

MINUTES OF A MEETING
of
THANINGTON WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL
held at
Ashford Road Community Association Clubhouse, Thanington Without
on Monday, November 11^h, 2002,

PRESENT: - Councillors Mrs P. Blackman, Mr. I. Bain, K. Goddard, T. Maple, G. Page, N. Eden-Green (CCC) Mr Jenner (Parishioner) and the Clerk

CHAIRMAN: - Councillor G. Page

APOLOGIES: - Councillors Mr G. Furness, K. Stokes and C. McCaul (CCC)

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) **COUNCIL**

- a) Declaration of any member's interest in agenda items. (None)
- b) Any change in declaration of member's interest. (None)
- c) Discuss Freedom of information declaration
 Chairman asked if everyone had the "ideas" the clerk had provided, he then went through what was needed to implement the act. The following was agreed.
 - i) The notice boards at ARCA and St Faiths would be used to display Information.
 - ii) A web site should be prepared, but more discussion was needed
 It was then agreed to implement the act and the Chairman signed the Return.
- d) The annual Audit Commission return was received with only one item (No independent internal auditor for the year 2001/02) and the clerk confirmed the posting of the:
Notice of Conclusion of audit and right to inspect the annual return
 On both parish notice boards on the 31st October 2002.
- e) The Chairman asked if anyone had any questions for Cllr Nick Eden-Green from Canterbury City Council.
 Cllr I. Bain – *Stated that the council was always disappointed when they saw their views on planning applications overturned. Why was feed back not given by planning committee.*
 Cllr Eden-Green – *Stated that firstly under the Lord Nolan Commission his position was tied, he felt feed back was a good idea, he then gave the following advice. Always consider what are valid planning grounds when forming a return, stay away from personal objections. Good grounds for objections are over development, over looking, light issues and building lines. He also informed the clerk that a loose leaf document on current planning grounds was available from CCC planning dept.*

3) **MATTERS ARISING:**

- a) The Clerk confirmed that payments approved at the October meeting had been dispatched.
- b) The Clerk confirmed that CCC had been advised of planning applications.
 - CA/02/01224/THA PC recommended refusal
74 New House Lane – division of plot
 - CA/02/01098/THA PC recommended refusal
76 New House Lane – Change of use of land
 - CA/02/01119/THA PC recommended refusal
74 Ashford Road – Erection of Bungalow
 - CA/02/01130/THA PC recommended refusal
76 New House Lane – Retrospective application for retention of changes
 - CA/02/01138/THA PC recommended refusal
2 Tonford Lane – Detached garage to front of dwelling
- c) Internal Audit took place on Thursday 17th October 2002 at 09:30 - The chairman reported one error. It was a recording error in the minutes 8th July 2002 Item 4a Clerks salary & costs minuted, as £971.55 should read £971.65.
- d) CB 491 Elevated Footpath – No work on planting shrubs seem to have take place between 28th to 30th October 2002. Clerk to follow up
- e) Crossing at Warren Lodge, Cllr Alex Perkins reported that it had failed at stage two. Clerk instructed to ask why when already agreed.

- f) The footpath along Ashford Road still needs to be finished correctly, Clerk had a site meeting with new Highways inspector (Peter Shirley) – Clerk instructed to follow up
- g) Hassle Reach resurfacing was of very poor standard. Highways to be asked about problem. Clerk had a site meeting with new Highways inspector (Peter Shirley). Also site visit with Cllr I. Bain and Mike Cole CCC now completed.
- h) Hedge in front of resource centre needs cutting, completed.
- i) Sue Knott of 37 New House Lane had complained to Chairman about bins not being emptied. completed
- j) Asked that consideration be given to purchasing bins for Parish. Clerk informed council that he still did not have prices, Bretts to be asked if they would like to advertise and support bins
- k) Environmental Health to be asked about lack of toilets at fishing site. Also East Kent Fisheries. Follow up needed
- l) Level crossing getting worse, sleepers on both sides now breaking up. Clerk informed council that he had written to Railtrack and was trying to find name of new Station manager for Canterbury. Cllr Nick Eden-Green said his name was Ty Wallace. Clerk to follow up
- m) Clerk instructed to push for Engineers report on drainage. (Tonford Lane and Grays Way.) Clerk spoke to highways and was asked for exact details. Cllr Ian Bain gave these details to clerk new email now sent to Dennis Button. Site visit with Cllr Bain, Mike Cole and Clerk had resulted in work being agreed.
- n) Clerk asked to look for any letters from 1990 on Manor Close in records. Record of this issue was now being kept.
- o) Could hedges around new 30 MPH signs be cut back. Completed
- p) CCC had done a good job clearing Fly Tipping
- q) Bt phone box at Iffin Lane Junction had now been replaced with new telephone.
- r) Photo Copier – New 5 year contract with Ricoh UK
- s) Members Information – It was agreed that only addresses would be passed out by clerk

4) **APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS:**

- a) Clerk's conference expenses - £297.35
 - b) Andrew Osborn – Footpath clearance - £150.00
 - c) PC world, cable and CD –RW - £25.98 (paid for with Clerks credit card)
- The above payments were proposed by Cllr Graham Page seconded by Cllr Pam Blackman

5) **FINANCES:**

- a) HSBC Statement of Treasurer Account

Current balance at 3 November 02	£3,842.53
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- b) HSBC Statement of No-Notice Account

Current balance at 3 October 02	£5,085.81
£2,000 transferred to Treasurer Account on 8 th October 2002	
- c) POSB Statement of Investment Account

Current balance at 15 Feb 02	£8,450.32
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- f) Chairman read out letter from clerk asking the council to consider more hours, as job was changing with FOI, Code of Conduct. The council agreed that it had noticed the improvements and extra work that clerk had carried out. The clerk's hour to be increased from 12 to 16 hours per week, effective 1st October 2002 proposed by Cllr G. Page seconded by Cllr I. Bain.
- g) The Council discussed the 2003/04 budget as prepared by the clerk, After discussion it was agreed to accept the budget as presented. Proposed by Cllr G. Page seconded by Cllr I. Bain. The Chairman asked that the councils thanks to the Clerk for a very clear budget be minuted.

6) **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- a) Code of Conduct
- b) Canterbury and District Forum – clerks has confirmed attendance
- c) Audit Commission
- d) The Countryside Agency – Rights of Way Act 2000 Mapping
- e) Harris Pension Charity
- f) Council Meeting 23 October 2002.
- g) Agenda – Joint Meeting of the Rural Area Member Panel
- h) Code of Conduct – Confirmation letter
- i) Copy of planning objection & Thank you letter
- j) South East England Regional Assembly – October 2002
- k) Letter from Adrian and Clare Naude

Cllr Maple said group were always there, it was the local meeting point, they were a little noisy but not too troublesome. St Faiths was now open on Friday nights for all to use. Clerk instructed to write to Mr & Mrs Naude saying that council would keep and eye on this problem, and any further information would be appreciated.

- l) KCC web site links
- m) Inland Revenue Ref 230/T406/EQY/OBT/BF
- n) All together now
- o) Countryside Agency publications
- p) CAfE Newsletters 1,2 & 3 (individual copy)
- q) Parish news no 288 (individual copy)
- r) KRCC Social Exclusion (individual copy)
- s) KENT Police Authority questionnaire
- t) Peter Goldsack – Letter
- u) Local Council Review
- v) Unsolicited advertising
- i)

7) **PLANNING:**

- a) CA/02/TEMP/0019
Milton Quarry – Provision of lorry parking and wash down facilities
- b) CA/02/01119/THA recommended refuse by PC Refused by CCC planning
74 Ashford Road - Erection of bungalow
- c) Planning list W/E 17th October – None appertaining to Thanington Without
- d) Planning list W/E 24th October – One appertaining to Thanington Without
- e) Planning list W/E 31st October – None appertaining to Thanington Without
- f) Planning list W/E 7th November – None appertaining to Thanington Without
- g) CA/02/01224/THA Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of two dwellings - Withdrawn
- h) Development Control Committee – 12th November - nothing appertaining to Thanington Without
- i) CA/02/01281/THA – No Objections
52, Strangers Lane - Two Storey side extension
- j) CA/02/TEMP/0018 – No objections
Broad Oak – Construction and operation of a solid waste and energy recovery facility
- k) Shalmsford Court Draft
- l) Development Control Committee – 12th November –Supplementary report – nothing appertaining to Thanington

8) **REPORTS:**

- a) SLCC Conference – Clerk reported he had a very informative three days at the conference in North Yorkshire and had learnt a lot. He felt that it would be in the council’s interest to budget for this event each year, that it was a very good way of hearing about new items. At this conference there had been items on Code of Conduct, Quality Parish Council, Competent Clerks, Freedom of Information and many other items. The council agreed that the clerk should attend annual conference.

9) **PARISH AFFAIRS:**

- a) Clerk
 - i) Strangers Lane Notice Board – Chairman had reported that notice board in Strangers lane had been pulled off post. It was agreed board to old to replace. Clerk to have post removed.
 - ii) Clerk asked about council having a return post card to be sent out to parishioners who had written to council stating time and place of next meeting, when letter would be read out. Agreed as good idea
- b) Cllr K. Goddard
 - i) The problem in the keep clear area at end of Strangers Close was continuing. British Gas had not removed their van. Clerk to follow-up with a letter to Dennis Button
 - ii) St Nicholas BT Phone box damaged
- c) Cllr I. Bain
 - i) No Entry Sign at bottom end of Tonford Lane had been knocked down over a year ago
- d) Cllr T. Maple
 - i) Mobile home arrived at 76 New House Lane – No planning again – Clerk to follow up
 - ii) Southern Water to be pressed for reply on Drainage

10) **HOLIDAYS:**

- a) Cllr G. Page
- b) Cllr P. Blackman
- c) Cllr I. Bain
- d) Cllr G. Furness
- e) Cllr K. Goddard
- f) Cllr T. Maple

- g) Cllr K. Stokes
- h) Cllr T. Pringle
- i) Clerk

Chairman asked local parishioner, Mr Jenner if he had any thing to say. Mr Jenner stated he had found meeting informative.

Chairman said December meeting would be concluded with Sherry (Chairman) and Mince Pies (Vice-Chairman)

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

CLOSURE: There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 22:00