

MINUTES OF A MEETING  
of  
THANINGTON WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL  
held at  
Ashford Road Community Association Clubhouse, Thanington Without  
on Monday, November 12th, 2001.

**PRESENT:-** Councillors Mrs. P. Blackman, Messrs. I. Bain, , T. Maple, G. Page, Mr. A. Pringle, K. Stokes, the Clerk and Mr. Roger Cheeseworth [Clerk elect].

**CHAIRMAN:** Mr. G. Page.

The Chairman opened the meeting by introducing Mr. Cheeseworth to the councillors. He added that he hoped that Clerk elect would find his observations to be helpful towards his involvement in future meetings.

**APOLOGIES.** Cllr. Furness had an appointment in London and Cllr. Goddard had previously informed that he may be in hospital. The apologies were accepted.

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

**(2) MATTERS ARISING:**

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

[ 2.] The Clerk commented that he had received copies from the Chairman, of correspondence from Cllr. Maple.

[ 3.] The Clerk confirmed that he has written to the Director of CCC Development requesting replies to specific questions asked about CA/01/0443/THA, as referred to by Cllr. Maple.

The Clerk explained that Lucinda Green had telephoned to say that the Clerk's letter to the Director of Planning had been passed to her, via Craig Savage, but that she could not trace previous correspondence. She undertook to reply to the points raised as fully as time allowed. The Clerk said that no reply had yet been received.

Cllr. Pringle proposed that the Clerk should write to the Director inviting him and/or Lucinda Green to attend a meeting of the Council in order to discuss the recent equine applications. There was unanimous agreement with this proposal and the Clerk undertook to write to the Director.

[ 4.] The Clerk confirmed that he has informed CCC Planning that the Parish Council recommends that Applications CA/01/0942 and CA/01/0965 be approved.

[ 5.] Clerk confirmed that he had summarised the deliberations, regarding possible additional remunerations, in a letter to Mr. Cheeseworth. It was decided to await developments and to review the matter at a future meeting.

The Chairman first outlined the information he had accumulated regarding reimbursement to clerks. He then asked Mr. Cheeseworth to express his reactions to this. After some discussion it was agreed that Mr. Cheeseworth would submit some specific details in support of his request, in time for the December 10th meeting, which he hoped to be attending.

[6.] Cllr. Pringle telephoned to inform the Clerk that Mr. Govier, at KCC Highways Unit has contacted him concerning repairs between Merton Lane & New House Lane. It was agreed that it was no longer necessary to arrange a meeting. Cllr. Maple had been informed.

[7.] The Clerk reported that the road-name signs for Ashford Road at the A28 roundabout are in position.

[ 8] The Clerk confirmed that he has reported that a stop-cock flap is raised and potentially dangerous, near the corner of Tonford Lane and Grays Way.

Cllr. Bain said that the flap was, in fact, for gas and that it had not been attended to. The Clerk undertook to report this matter to British Gas.

[ 9.]The Clerk confirmed that he has written to Jordan & Jarrett to accept the offer and arrangements for the removal to Roger Cheeseworth. The Clerk explained the position regarding extra packing boxes and that a nominal charge would be processed but that this would be reimbursed upon receipt of the signed acceptance.

10.] The Clerk confirmed that he has 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.

Cllr. Bain reported that he had personally managed to temporarily restore the hydrant to a less dangerous position.

[11.] The Clerk confirmed that he has reported the fly-tipping and the damage at the telephone kiosk in New House Lane.

[12.] The Clerk confirmed that he had written to Stagecoach, as instructed.

[13.] The Clerk confirmed that he has written to CCC regarding Cllr. Goddard's complaints about the Recreation Ground, as instructed.

The Chairman read out a reply from the Street Scene Manager, stating that they could not afford to help.

[14.] The Clerk announced that the Electoral Registration Officer had confirmed that the Council may now appoint a coopted member for North Ward, following Cllr. Pott's resignation, as soon as possible.

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

RICOH UK LTD. Photocopier	£88.31
Including VAT £13.15	

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: Inland Revenue. New payslip booklet 2001-2002**

HSBC: Statement of Treasurer a/c. Balance at 12/10 £5,381.42, including £0.18 gross interest to 11/10

DISTRICT AUDIT: from Lisa Jones now Lisa Robertson. Copies of the revisions to the accounts in response to the Clerk's request; but not what was required i.e. comments. A telephone call to auditor Mr. Baker yielded the advice that, providing that the amendments were made, approved and signed, then there was nothing more to do. Final approval by the District Audit would be forthcoming in due course.

DTLR: Accounts & Audit. Amendments to regulations; 23/10/01

HSBC: Mandate for signatories received.

The amendments to the Balance, which were unanimously approved and duly signed by the Chairman and Clerk, have now been returned to the Auditors.

The Auditors had also requested a balance sheet from ARCA which the Clerk undertook to supply. Tony Martin kindly provided a copy which the Clerk has forwarded to the District Audit

The Clerk has processed withdrawal of £5,000 from National Savings Investment a/c; to be paid to HSBC Business a/c. Balance remaining in National Savings is £8,064.71. Interest for 2001 is not yet entered.

VAT refund of £121.80 (the full amount claimed) has been credited to HSBC a/c 31535439. It will not be necessary to submit the next claim before some time into the future, but the new Clerk is advised to do so in time to include the credit before the 31/3/02.

VAT; a new claim form for next claim received. N. B. Reminder of new ruling from 1/4/00 about a 3 years limit.

INLAND REVENUE. A second Application regarding the £100 fine was received. The Clerk has replied enclosing a copy of his letter appealing against the FIRST application.

BUDGET & PRECEPT discussed. The Clerk reported that he had made his usual preparations to submit a budget, leading to the application for the 2002/3 precept. He explained that there were more areas requiring less precise estimation than usual. The Clerk and Chairman met to discuss the Clerk's proposed figures and it was agreed to submit a report leading to a Precept of £6,000.

The Clerk worked through the details, explaining the reasoning behind them. The Chairman proposed that the submission leading to a £6,000 Precept be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr. Bain and unanimously agreed.

The Clerk undertook to advise CCC Finance Department.

The Chairman thanked the Clerk for his efforts with the Budget & Precept.

( 5.) **CORRESPONDENCE: WOMEN'S ROYAL VOLUNTARY SERVICE.** Appeal for donation. This was discussed at some length. However, whilst recognising the good work of this organisation, it was felt that several equally worthy causes have been previously rejected and that in view of the fact that this was not a localised appeal the Council unanimously agreed not to support this one.

KENT COUNTY SUPPLIES: Newsletter

CCC STREET MONITORS. Minutes of Meeting 25/9. Next meeting 4/12

KRCC: Annual Report 2000-2001

CANTERBURY & THANET COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCIL; Annual Report 2000-2001

THE COUNTRYSIDE AGENCY: National Training Strategy for Parish & Town Councils - An update

KENT HIGHWAYS UNIT Traffic Regulation Review 2001

KENT STOUR COUNTRYSIDE PROJECT: 4 copies of Stour View.

CCC COMMUNITY SERVICES. Re: Changes to Refuse/Recycling Services

CCC: Travelwise. Think Twice.

CCC: Forwarded letter from DTLR RE: Amendments to Audit regulations 2001.

KRCC October 2001: Rural News.

KRCC: Consultation Paper on Allowances for Councillors - Extension of deadline to 9/11.

CLERKS & COUNCILS DIRECT: November 2001 Issue 18. Councillors' allowances. P.6

JPM Consultants: Invitation to the Clerk, or a representative, to a Meeting to discuss Canterbury Transport (Buses) at CCC Offices on the evening of November 14th. The letter was forwarded to Cllr. Blackman. It is not convenient for her nor for the Clerk. Cllr. Blackman offered to reply, offering our apologies and outlining details of our complaints about bus services.

KENT POLICE AUTHORITY: News Oct. 2001. More Speed Cameras for Kent.

DEFRA: Quality Parish & Town Councils: A Consultation Paper.

3 Countryside Agency leaflets:- Vital Villages

KCC TRADING STANDARDS: Details of new regulations regarding occasional sales. Accompanying notice posted on board.

RAIL PASSENGERS' COMMITTEE; Notice of meeting in Maidstone October

30th. Copy to Cllr. Blackman  
BOURNE SMALL WORKS: An unsolicited advertisement.  
ARCA: Cllr. Blackman presented the Meeting with a letter of invitation advising  
councillors of the ARCA Xmas Party on December 15th . The Chairman read out the letter.

( 6.) **PLANNING:** CCC: List of Planning Applications & Agenda for 13/11 Forwarded to the  
Chairman]

CA/01/0034/THA GRANTED

CA/01/0282/THA GRANTED

CA/01/1135/THA Land between New House Lane & Iffin Lane. (Circulated)  
Erection of stables and use of land as paddocks.  
The Clerk was instructed to recommend REFUSAL.

CA/01/1141/THA Fairlawns, Iffin Lane (Circulated)  
Conservatory to rear of dwelling.  
The Clerk was instructed to recommend APPROVAL.

Acknowledgement Ref: 862177 Craig Savage.

CA/01/0812/THA New House Lane Paddocks. GRANTED

CA/01/1079/THA and 1087/THA circulated and returned to the Clerk  
The Clerk was instructed to recommend REFUSAL of both 1079 & 1087.

CA/01/1079/THA Application GRANTED.

KCC For information. Re CA/96/1103/R5&9. Chartham Quarry. Deanery Farm,  
Chartham.

Re; Manston Airport- Environmental Statement. Comments by December 1st.

CA/01/1196/THA Cocking Barn, Cocking Road.  
Conversion of barn to four dwellings [Revised scheme]  
The Clerk was instructed to recommend APPROVAL.

Supplementary Report of the Head of Development Services 13/11/01

( 7.) **REPORTS.** There was none.

( 8.) **PARISH AFFAIRS:**

Cllr. Blackman reported an incident on the footway, near the Flint Cottages, which reinforced the need for action concerning the overhanging shrubbery. The Clerk described his attempts to get a response of the occupier and the house agent, in vain. He had been much more optimistic about the promises made by Stan Bell at CCC. The Clerk undertook to renew efforts to obtain attention to this dangerous matter.

Cllr. Page reported that Mr. Ray Allard had commented on the remnants of a wire fence around an area between the Thanington Within Community Centre and the A2, which he regarded as a possibly dangerous hazard. Some councillors commented on the poor state of that area in general. The Clerk undertook to inform CCC of these matters.

Cllr. Bain reported that the light outside No: 33 Grays Way was only glowing. The Clerk undertook to report this matter.

He also drew attention to the potential danger of the sharp turn from the A28 into Tonford Lane, especially from the Ashford direction. Better lighting is required for after dark and a “sleeping

policeman” with an associated warning notice for daylight hours. The Clerk undertook to report this.

Cllr. Blackman interjected with a reminder that the one No Entry sign removed from the pair in Tonford has not yet been replaced . The Clerk undertook to report this to CCC.

Cllr. Blackman also drew attention to the quantity of rubbish dumped outside the Post Office, near the letter box.

Cllr. Stokes drew attention to advisability of introducing double yellow lines at the junction of St. Nicholas Road into Thanington. The Clerk undertook to follow up on this matter.

Cllr. Maple spoke about the poor state of the road surface at the top of Hollow Lane towards Iffin Lane/Merton Lane and towards New House Lane.

Cllr Pringle strongly supported Cllr. Maple and stated that this was after his previously reported promising conversation with Mr. Govier. He made heavy criticism of inspectors’ presumed approval of poor quality/ insufficient repair work. The Clerk undertook to write to the Director of Highways Unit.

**(9) FOOTPATHS: BTCV Kent Connections:**

The Clerk reported that he has written to Mike Ellis to request an extra grant towards the £110 paid for clearance of Hollow Lane. The Clerk commented that he had not yet received any response.

**(10) STREET LIGHTING:** The Clerk has reported the problem with lights outside 17, 21 & 22 Strangers Lane. Cllr.Stokes commented that the lights are now functioning properly.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next Meeting will be held at the ARCA Clubhouse on Monday, December 10th 2001.

**CLOSURE :** There being no further business, the Chairman declare the Meeting closed at 9. 05 p. m.