site visit is scheduled for Tuesday May 29th and he will respond soon. The matter has not been overlooked  
Cllr. Bain commented that he had, in fact, met the group of three inspectors when they visited the area in question. They discussed future plans, which included the possibility of a drain in the river.  
It was stated that it was considered that there were no significant causes for concern over pollution from sewage.
- [ 7.] The Clerk announced that he has reported to CCC Street Scene that the brick wall close to the telephone kiosks opposite the Playing Field, in Thanington Road is covered in graffiti.  
CC referred the Clerk to Seeboard. The Clerk reported to Seeboard and also drew attention to the damaged surrounding fence at another sub-station at the junction of Ashford Road and Grays Way.
- [ 8.] The Clerk confirmed that he has recommended the Planning Application CA/01/0443/THA Land at Iffin Farm be REFUSED.  
And that 0477/THA 12 Tonford Lane and 0476/THA 3 New House Lane both be APPROVED.
- [ 9.] The Clerk confirmed that he has reported that the pot-holes in Strangers Close had still not been repaired and were now larger.

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- [10.] The Clerk has reported that immediately outside 7 Strangers Close a large KEEP CLEAR notice had been painted on the road surface. Initially it had been blatantly ignored by a neighbour but Cllr. Goddard will monitor this.  
The Clerk reported on further developments.
- [11.] The Clerk has reported the continued parking of vehicles on and across the newly laid footway outside 73 Thanington Road.
- [12.] The Clerk has expressed, to the Highways Unit, appreciation of the fact that, at very long last, action has been taken about the prevention of vehicles mounting the footway and grass verge, near the telephone kiosks in Thanington Road, opposite the Playing Field.  
However, he also referred to expressions, made by some councillors, as to the "over the top" expense of the new, high wooden posts. He also referred to concern expressed about the safety, especially of children, obscured by the new posts, and the query as to whether they complied with Safety Regulations.  
Attention was drawn to the fact that apparently crude attempts had been made to chop down the tops of some posts. This did not appear to have been done officially.
- [13.] The Clerk confirmed that he has spoken to Brian Watmough, at CCC, about the fact that the rowan tree, near the seat, at the junction of Grays Way & Thanington Road, had died. and he had asked if CCC could consider supplying a replacement. Mr. Watmough undertook to refer the matter to Mr. Adrian Potts.
- [14.] The Clerk referred to having spoken to Paula Spencer at TNRC about problems of parking outside TNRC, on Thursday, when there were masses of cars. He was assured that this was due to Auctions held at the Community Centre and had nothing to do with the TNRC. She added that ample parking space was available at the TNRC.
- [15.] The Clerk confirmed that he had reported to Highways Unit that councillors had received several requests from residents for action to be taken to reduce the noise made by traffic crossing over some form of man-hole cover outside 121 Ashford Road.  
It was observed that sprayed marking had now been made around the cover.
- [16.] The Clerk confirmed that he has telephoned to PROW Officer, Mike Ellis, to explain that he would be retiring at the end of the year, but would act as the contact person in the interim period.

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

G. D. TICKNER Erection of Seat	£358.93
G. PAGE Chairman's Allowance	£75.00
D. E. GOULD Reimbursement for Cash Payment to Petty Cash 24/5/01	£25.00

It was proposed by Cllr. Bain, seconded by Cllr. Blackman and unanimously agreed that these payments be made. The cheques were then signed by the named councillors.

**( 4.) FINANCES: INLAND REVENUE: Request for details of National Insurance contributions. Form completed and returned immediately.**

HSBC: Bank statement for Treasurer a/c showed a balance of £426,46 on 31/5/01.  
and for Business a/c a balance of £10,871.87 on 31/5/01.

The Clerk telephoned on 5/6 and arranged for £4,000. 00 to be transferred from the Business a/c to the Treasurer a/c.

ARCA TREASURER: The Clerk was informed that he was no longer required to sign the annual Charity Commission forms on behalf of the Parish Council, as Custodial Trustees.

**( 5.) CORRESPONDENCE:**

CCC ACTING RETURNING OFFICER. Notices regarding Parliamentary Election 7/6/01. Statement as to persons nominated and notice of poll. Posted in North Ward and copy sent to Cllr. Pringle.

CCC: Date of Council & Committee meetings 2001/2002

RICOH: As from 1/7/01 photocopier invoices will be made directly from Ricoh

CC DEPUTY RETURNING OFFICER. Two posters for KCC 7/6/01 NOTICE OF POLL. One copy forwarded to Cllr. Pringle. the other put up on Notice Board.

KRCC: Oast to Coast To be circulated.

SLCC: Notification of Kent Branch Meeting at Herne Common on Tuesday June 12th 2001 at 10.00 a. m.

Also enclosed a request for Parish details for SLCC data base.

The Clerk has sent his apologies for not being able to attend the meeting.

KAPC: PARISH NEWS No: 274

Councillors' Information Day. Teynham Village Hall Saturday 21/11.

KCC The Vision for Kent.

KENT ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND: Request to put up a poster.

**( 6.) PLANNING:** Supplementary report 29/3/01.

CCC HEAD OF STRATEGIC PLANNING: London Manston Airport - Masterplan (Circulated)

**( 7.) REPORTS:****( 8.) STREET LIGHTING :****( 9.) PARISH AFFAIRS:** The Clerk reported that he had received a note, from Cllr. Goddard, requesting him to contact Ruth Goudie at CCC Highways regarding the KEEP CLEAR notice in Strangers Lane. The Clerk did so and attempted to report back to Cllr. Goddard.

The Clerk reported that Cllr. Furness had informed him that a local resident had complained about the state of the footway outside 101 Thanington Road. The Clerk has notified Highways Unit.

The Clerk raised the matter of grass cutting. It was agreed that he should request our usual contractor to cut the Tonford area, across the part west of the path to the fence and in the car park area. Also, on Cllr. Pringle's suggestion that the overhanging shrubbery of the Hollow Lane elevated footpath be cut back.

The Clerk drew attention to the, tragic, fatal accident to a cyclist resident of Thanington Road, reported in the local press.

Cllr. Page read from a press cutting about a new skate-board site for Thanington Recreation Ground.

Cllr. Page referred to the request from KAPC (Canterbury Area) for comments on the area meetings by representative participants. He read out his own response, which he has returned. Some quite frank criticisms were included. Cllr. Bain confirmed that he too has returned his completed form, with similar comments.

Cllr. Page referred to his undertaking, made at the previous Parish Council Meeting, to write to KCC, CCC and the local press, concerning long-standing problems in Hollow Lane. He apologised for the fact that he had not yet completed this task, but that it had not been overlooked. He hoped to complete the task soon.

The Clerk commented that repairs have been carried out on the numerous pot-holes in Alfred Road.

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Cllr. Page commented that the overhanging shrubbery near the Flint Cottages in Ashford Road were still a problem. The Clerk was instructed to contact CCC about this.

The Chairman raised the matter of procedures for the appointment of a new Parish Clerk. He read out a proposed timetable for advertising and interviewing.

It was agreed to possibly put in press advertisements even earlier, in the second week of July for three weeks; applications to be made to the Chairman by August 17th 2001.

The Clerk recommended advertisements for all notice-boards and this was agreed.

Interviews August 28th onwards. The Chairman, Vice Chairman and Cllr. Bain agreed to act on the Interviewing Board and it was agreed for the interviews to be held at ARCA, if possible.

The current timing was to appoint by September 1st and for the new Clerk to attend the October and November meetings.; then take the Minutes at the December meeting [which the present Clerk would simply attend]. The new clerk would take over duties for January 2002.

Cllr. Bain stated that the Ashford Road name sign, near the round about, was missing. The Clerk undertook to report this to CCC.

He also commented that the shrubbery between TNRC and the Community Centre needed trimming. The Clerk undertook to follow up on this.

Cllr. Blackman referred to known young boys riding motor-cycles noisily around Tonford Lane, not wearing helmets. Cllr. Pringle recalled an earlier incident in South Ward when motor-cycle Police dealt with a similar problem. The Clerk undertook to contact the Police.

Cllr. Pringle referred to correspondence about 18months ago regarding mobile speed-check trailers for the New House Lane area. Nothing has been heard since. The Clerk undertook to follow up on this matter

He added that he could not understand that there are no speed restrictions for Hollow Lane.

Cllr. Maple raised the matter of the meeting promised to deal with Hollow Lane problems, and that there had been no further action.

(10.) **FOOTPATHS:** There were no items for discussion.

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

(12.) **PARISH MEETING:** : There were no items for discussion.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next Meeting will be held at the ARCA Clubhouse on Monday July 9th. at 7. 30p. m..

**CLOSURE:** There being no further business to be discussed, the Chairman declared the Meeting closed at 8.17 p. m.