

**MINUTES OF A MEETING**  
**of**  
**THANINGTON WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL**  
**held at**  
**Ashford Road Community Association Clubhouse, Thanington Without**  
**on Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2003,**

**PRESENT:** - Councillors, Mrs P. Blackman, Mr. I. Bain, T. Davis, G. Furness, T. Maple, G. Page, T. Von Etdorf and the Clerk. Parishioners – Dougie Copeland, Mr Baker & Brian Jarvis

**CHAIRMAN:** - Councillor G. Page

**APOLOGIES:** - K. Stokes (Work)

- 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) **COUNCIL**
  - a) Declaration of any member's interest in agenda items – *Cllr Maple declared interest in CA/03/01662/THA*
  - b) No changes in declaration of member's interest – *None*
  - c) 2004 April Meeting to be on 5<sup>th</sup> April, to fit around Bank Holiday
  - d) 2004 Annual Parish Meeting – *St Faiths booked for Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2004, Suggest Colin Carmichael or Highways*
  - e) To accept the TWPC Budget 2004/05, Proposed by Chairman, Seconded by Cllr Ian Bain
  - f) Precept for 2004/05 will remain the same as last year £12.000
  - g) Clerks Gratuity - 3.5% of the clerk's gross pay should be paid into a savings account for the Clerk's gratuity, any interest earned by this account remains with the P.C.  
This would make a Sum of £346.12 to be put aside to cover the time up to the present. As per sheet circulated to all Cllrs with Agendas. This was accepted 100% by Council. Proposed by Chairman, Seconded by Cllr T.Maple
  
- 3) **MATTERS ARISING:**
  - a) The Clerk confirmed that payments approved at the November meeting had been dispatched.
  - b) The Clerk confirmed that planning applications were returned.
    - i) CA/03/01528/THA – 163 Ashford Road
    - ii) CA/03/01536/THA – 100 Ashford Road
  - c) No action to be taken with regard to the purchase of bins until CCC accepts them. The City Council had now placed three new litter bins in North Ward.
  - d) Top of Grays Way on Canterbury side pavement is scheduled for repair.
  - e) Addresses and Telephone numbers given out with Agenda, Filofax issued to Cllrs
  - f) Resurfacing of Ashford Road CCC say joints are to their standard. PC not happy that job has been correctly done.
  - g) Hassall Reach drains reported no reply yet. Clerk instructed to ask for site visit. – *Site visit took place with Cllr Ian Bain, Anthony Moore (Senior Technician Engineer) and the Clerk. Mr Moore pointed out the history, and explained that the soak away was under the back lawn of one of the houses and that the drain its self had collapsed under the garage of the same house. He hoped that a repair would be carried out during 2004.*
  - h) Received letter from Flishers saying they will repair verge when soil is less hard. - *Letter received from Flishers stating work will be carried out around 26<sup>th</sup> November. Clerk to follow up.*
    - i) Tonford Lane sign, not replaced as yet – *Reported to Highways*
    - j) Bus Shelter in Strangers Lane. Follow up
    - k) Tree re-planting at end of Grays Way. Clerk instructed to follow up. – *To be carried out mid December.*
    - l) White lines at end of Manor Close reported to CCC – *Reported to Highways*
    - m) Street lighting outside 7 & 9 Grays Way on all the time, reported several times. – *This light needs a spare part which is why it is taking some time.*
    - n) Leaves on road in Cockering Road very bad, needs attention.- *Reported to Serco*
    - o) Pavement outside 11 & 26 Ashenden Close needs attention – *Areas have been marked for repair and completed*
    - p) Village Design Statement Info needed – *Information given to Cllr Maple*
    - q) BT Box Iffin Lane / New House Lane – *Reported to BT*
    - r) Mr N.D. Baker of 39 Strangers Lane – Letter – *Reply sent by clerk, circulated with agendas. Also e-mail from highways giving report.*

Meeting closed at 19:50

Clerk gave a summary of how the council had been involved with this point.

Mr Baker gave his account of the situation. He gave Council plans showing him as legal owner of fence.

Clerk to ask Highways how long do residents of Manor Close have to confirm ownership of fence.

Meeting re-opened at 20:03

- s) Car in River Stour – *CCC Environment and Streetscene say they cannot do anything about it but has reported the matter to The Environment Agency.*
- t) Pavement outside St Nicolas Church and top of Grays Way, Kerbs being dropped to allow wheel char and prams to pass. – *Highways have carried out site survey and are going to get back to clerk with report on how this can be done.*

4) **APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS:**

- a) SLCC Subscription - £80:00
- b) Verge cutting New House Lane and River Bank - £100.00
- c) Viking Direct - £197.31
- d) Travel – Cllr T. Maple – Day Conference with Clerk - £62.88

Proposed by Chairman, Seconded by Vice Chairman

Chairman moved to item 7

5) **FINANCES:**

- a) HSBC Statement of Treasurer Account
  - i) Current balance at 3 December 2003 £1,534.90
- b) HSBC Statement of No-Notice Account
  - i) Current balance at 3 November 2003 £6,354.36
- c) POSB Statement of Investment Account
  - i) Current balance at 3 February 2003 £8,686.92

6) **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- a) Parish News issue 296 - *Circulated with agenda*
- b) Community Strategies
- c) Letter from Flishers the Builder saying they would repair NHL around 26<sup>th</sup> November
- d) Kent Police – Parish Council Forum date
- e) Parish Capital Grant funding – *No bid submitted*
- f) SERPA – *Circulated with agenda*
- g) Stour View
- h) Agenda – Joint meeting of the rural area panel
- i) Canterbury Transportation Conference
- j) Members Allowances meeting 11 December at Guildhall
- k) Royal Mail proposed mailbox by notice board.
- l) Letter to Mr Baker 39 Strangers Lane - *Circulated with agenda*
- m) Letter from Aiden Potts, re: Tree for Grays Way.
- n) Parish Council Parking Issues
- o) Booking Confirmation for annual meeting
- p) Parish Precept 2004/05
- q) Members Allowances
- r) Highways Questionnaire
- s) Unsolicited advertising
  - i) None

7) **PLANNING:**

- b) Planning list W/E 13<sup>th</sup> November– None appertaining to Thanington Without
- c) Planning list W/E 20<sup>th</sup> November – One appertaining to Thanington Without
  - i) CA/03/01628/THA – 193 Ashford Road

Chairman closed the meeting at 20:10

Mr Jarvis gave his comments on how this development would cause loss of light and invade his privacy by over looking his bedrooms.

Chairman re-open meeting at 20:30

Cllrs would recommend refusal now because of Mr Jarvis's statement

- d) Planning list W/E 27<sup>th</sup> November –One appertaining to Thanington Without
  - i) CA/03/01662/THA – 33 New House Close – recommend refusal
  - ii) Ask planning if appeal has been withdrawn.
  - iii) Ask planning why 34 New House Lane had not been notified
- e) Planning list W/E 4<sup>th</sup> December – None appertaining to Thanington Without
- f) CA/03/01528/THA – Refused by CCC
- g) Development Control Committee

8) **REPORTS:**

- a) Cllr Terry Maple gave report on the regional conference he and the Clerk had attended that day.

9) **PARISH AFFAIRS:**

- a) Clerk – Wanted to purchase 2 x Working with your council for two new councillors. This was agreed.
- b) Chairman
  - i) 16 Nov Sue Knott 36 New House Lane had complained about street light, now fixed
  - ii) Vacancy for cllr – Chairman confirmed Jo Ryan not on electoral role
  - iii) Clerk to put advert through doors.
- c) TVE
  - i) Litter needs picking up, TVE proposed the council should employ person, this was not seconded. Clerk suggested a site visit with street scene and TVE.
- d) TD
  - i) 30 MPH signs in roadways were wearing away
  - ii) footpath sign needed at Hollow Lane, Iffin Lane & New House Lane Junction, Clerk to advance.
- e) IB
  - i) Top of Grays Way Street Light
  - ii) Outside No 7 Tonford Lane Highways have missed pothole.
- f) PB
  - i) Piper’s double glazing van parked dangerously. Clerk to contact firm.
  - ii) Light outside 23 Tonford Lane still no working.
- g) TM
  - i) Road diversion signs still up.
  - ii) No work as yet on new bollard and pot holes
  - iii) Raw sewage on footpath, needs strong letter to CEO, Ward Cllrs and CCC and press contact

**NEXT MEETING:** The next Meeting will be held at the ARCA Clubhouse on Monday, January 12<sup>th</sup> 2003.

**CLOSURE:** There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21:50

Councillors enjoyed sherry and mince pies with Chairman and Vice Chairman.