

MINUTES OF A MEETING
of
THANINGTON WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL
held at
Ashford Road Community Association Clubhouse, Thanington Without
on Monday, October 8th, 2001.

PRESENT:- Councillors Mrs. P. Blackman, Messrs. I. Bain, G. Furness, K. Goddard, T. Maple, G. Page, K. Stokes and the Clerk.

CHAIRMAN: Cllr. Mr. G. Page.

APOLOGIES. The Chairman read out a letter from CCC Cllr Eden-Green

The Chairman announced that he had received a letter signed by Cllr. Potts tendering his resignation, due to extended ill health. The Chairman has provided the Clerk with a copy. The Clerk reported that he has posted a Notice of Vacancy for a new Councillor on the notice board and has advised the Returning Officer that he has done so.

Cllr. A. Pringle sent a message of apology by Cllr. Maple, as he had another pressing appointment.

(1.) **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:** The Minutes of the September meeting were unanimously approved and duly signed by the Chairman.

(2.) **MATTERS ARISING:**

[1.] The Clerk confirmed that all cheques approved at the September meeting have been despatched.

[2.] The Clerk confirmed that the advertisement for Clerk's replacement has been processed as agreed. He has also posted a similar version on the North & South notice-boards.

It was unanimously agreed that after a Contract had been drawn up that Mr. Roger Cheeseworth be offered the post as Clerk, to commence on January 1st 2002. It was hoped that he would be able to attend the preparation of the Budget with the Chairman and the Clerk and attend the November meetings as an observer, before taking the Minutes of the December meeting.

On December 13th the Chairman passed a copy of his letter to Mr. Cheeseworth, offering the post of Clerk. The Chairman remarked on subsequent progress. This included reading out a letter he had received from Mr. Cheeseworth in which he enquired about his position regarding remuneration for the use of a room, and the use of various facilities. The Chairman explained that he had sought advice from KAPC and had advised Mr. Cheeseworth to this effect. KAPC replied very promptly and the Chairman read out that letter to councillors.. Meanwhile Mr. Cheeseworth had regretted that he could not attend a meeting with the Chairman and Clerk, on November 9th. However, he had signed and returned his copy of the Contract and Conditions of Employment, which the Clerk holds on file.

There followed discussion and the Clerk was instructed to summarise the deliberations in a letter to Mr. Cheeseworth. It was decided to await developments and to review the matter of remunerations at a future meeting.

[3.] Mr. Govier, at KCC Highways Unit replied concerning repairs between Merton Lane & New House Lane. He offered to meet with councillors, on site. The Clerk has endeavoured to put him in touch with Cllr. Pringle, to arrange a meeting, including Cllr. Maple. It had not yet been arranged by 8/10.

[4.] The Clerk confirmed that he has informed CCC Planning that the Parish Council recommends that Applications CA/01/0843/THA and CA/01/0942/THA be approved.

[5.] The Clerk has written to the Principal of New House Nursery School, New House Lane, to thank her for her letter regarding traffic problems, as instructed.

[6.] The Clerk confirmed that he has reported the continued, blatant blocking of the new Keep Clear area, by local residents, in Strangers Close. Cllr. Goddard stated that the problem continues.
The Chairman read out a reply from Ruth Goudie. In a subsequent telephone conversation, she agreed to put forward a recommendation for double yellow lines, in due course.

[7.] Following a request from residents in Ashenden Close, the Clerk reported to Ms Goudie at Highways Unit, that cars parking at the junction with Strangers Lane were making it difficult for vehicles turning into the Close. She undertook to put forward a recommendation for double yellow lines, in due course.

[8.] The Clerk reported that he had informed Brian Watmough at CCC, that a vehicle had damaged a tree near the turning area at the top of Ashenden Close. Mr. Watmough undertook to investigate this.

[09.] The Clerk has written to Warren Lodge regarding use of a house number, as instructed.
He has not yet received a reply.

(3.) APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS:

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| D.E.GOULD. | Salary July/Aug/Sep 2001 | £1275.54 |
| | 2/3 Telephone rental | <u>29.19</u> |
| | | £1,304.73 |

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| KENT COUNTY COUNCIL Stationery | | £22.41 |
| | Including VAT | £3.41 |
| KENT COUNTY COUNCIL Photocopier | | £91.16 |
| | Including VAT | £13.58 |

INLAND REVENUE to end of September 01 £14.28

It was proposed by Cllr. Page, seconded by Cllr. Bain and unanimously agreed that the above payments be approved. The cheques were then signed by the named councillors.

(4.) FINANCES: DISTRICT AUDIT A Summary Report was collected from the Auditors on September 14th. There were a few small amendments which require Council approval and signatures of the Chairman and Clerk before return to Lisa Jones. There were general positive comments about the keeping of records and for audit presentation. The introduction of Standing Orders was noted. with approval. The addition of Threshold limits were recommended for the future. Mysteriously, the Summary was mislaid and so the Chairman was unable to read it out at the meeting. The Auditor, Mr. Baker, will send a replacement copy. The amendments to the Balance were unanimously approved and duly signed by the Chairman and Clerk. This will be returned to the Auditors. The Clerk has posted on the notice board, and sent a copy to Cllr. Pringle, of the required form informing local electors that the Audit has been completed.

The Auditors also requested a balance sheet from ARCA which the Clerk has undertaken to supply. Tony Martin kindly provided a copy which the Clerk has forwarded to Auditor Lisa Jones.

HSBC Bank statement for Treasurer Account; Balance at 12/9/01 of £ 1,938.74 including interest of £ 0.16 to 11/9/01

HSBC: Bank Statement No-notice business a/c Balance at 27/9/01 £6,938.05 including Gross Interest £32.92 to 6/9.

KCC: Re: Photocopier Payment to KCC for 01.04.01 to 30.06.01 due to KCC.
The Clerk telephoned Debbie at Ricoh on 020 8261 4190 to clarify the situation.

The Clerk advised Kent County Supplies that payment would be processed at the October meeting..

KENT COUNTY SUPPLIES: An invoice for £1.95 will be queried by the Clerk.

INLAND REVENUE EAST KENT AREA. Notification of new Tax Area (in Dover)

INLAND REVENUE: Further notification of new tax district.

The Clerk referred to an Inland Revenue Penalty claim for £100 , explained the background and read out his appeal reply, to which he has not yet received a response.

The Clerk reported that he proposes transferring the sum of £5,000 from the Business a/c to the Treasurer a/c. This was unanimously agreed

HSBC: The Clerk has advised that Cllr. Potts has resigned and has requested the form for a replacement signatory.

CCC COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER: Re: Concurrent Functions Funding Application. After discussion, it was decided that no applications would be made this year. The position would be reviewed next year.

(5.) CORRESPONDENCE: EAST & WEST KENT N. H. S. HEALTH AUTHORITIES Consultation on a Proposal to Establish a New Health Authority for Kent and Medway.

Following Cllr.. Blackman's account of her experience, the Clerk was instructed to recommend improvements in their complaints procedure and to add that the Parish Council fully supports opposition to the measures proposed to change facilities at Kent & Canterbury Hospital

REFF: PMP Consultancy. Re: Football facilities. The Clerk telephoned to recommend contacting CCC.

PAPERSTREAM: Advertisement.

N. H. S. Our NHS at the heart of life in East Kent.

TECHNIX: Unsolicited advertisement.

KRCC: Oast to Coast Summer 2001 .

CCC: Canterbury 2008 (4 copies)

KAPC :PARISH NEWS No: 277.

KAPC (Canterbury Area) Notice of meeting on 10/10. Passed to Cllrs. Page & Bain.

BISHOP Sports & Leisure Ltd. Unsolicited advertisement

CCVC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS OFFICER: Community Planning Research for Canterbury District.

J. TOMS Ltd.: Unsolicited advertisement.

KRCC: Notification of Annual Meeting at Harrietsham on 19/10/01

KRCC: Minutes of the Council Meeting 29/6-01

Notification of Annual Meeting 19/10 Harrietsham.

ENVIRONMENT AGENCY: Local Environment Agency Plan; KENT AREA.

Kentish Stour Countryside Project: Free Tree Scheme.

KENT POLICE AUTHORITY: Re: Consultation with Representatives 2001.

NLCC LOCAL COUNCIL REVIEW; September 2001, [To be circulated]

KAPC; Finance Info. Day 17/10 Harrietsham

THE COUNTRYSIDE AGENCY: Revitalise your village.

SLCC: Kent Branch; Notification of meeting at Walderslade on 16/10. The Clerk has sent his apologies.

CCC COMMUNITY SERVICES: Best Value Inspection for the Refuse/Recycling Service.

[Passed to the Chairman (for circulating).

KAPC: Annual Report for 2000/2001 Notice of AGM Attendance RSVP

PARISH COUNCILS FORUM: AGENDA for 16/10

ZURICH MUNICIPAL: Re: Risk Assessment. This was noted.

(6.) PLANNING : CCC: Agenda and List of Planning Applications, dated 19/9 , and also a Supplementary Report dated 8/9 which were forwarded to the Chairman.

CA/01/0942/THA Minor amendments. Replacing detached garage. The Clerk was instructed to recommend APPROVAL

CA/01/0443 Iffin Farm GRANTED

CA/01/0843 Cockering Barns GRANTED

Supplementary Report 18/9
Further “ “ “

CA/01/0965/THA Milton Manor, Ashford Road
Extension & alterations to single storey accommodation, alterations to front extension.
Recommendations were requested by October 2nd, but it was agreed for the Clerk to
telephone after the 8/10 and then confirm in writing.
The Clerk was instructed to recommend APPROVAL.

CCC: STRATEGIC PLANNING: Blean Woods and the Great & Little Stour Valleys; Landscape
Appraisal.

CA/01/0942/THA 57 New House Lane GRANTED

CA/01/1042/THA 12 New House Lane
Single storey extension to form garage to side of dwelling
The Clerk was instructed to recommend APPROVAL.

CA/01/0914/THA 42 New House Lane. GRANTED.

(7.) **REPORTS:** There were no items to report.

(8.) **PARISH AFFAIRS:** Highway Unit: Notification about new bus services intended for “the housebound”
A Copy forwarded to Cllr: Blackman. Cllr. Blackman was not aware that she had received this, but she had
seen details reported in the local newspaper.

The Clerk has arranged an introductory meeting at his home to give Mr, Cheeseworth to
ask questions about the job and to discuss some of work of a Parish Clerk.

The Clerk confirmed that he had received copies of a letter to Mr. Cheeseworth, offering
him the post as Clerk, as from 1-1-2002.

The Chairman has sent the Clerk a copy of a letter from Roger Cheeseworth enquiring about additional
reimbursements. The Chairman has written to KAPC to ask for advice and copied his letter to the Clerk.

The Clerk has received an estimate from Jordan & Jarrett for the removal of the Clerk’s materials
to Mr. Cheeseworth, in the sum of £222.06. He has also requested Ricoh to move the photocopier on around
December 18th and continue the hiring arrangement. The Clerk was thanked for making these arrangements and he
undertook to accept the offer.

Cllr. Blackman requested support from the Parish Council to follow up on the complaints which
she and local residents had made to Stagecoach about local bus services. The Clerk undertook to write.

Cllr. Blackman also passed on a local resident’s objection to the pornographic nature of magazines
and videos displayed at the Post Office.

Cllr. Blackman referred to the potential danger caused by overgrowing shrubbery, west of The
Flint Cottages, in Ashford Road. The CCC officer concerned, Stan Bell, will be informed of the problem and
supplied with details.

Cllr. Page explained the reasons for the delayed appearance of his monthly report to Ena Blake,
for publication in the Kentish Gazette which had been beyond his control and were not due to lethargy on his part.

Cllr. Goddard requested that the Council complains about the complete absence of litter bins around the Recreation
Ground field and that a “poop scoop” bin be provided free of charge. Anecdotal reports leave the Council with the
impression that insufficient checking and follow-up is being made by wardens on dog-owners

Cllr. Bain reported that a stop-cock flap is raised and potentially dangerous, near the corner of Tonford Lane and
Grays Way. In the event of difficulty in locating, please contact Cllr. Ian Bain on 01227 464946.)

The Clerk undertook to report this to CCC.

Cllr. Bain commented that the Ashford Road road name sign is still missing from the Milton Bridge roundabout, on the A 28. It was reported 3 or 4 months ago

Cllr. Blackman reported that a damaged water-hydrant sign is potentially dangerous. It is on the corner near the car parking area at the bottom of Tonford Lane.(In the event of difficulty in locating, please contact Cllr. Pam Blackman on 01227 761699.) The Clerk undertook to report this to CCC

Cllr. Maple presented Cllr. Pringle's observation that fly-tipping surrounds the telephone kiosk at the junction of New House Lane/Hollow Lane .Glass is broken in the same kiosk. The Clerk undertook to report both matters. Cllr. Maple requested that the Council write to CCC Planning to express their extreme disappointment with the decision to allow approval of Application CA/01/0443/THA and to request replies to the specific points of objection presented in the letter submitted by the local residents. Further details may be obtained from Cllr. Maple (01227 761329).

(9) FOOTPATHS: BTCV: Re: Joint Local Groups Committee. The Clerk telephoned to request termination of correspondence now that we are no longer members.

(10) STREET LIGHTING: Cllr. Stokes reported that the lights outside 17, 21, 22 in Strangers Lane are all out of action. The Clerk undertook to inform CCC.

NEXT MEETING: The next Meeting will be held at the ARCA Clubhouse on Monday, November 12th

CLOSURE: There being no further business to be discussed, the Chairman declared the Meeting closed at 9.20 p. m.