

MINUTES OF A MEETING
of
THANINGTON WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL
held at
Ashford Road Community Association Clubhouse, Thanington Without
on Monday, July 8th, 2002,

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

CHAIRMAN: - Councillor G. Page

APOLOGIES: - Councillor K. Goddard (Course)

1) DECLARATION OF ANY MEMBER'S INTEREST IN AGENDA ITEMS.

2) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: The Minutes of the June Meeting were unanimously approved and duly signed by the Chairman.

3) MATTERS ARISING:

- a) The Clerk confirmed that there were no payments in June.
- b) The Clerk confirmed that there were no CCC Planning applications.
- c) Chairman and Vice-Chairman read and signed their acceptance of office for their positions.
- d) Clerk has placed a new notice for the position of Cllr. North Ward
- e) The Clerk was instructed to contact CCC about the lack of movement on Tonford level crossing problems.
- f) Clerk has written to Sophia O'Sullivan stating that the Parish council would like to accept her offer of a hedge. She sent an email back saying that she would not pay for plants or labour but Parish council could pay for it. Clerk rallied local residents and Cllr Maple to email complaints to S O'S. Cllr Maple and several residents emailed that day. Outcome a letter soon arrived (also copied to TM) saying that after a site visit the planting would take place October 2002.
- g) The Clerk under instruction from the Parish Council rang Transco and reported the gas cover outside 1 Grays Way, on the corner of Tonford Lane and Grays Way. Transco do not use Ref. no but Irene G513 18/02/02 12:47 logged the call. After checking on Monday 4th March no change rang Call centre now upgraded to a complaint, Tracy G513 04/03/02 13:23. Still not repaired. Clerked called again now priority Glos21228 08/05/02 09.03. Clerk instructed to try again. Glos21266 Rose Norris passing complaint on to manager. This has now been repaired.
- h) Cllr Maple said Pot holes were starting again in New House Lane, New litter bins needed fixing. Abandoned cars around area. Clerk to ask CCC. Email from CCC no money to fix bins, Email from CCC stating work on pot holes to be carried out. Clerk instructed to chase road lines when pot holes finished.
- i) Insurance - Insurance for PC – Insurance for road side equipment i.e. Notice Boards and seats.
- j) Pot Holes in Stranger's Close. Reported to CCC 11/06/2002 email from CCC
- k) Clerk instructed to issue warning to occupier of Long Reach, Tonford Lane. Clerk choose to visit premises and have chat with occupier who have agreed to trim hedge.
- l) Clerk instructed to arrange for Andrew Osborn to carry out same work as last year plus bank opposite New House lane Footpath.
- m) Yellow lines at entrance to Manor close. Email from CCC
- n) Change of Code of Conduct, Mark Ellender contacted. ME email reply. PC to accept ME advice.
- o) Fly tipping in bridle way off New House Lane. All cleared

4) APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS:

- a) Clerk's salary and cost's - £971.55 Proposed by Cllr G. Page & Seconded by Cllr I. Bain
- b) Inland Revenue -£208.85 Proposed by Cllr G. Page & Seconded by Cllr I. Bain
- c) Computer -£1,976.00 plus VAT £345.80 Total £2,321.80 Proposed by Cllr G. Page & Seconded by Cllr I. Bain (Chairman noted that cheque was made out to clerk as he had paid by Credit card)
- d) CCC minute delivery - £7.00 Proposed by Cllr G. Page & Seconded by Cllr I. Bain
- e) Ricoh UK Ltd Photocopier - £87.29 Proposed by Cllr G. Page & Seconded by Cllr I. Bain

5) **FINANCES:**

- a) HSBC Statement of Treasurer Account
Current balance at 3 July 02 £6,570.97 includes transfer from Business A/c - £3,000
- b) HSBC Statement of No-Notice Account
Current balance at 3 July 02 £5,078.70 includes transfer to Treasurer ACC - £3,000
- c) POSB Statement of Investment Account
Current balance at 15 Feb 02 £8,450.32
- d) Internal auditor. The Clerk is looking at asking Mr Cogger. The Clerk suggested a fee of £25 per quarter for the internal audit, Proposed by Cllr G.Page & seconded by Cllr P. Blackman.
- e) The council accepted the accounts for year ending 30 March 2002. Proposed by Cllr G.Page and Seconded by Cllr T.Maple
- f) The Clerk has entered a VAT claim for £394.82. Period 12/03/2002 to 05/07/2002

6) **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- a) E-mails
- b) KAPC meeting
- c) Supply of Council Minutes
- d) The Countryside Agency
- e) Standards Board – Code of Conduct
- f) KAPC Cllrs Information day
- g) KRCC Council Meeting
- h) KCC outcome Hollow Lane raised footpath
- i) CCC why Change
- j) Standards Committee – Agenda
- k) Canterbury Strategic Partnership
- l) Cornhill Insurance
- m) Canterbury Parish Forum
- n) KRCC rural news
- o) KCC annual plan
- p) Audit Report
- q) Clarification of role of Internal Auditor
- r) Public Speaking
- s) Local Government Act 2000 section 81(4) *** GP trustee – TM, TP & Clerk trustees of St Faiths hall
- t) Parish news 285
- u) Local Council Review
- v) Letter on CCC
- w) Harris Charity report
- x) Unsolicited advertising
- i) None

7) **PLANNING:**

- a) Planning list W/E 13th June – None appertaining to Thanington Without
- b) Planning list W/E 20th June – None appertaining to Thanington Without
- c) Planning list W/E 27th June – None appertaining to Thanington Without
- d) Planning list W/E 4th July – None appertaining to Thanington Without
- e) Development Control Committee- nothing appertaining to Thanington Without
- f) Change of description – CA/02/0717/THA – The PC recommended refusal
- g) Orange telephone mast – It was general accepted by the council that this was the best place if we have to have one.

8) **REPORTS:**

- a) No reports

9) **PARISH AFFAIRS:**

- a) Clerk
 - i) North ward notice board again kick in glass.
 - ii) Clerk's holiday 27th July to 17th August
 - iii) Use of Photocopier by parishioners? The Council discussed the use of Photocopier by Parishioners. It decided to allow use at clerk discretion, at a cost of 2p per copy without paper and 5p per copy including paper. Proposed by Cllr G.Page & Seconded by Cllr I.Bain.

- b) Cllr I.Bain
 - i) Stranger's Close – Since CCC stated that they were not going to place yellow lines at the end of Stranger's Close, and there was obviously a need for some action as there were always vehicles parked in the keep clear turning circle. What action should the Parish Council take?
 - ii) The Chairman read out two letters, one supporting the yellow lines and a reply from CCC. The Clerk stated that any time he visited the area there were always vehicles parked in turning circle, and he had to reverse out.
Clerk instructed to write to Dennis Button, CCC Highways.
- c) Cllr K.Stokes
 - i) Has Upper Hawton Farm been given planning permission for a Quad/Motor bike race track. Clerk to ask CCC.
- d) Cllr P.Blackman
 - i) Betty & Harry Milton of Ashenden Close, have a golden wedding, PB to sort out on Chairman's behalf.
 - ii) Rubbish bin has been moved from seat to Stranger's Lane. Clerk to ask CCC to replace.
 - iii) Crossing at Warren Lodge had been promised. Clerk instructed to ask when work to start.
- e) Cllr T.Maple
 - i) Still problems with pot holes in New House Lane; some were now bigger than white lines.
- f) Chairman
 - i) Clerks probationary period of six months was now up, Chairman stated that the council were happy with his work and felt that the accounts were now very clear and well kept. The Clerk left meeting while Council discussed him. Clerk rejoined meeting. Chairman told Clerk that because of his computer skills he was to be awarded an increment and it would be reviewed annually at the July meeting. His quarterly pay would go from £1044.24 to £1069.23 an increase of £24.99 per quarter.

10) STREET LIGHTING:

- a) No reports

11) FOOTPATHS:

- a) No reports

NEXT MEETING: The next Meeting will be held at the ARCA Clubhouse on Monday, September 9th 2002.

CLOSURE: There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21:10.