

**MINUTES OF A MEETING**  
**of**  
**THANINGTON WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL**  
**held at**  
**Ashford Road Community Association Clubhouse, Thanington Without**  
**on Monday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2002**

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

**CHAIRMAN:** - Councillor G. Page

**APOLOGIES:** - There were no Apologies

Chairman introduced Mr Bob Britnell of CCC Planning Department to the Councillors and Clerk. He then opened by stating that lots of Equine planning applications had been rejected by the Parish Council but had then been agreed by CCC Planning department.

Cllr T. Maple said that there was now planning permission for a through road from New House Lane to Iffin Lane as there was a fear of being over run with horses and riding schools.

*Mr Bob Britnell said there were two issues:*

**1. Planning**

*New House Lane Land had withdrawn its application for stables and planning had been granted for 11 horses. Records showed that owners only visited once or twice a day and that this would only cause some 44 movements per day. He also stated that it did not follow that land granted permission for livery would be granted permission to change to a riding school.*

*He said that there were two more applications in the pipeline CA/01/1230/THA and CA/01/1135/THA. There was no evidence that there were any road safety issues but he would look into Cllr Maples suggestion that they use the recent road survey carried out in New House Lane.*

**2. Procedure**

*The fact that a Parish Council rejects a planning application means that the CCC planning department must put the application before the planning committee. If councillors feel strongly about any application they have the right to attend the planning meeting. He went on to say that he was not aware of this happening on these equine applications. He continued to advise that a councillor could also lobby their ward members, and the planning office looked favourably at the Parish Council's request for a site visit in cases where this was required.*

*Mr Britnell stated that councillors had not used any of these ways to further their objections to any planning application. He also informed the Council that if three local residents write objecting about an application it did not have to go to Committee, but four local residents would mean that an application would have to be put before the planning committee. Another option mentioned was for a Parish Council to carry out a survey of the area using volunteer local residents.*

**Councillor Bain**

1. Asked if there were any more plans pending for the land behind the waterworks. *Mr Britnell explained that new planning rules from the Secretary of State meant that applications, which had not been passed on green field sites, would have to be referred to the Secretary of State. This was the case with the Ward Homes site.*
2. What was the situation with building around the back of Warren Lodge? Trees have been planted and an access made. *Mr Britnell made the general comment that there was no green belt around Canterbury, but the City Council had said they could see no reason for green field sites to be used in Canterbury for the next 10 years.*
3. What was the situation with the old Roger Britten carpet shop? *It was now owned by Esso who are not doing anything with it until Safeways decide whether to open a petrol station on their supermarket site.*
4. Are the Park & Rides up to capacity? *Mr Britnell said that was why the Dover Road Park & Ride had been opened and the City Council was looking at North Canterbury for another.*

*Mr Britnell stated he hoped councillors would attend the planning meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> February when the next two equine planning applications CA/01/1135/THA and CA/01/1230/THA were due to go before Committee.*

The Chairman thanked Mr Bob Britnell for coming and giving his advice and information to the Parish Council. Mr Britnell left the meeting at 19:45

- 1) **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:** The Minutes of the December meeting were changed in 8(c) **Stokes to Goddard** and **Herne Bay to Swalecliffe** then unanimously approved and duly signed by the Chairman.
- 2) **MATTERS ARISING:**
  - a) The Clerk confirmed that payments approved at the December meeting have been dispatched.
  - b) The Clerk confirmed that CCC Planning has been informed of the following recommendations:

Refusals	CA/01/1236/THA
	CA/01/1230/THA
  - c) The Clerk confirmed he had written to Mr Bob Britnell and had received e-mail confirming he would attend the January meeting.
  - d) The Clerk confirmed that there was no reply from British Gas on the potentially dangerous protruding flap near the junction of Tonford Lane and Grays Way.
  - e) Cllr Blackman said she had telephoned Homelets and they had informed her that the overgrown hedge was the tenant's responsibility and they themselves had no funds to carry out maintenance.
- 3) **APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS:**
  - a) D.E.Gould (Salary Oct/Nov/Dec - £1275.54 + 2/3 Telephone Rental - £29.19) £1304.73  
Proposed by Cllr Page Seconded by Cllr Bain
  - b) Gratuity - £1620.12 Proposed by Cllr Page Seconded by Cllr Bain
  - c) Staples Stationary - £13.14 (Bought by new Clerk on his credit card) Proposed by Cllr Page  
Seconded by Cllr Bain
  - d) Society of Local Council Clerks 2002 Subscriptions - £50.00 Proposed by Cllr Page Seconded  
by Cllr Bain
  - e) Post Office (Counters) - £46.00 (100 1<sup>st</sup> Class Stamps + 100 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Stamps) Proposed by  
Cllr Page Seconded by Cllr Bain
  - f) Ricoh UK £8.68 - Proposed by Cllr Page Seconded by Cllr Bain
- 4) **FINANCES:**
  - a) HSBC Statement of Treasurer Account

Balance at 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2001	£10,172.02
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  - b) HSBC Statement of No-Notice Account

Balance at 27 <sup>th</sup> December 2001	£ 2,071.88
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  - c) POSB Statement of Investment Account

Balance at 19 <sup>th</sup> November 2001	<u>£ 8,064.71</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>£20,308.61</u></b>

The Clerk explained that he did not as yet have authority with the bank. Clerk produced a letter changing the address on the two accounts to the new Clerk's address. This was signed by Cllr Page & Cllr Bain.
- 5) **CORRESPONDENCE:**
  - a) SERPA Newsletter Issue 40
  - b) Alliance Leicester (unsolicited Advertising)
  - c) Minutes of Street Monitors Meeting
  - d) KM Messenger – Thanington Footpaths Group
  - e) The Kent Wood Book
  - f) BTCV – Training Courses & Kent Connections
  - g) Dennis Gould – re: Insurance
  - h) DTLR – Strong Local Leadership – Quality Public Service
  - i) Email + Neighbourhood Watch Association Form (filled out and returned by clerk)
  - j) Email from CCC + List of Parish Clerks
  - k) Kent Association of Parish Councils – Parish News *Special Edition* (circulated with Agenda)
  - l) Twenty Eighth Annual Conference – Society of Local Council Clerks
  - m) Annual Subscription SLCC £50
  - n) Note from Dennis Gould on footpath monies
  - o) Kent Highways – A28 Carriageway Strengthening Work
  - p) Canterbury and District Parish Forum Meeting
  - q) CCC – Thank you letter to Dennis

- r) Kent Village of the Year 2002
- s) KAPC – Parish News December issue (circulated with Agenda)
- t) E-mail from Bob Britnell accepting invitation to meeting
- u) Kent Highways – Traffic review 2001
- v) DTLR Letter
- w) Safer Community Partnership
- x) Development Control Sub-Committee Agenda
- y) KRCC Oast to Coast
- z) Pfizer Community Newsletter
- aa) Clerks & Council Direct
- bb) East Kent NHS Notice of Meeting
- cc) KAPC Agenda of meeting (arrived to late with redirection)
- dd) SLCC – Induction course for local Council Clerks - Working for your Council
- ee) E-mail from Rob Field confirming receipt of change of info for Emergency Program
- ff) KCC – Around Kent
- gg) SMP Arena (unsolicited Advertising)
- hh) CCC Council Meeting (Circulating)
- ii) Local Council Review (Distributed at meeting)
- jj) Letter from Mr L Holness

Chairman read out a letter from Mr L Holness and the Traffic Review 2001 from Kent Highways.

The clerk was instructed to write to Highways supporting the four proposals

1. 30 mph speed limit for New House Lane
2. No action to be taken in the request for double yellow lines in St Nicholas Road.
3. Request for double yellow lines at the junction of Ashenden Close with Stranger's Lane
4. Request for double yellow lines to prevent obstruction in turning head

The Clerk was also instructed to write to Mr Holness acknowledging his letter and informing him that after further consideration to residents the Council was not pursuing the yellow lines in St Nicholas Road.

6) **PLANNING:**

- a) Planning list W/E 13<sup>th</sup> December – Non appertaining to Thanington Without
- b) Planning list W/E 4<sup>th</sup> January 2002 – Non appertaining to Thanington Without
- c) Planning list W/E 11<sup>th</sup> January 2002 – Non appertaining to Thanington Without
- d) Development Control List of Planning Applications
- e) CA/01/1343/THA – 69 New House Lane, (Recommended approval from PC)
- f) CA/01/0965/THA – Milton Manor (Approved)

7) **REPORTS:**

- a) No Reports

8) **PARISH AFFAIRS:**

**Cllr Page**

- a) The Chairman stated that the overhanging shrubbery near Flint Cottage had gone on for a long time, he instructed the Clerk to write to CCC and ask for work to be carried out.
- b) North side of Ashford Road pavement was still unfinished since autumn 2000. CCC Highways reported in March 2001 chasing contractors. Clerk to write to Highways to ask if contract still within maintenance period or have they paid the retainer. Best examples are outside 122 & 140 Ashford Road.

**Cllr Goddard**

- a) Street light broken by lorry outside 66 Strangers Lane
- b) Street light not working outside 60 Strangers Lane

**Cllr Bain**

- a) South side of Tonford Level crossing 3 sleepers not fastened

**Cllr Stokes**

- a) Junction of Strangers Lane and Cockerling Road very untidy needs good clean

**Cllr Blackman**

- a) Street Light outside 8 Tonford Lane stays on all of the time
- b) Pots holes in road upper Tonford Lane either side of railway bridge
- c) Annual Meeting
  - i) Book St Faith's Hall
  - ii) 16<sup>th</sup> April 2002

- iii) Adverts to be put in paper
- iv) Ask Kim Bennett if Bob Britnell could be guest speaker

**Cllr Maple**

- a) State of banks in Hollow Lane after bad accident what is happening?
  - b) Pot holes in Iffin Lane, Stuppington Lane, New House Lane and New House Close - where is the site meeting?
  - c) Fence on raised path along side Hollow lane.
- 9) **STREET LIGHTING:**
- a) No reports other than those raised under previous item
- 10) **FOOTPATHS:**
- a) No Reports

**NEXT MEETING:** The next Meeting will be held at the ARCA Clubhouse on Monday, February 11<sup>th</sup> 2002.

**CLOSURE:** There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21:35.