

MINUTES OF A MEETING
of
THANINGTON WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL
held at
Ashford Road Community Association Clubhouse, Thanington Without
on Monday, December 10th, 2001

PRESENT: - Councillors Mrs P. Blackman, Messrs. I. Bain, G. Furness, K. Goddard, T. Maple, G. Page, A. Pringle, K. Stokes the Clerk and (Clerk elect – Mr R. Cheeseworth; who took the Minutes)

CHAIRMAN: - Councillor G. Page

The Chairman commenced the meeting by announcing that he had been informed that ex-Cllr. Mr Jack Potts had died on 3/12/2001. He believed that the funeral would take place at the local crematorium at noon on Wednesday December 12th. He has sent a message of condolence, on behalf of the Parish Council. He also forwarded a donation of £25 from the Chairman's Allowance through C.W.Lyons.

APOLOGIES: - There were no Apologies

- 1) **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:** The Minutes of the November meeting were unanimously approved and duly signed by the Chairman.
- 2) **MATTERS ARISING:**
 - a) The Clerk confirmed that payments approved at the November meeting have been despatched.
 - b) The Clerk confirmed that a cheque for £5000.00 has been received from National Savings and has been credited to the HSBC account.
 - c) The Clerk confirmed that CCC Planning has been informed of the following recommendations:-

Approvals	CA/01/1141/THA
	CA/01/1196/THA
Refusals	CA/01/1135/THA
	CA/01/1079/THA
	CA/01/1087/THA
 - d) The Chairman read out a reply from Stagecoach and passed it to Cllr. Blackman for the records.
 - e) The Clerk stated that he had received a reply from CCC Planning regarding equine-related applications and that he would copy them to Cllrs. Pringle & Maple and the Chairman.
 - f) The Clerk confirmed that he has written to the Highways Unit. Complaining about the road surface repairs around the top of Hollow Lane, as instructed; and had proposed a possible site meeting with Mr. Govier and a possible attendance at a future meeting by the Director and/or Mr Govier.
 - g) The Clerk confirmed that he has written to the Director of CCC planning to invite the Director and/or Lucinda Green to a future meeting of the Parish Council. The Clerk reported that Mr. Bob Britnell, of CCC Planning, had telephoned to say that the Parish Council's request had been passed to him. He was willing to attend the January meeting, but asked for an invitation to be addressed to him, giving the date and time and also requested that he be supplied with specific questions to which the council would like answers. The Chairman asked the Clerk elect to send invitation for 19.00 on Monday 14th January. The questions would be related to CCC Planning policies on Land, Roads and horse riding, also the policy on keeping the PC informed when the recommendation of the PC was refusal but the CCC Planing was Approval.
 - h) The Clerk confirmed that he has written to British Gas to report the potentially dangerous protruding flap near the junction of Tonford Lane and Grays Way. No improvement was reported.
 - i) The Clerk commented on the position regarding the overhanging shrubbery along Ashford Road, near the Flint cottages. Cllrs Blackman had discovered that Homelets were the agents and that the occupiers are leaving shortly. Incidentally, the Clerk mentioned that Stan Bell has left CCC. Mr Bell's successor has undertaken to follow up on this matter.

- j) The Clerk confirmed that he has reported, to CCC Street Scene, the potentially dangerous wire fencing and generally extremely untidy area between the Thanington Within Community Centre and the A2.
 - i) A phone call from CCC requested confirmation of the location and promised a follow up
 - ii) The Chairman read out a reply dated 30/11/2001.
 - k) The Clerk confirmed that he has reported, to CCC, the faulty lighting outside 33 Grays Way. It was confirmed as fixed.
 - l) The Clerk confirmed that he has reported to CCC that the Council is concerned about the dangerous turn into Tonford Lane from A28 and, in addition, the poor street lighting. The Clerk also drew attention to the fact that the damaged "No Entry" sign has not been replaced. The Chairman read out a reply re: speed humps.
 - m) The Clerk confirmed that he has reported the rubbish dumped on the Post Office forecourt, to CCC Street Scene.
 - n) The Clerk reported that he has contacted Highways Unit and requested that double yellow lines, at the foot of St. Nicholas Road, be added to the list of highway improvements.
 - o) The subject of the new Clerk's enquiry about reimbursements was considered. It was agreed that £10 per month would be paid towards his Electricity cost, and £8 per month paid towards heating cost. These would be paid three monthly with the Telephone rental payment.
- Approval proposed by Cllr G. Page, seconded by Cllr I.Bain and unanimously agreed.

3) APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS:

- a) D.E.Gould - £20 - Reimbursement for cash payment to petty cash.
 - b) Jordan & Jarrett International - £222.06 – Removal (including VAT £29.75)
- Approval proposed by Cllr G. Page, seconded by Cllr T.Pringle and unanimously agreed. Name councillors then signed it.

4) FINANCES:

- a) Ricoh Invoice £88.31 Already paid
- b) HSBC Statement of Treasurer Account

Balance at 12 th November 2001	£5253.63
(Including interest of £0.56)	
- c) The Clerk confirmed that he has submitted a request to CCC Finance Department, for a Precept of £6000.00 for the year 2002-2003. Reply received including guide details of Council Tax Band.
- d) Internal Audit. The Chairman checked and signed the Bank reconciliation, on 7/12/2001.

5) CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) NALC: Local Council Review
- b) SLCC: The Clerk November 2001.
- c) The Standards Board for England: re: A new code of conduct for councillors.
- d) KAPC: Parish News 278
 - i) Clerk & Council of the Year
 - ii) Traffic Info
 - iii) New Accounting Software
- e) NALC: Booking and nomination forms. Annual Report & Accounts 2001-2002.
- f) Countryside Agency: Mapping Access Land in England. Guidance Notes.
- g) DTLR: Model code of conduct for relevant authorities
- h) NALC: The Countryside Agency. A guide to the National Training Strategy for Town & Parish Councils.
- i) CCC: Open dates over Christmas. Posted on Notice boards.
- j) Glasdon: Commemorative products. Golden Jubilee.
- k) The Army: An invitation to Clerk to a reception at Kent Cricket Club at 6:30 on January 22nd 2002. The new Clerk to attend.
- l) Wicksteed Leisure: Unsolicited catalogue.
- m) Kent County Constabulary: Community Liaison. Passed to new Clerk.
- n) Kent County Constabulary: Police/Parish Forum meeting date changed from 15/4/2002 to 16/4/2002.

- o) KRCC:
 - i) Government consultation paper on “Quality Councils”
 - ii) Charity Commission Surgery Regional Network. Nov & Dec 2001.
 - iii) Rural News Nov 2001.
 - p) Premier Trophies. Unsolicited catalogue.
 - q) NHS East Kent Hospitals: The modernisation of Hospital services in East Kent 2001-2005
 - r) KAPC: Canterbury Area: Minutes of 10/10/01 and notice of next meeting on 9/01/2001.
 - s) KCC: Kentweek
- 6) **PLANNING:**
- a) CCC Agenda
 - b) CCC Agenda & Applications Dec 11th & Dec 12th.
 - c) CCC: Canterbury District local plan
 - d) CA/01/1079/THA 35 New House Lane. – Application GRANTED.
 - e) CA/01/1141/THA Fairlawns – Application GRANTED.
 - f) CA/01/1236/THA 157 Ashford Road. Erection of detached chalet bungalow with detached garage.
 - g) CA/01/1230/THA Land at New House Lane. Variation of condition 06 of planning permission CA/01/1219/THA to reposition boundary hedge.
 - h) CA/01/1087/THA The Shieling – Application REFUSED
 - i) Supplementary report 11/12/2001
- } Clerk instructed to recommend refusal
- 7) **REPORTS:**
- a) No reports
- 8) **PARISH AFFAIRS:**
- a) After Cllr. Blackman had reported a damaged fence lying across the Centenary CB456 footpath, approaching Whitehall, the Clerk telephoned to inform PROW Officer Mike Ellis and left a message.
 - b) The Clerk confirmed that the date for the removal has been confirmed with Jordan & Jarrett, by telephone, for 8:30 am December 18th. Spare packing cases have been delivered on 7th December and any charge will be refunded.
 - c) Cllr. Goddard commented on the lack of pet and rubbish bins. He used Swalecliff as an example of how CCC was prepared to spend in other areas.
 - d) Cllr. Bain stated his concern over the lack of pavement maintenance and cleaning carried out in this parish.
 - e) Cllr. Blackman asked if there were signs available warning of horse riders.
 - f) Cllr. Maple stated that the road repair were not of a very high standard.
 - g) Cllr. Pringle confirmed Cllr Maple’s statement.
 - h) Chairman gave thank to Dennis Gould for his long service to the PC. He was presented with a card and gift from the council. All councillors agreed with the Chairman’s thanks. Dennis made a reply thanking them for his gift and the enjoyable time he had spent working with them.
- 9) **STREET LIGHTING:**
- a) No reported problems
- 10) **FOOTPATHS:**
- a) The Chairman read out a letter informing about P.R.O.W. Officer Mike Ellis’s cessation in the Dover office. The Clerk will endeavour to contact his replacement, Sophia Sullivan, concerning the possibility of the grant about which he has written recently.

NEXT MEETING: The next Meeting will be held at the ARCA Clubhouse on Monday, January 14th 2002.

CLOSURE: There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20:50.