

MINUTES OF A MEETING
of
THANINGTON WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL
held at
Ashford Road Community Association Clubhouse, Thanington Without
on Monday, March 14th 2005

PRESENT: - Councillors, Mrs P. Blackman, Toni Baker, Dr C. Uwadi, Mr T. Davis, G. Furness, T. Maple, G. Page, K. Stokes and the Clerk.

CHAIRMAN: - Councillor G. Page

APOLOGIES: - Cllr Ian Bain (Work)

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

2) COUNCIL

- a) Declaration of any member's interest in agenda items
 - i) Cllr Graham Furness declared an interest in CA/05/00246/THA
 - ii) Clerk gave a brief overview on why Cllrs should declare interests and why.
- b) No changes in declaration of member's interest – *None*
- c) The Clerk confirmed that payments approved at the February meeting had been dispatched.
- d) The Clerk confirmed that the Web Site has been updated.
- e) The Clerk confirmed that planning applications were returned.
 - i) CA/05/00072/LHA –The Plantations, Iffin – PC accepted this application with the proviso that it stays a holiday cottage and does not become large property
- f) Planning Control Reports
- g) Council Future Projects
 - i) Larkey Valley Wood
 - ii) Parish Appraisal – ongoing
 - i) Awareness
 - ii) Corner of Iffin Lane & New House Lane – Brett's have not yet given quote.
- b) Alex Perkins (leader of Canterbury City Council) arrived with PC at 20:00 to present Cllr Graham Page with his Chairman's Badge of Office. He praised the Chairman for his work, he had been chairman since 1991, and this showed a lot of commitment.



- c) Letters had been received from CCC and MCRA. These were read out by the Chairman. The PC agreed that it had listened to both sides, but has never intervened on either side. Boundary disputes were a private matter between land owners.

3) **ONGOING PARISH MATTERS:**

- a) Top of Grays Way on Canterbury side pavement is scheduled for repair by end of June 2004. Highways now stated that this area was not a hazard. Clerk to ask again for site visit.
- b) Pavement outside St Nicolas Church and top of Grays Way, Kerbs being dropped to allow wheel chair 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. This is now high priority, and should be started by April 2005
- c) Bus Shelter in Strangers Lane. From April would be a street scene matter
- d) Broken Barrier opposite hanging banks. CCC now accept ownership looking for funding
- e) Footpath being blocked by cars, Stour footbridge and New House Lane. Ivan Evans to have site meeting with clerk. Bollards to be fitted by Stour and IE will look at what can be done in NHL
- f) Yellow lines on junction of Cockering and St Nicolas Roads 2004 Traffic Review.
- g) Chairman's Collar – Clerk showed a Chairman's collar, PC said it would prefer the gate at St Nicolas than just initials, This has now been received as per item 2
- h) Newsletter – Quote from Post Office £2,000 PC now to try for local people to deliver.
- i) Footpath at start of Thanington Road has had clean-up now on rota.
- j) Ashford Road sign Request for one to be placed at Grays Way entrance.
- k) Manhole outside Greenlands, Iffin Lane. NTL had been asked to repair
- l) Rubbish now been dumped in large quantity opposite hanging banks.
- m) Oak Tree in Ashenden Close needs trim – Street Scene to deal with one branch
- n) Ashenden Close in poor state of repair. – repairs to be carried out
- o) Bramley Avenue. Works Order issued
- p) Council considered going halves on notice board for resident association. Cllr K. Stokes reported that he had a notice board.
- q) Manhole Outside 141 Ashford Road Repaired.
- r) That Seat is purchased to replace one that has gone missing. Seat to be fitted around 18th March 2005
- s) Tonford Manor Building Work. Planning has been informed.
- t) 111 Thanington Road tree obscuring street light.
- u) Street light in Iffin Lane not working.
- v) Corner of NHL, Iffin has had cleanup
- w) Junction of NHL & NHC needs repair
- x) Raised footpath needs clean-up – This is to be inspected and actioned as necessary.
- y) Cockering Road need hedge trim
- z) Speed humps in Cockering Road Clerk to ask CCC to look at problem.
- aa) Clerk to ask for repairs to surface in front of ARCA hall, now done
- bb) Thanington Road residents parking needs survey to see who agreed.
- cc) The Clerk (on Cllr I. Bain's behalf raised the point with Ward Cllr Perkins that the Focus Newsletter did not recognise the PC efforts in the Pelham development along Ashford Road. Cllr Pam Blackman added that this was often the case. AP said he would speak to the people who put together that edition. He praised the work Thanington did.

4) **APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS:**

- a) Clerks Salary March 05 - £536.96
 - b) Inland Revenue March 05 - £201.77
- Proposed by Chairman, Seconded by Vice Chairman

5) **FINANCES:**

- a) HSBC Statement of Treasurer Account
 - i) Current balance at 3 March 2005 **£ 2,150.40**
- b) HSBC Statement of No-Notice Account
 - i) Current balance at 3 January 2005 **£ 6,523.66** (now less £5K transferred to Treasures Account)
- c) POSB Statement of Investment Account
 - i) Current balance at 3 February 2005 **£ 9,157.53**
 - ii) **£753.03** of this is reserved for Clerk's Gratuity

6) **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- a) Letter sent to Chairman and Clerk (Withdrawn by parishioner)
- b) Kent Trails (Circ)
- c) Silent Witness Post Card (Circ)
- d) Notes from Manston Airport Consultative Committee (Circ)
- e) A Code for the future (Circ)
- f) Local Council Review (Chairman's Copy + Circulation Copy)

- g) The Playing Field
- h) Highways reply
- i) Lord Mayors letter to Chairman (2) Chairman to attend
- j) CCC Letter
- k) Lord Lieutenant of Kent letter
- l) KAPC Minutes (3)
- m) CCC Tree work letter
- n) Report for Annual meeting from Ian Aveyard
- o) Creating Environmental Excellence
- p) Standards Committee Agenda 3 March
- q) Joint Meeting Agenda 7 March
- r) Kent & Medway Structure Plan
- s) Kent Canterbury Local Board Agenda
- t) KCC Public Rights of Way Meeting
- u) Clerk & Councils Direct Issue 38
- v) Email 141 Thanington Road cover fixed
- w) Manor Close Letters, read out earlier in meeting.
- x) Inland Revenue Pack
- y) Unsolicited advertising
- i)

7) **PLANNING:**

- a) Planning list W/E 17th Feb 2005– Three appertaining to Thanington Without
 - i) CA/05/00161/THA – Land at Iffin Farm House – Recommended by PC
 - ii) CA/05/00168/THA – 2 Bramley Avenue – Recommended by PC
 - iii) CA/05/00174/THA – 20 Tonford Lane – Recommended by PC
- b) Planning list W/E 24th Feb 2005– None appertaining to Thanington Without
- c) Planning list W/E 3rd Mar 2005– Two appertaining to Thanington Without
 - i) CA/05/00233/THA – 72 Ashford Road – Recommended by PC
 - ii) CA/05/00246/THA – 14 Ashenden Close – Recommended by PC
- d) Planning list W/E 10th Mar 2005– None appertaining to Thanington Without
- e) Development Control Committee - None appertaining to Thanington Without
- f) Development Control Committee - Supplementary Report
- g) Development Control Committee - Agenda
- h) Decision Notice CA/04/01709/THA Granted
 - i) 163 Ashford Road
- i) Decision Notice CA/04/01879/THA Granted
 - i) 8 New House Lane

8) **REPORTS:**

- a) Chairman had attended the ARCA AGM and given a report, He gave the clerk a copy of new Constitution for safe keeping as PC were trustees of ARCA Charity

9) **PARISH AFFAIRS:**

- a) Chairman
 - i) Two Golden Weddings had been celebrated, PC had sent flowers
 - (1) Shirley & Geoff Petts
 - (2) Brenda & Joe Sharp
 - ii) Phyllis Palmer, widow of Past Chairman to PC, had phoned to thank PC for her 90th Birthday Card the PC had sent.
 - iii) Annual Meeting was going to be on 6th April at Thanington Neighbourhood Resource Centre
 - iv) White gate on Entrance to Thanington Without from Ashford Side had been damaged.
 - v) Pat Smith had asked if rumours of Bus Shelter being built on north side of Ashford Road was true. Chairman had pointed out that nothing had been decided yet.
- b) TD
 - i) Rubbish in Iffin lane getting worse, but agreed that it was in Lower Hardes.
 - ii) Asked if Mail Bus from St Faiths could be advertised on web site, Clerk instructed to add 11:15 departing St Faiths and 14:00 departing Bus Station for return.
- c) PB
 - i) Egg throwing had again occurred at St Nicholas Church.

- ii) Tonford Lane had four notices put in wrong part of lane.
- d) GF
 - i) Bus Stop in Strangers Lane needed hedge trim.
- e) General
 - i) Letter to CCC to be sent regarding Thanington Within Centre. Agenda item for next meeting.

Alex Perkins addressed the PC, he stated that PC's should be proactive, and have some money in their budget for projects, The clerk said this re in-forced the PC decision to double the grass cutting budget for 2005/06 and has already started a projects budget. Cllr Perkins went on to praise the PC Web Site "it's the best Parish Council Web Site I have seen" for us we can look with confidence knowing it is updated regularly.

He confirmed that CCC supports the production of VDS, Hilltop Community Association (Canterbury) are currently producing their own. The Parish Council totally supports this.

The Chairman praised the work of the clerk in creation of the website, adding that the fact that Roger Cheeseworth had obtained 2nd place in the AON/NALC clerk of the year 2003 awards was largely due to the high standard of the web site. (This info has been confirmed by NALC).

The Clerk thanked the Chairman for his kind comments, adding that his job would be impossible without the support of the Council.

NEXT MEETING: The next Meeting will be held at the ARCA Clubhouse on Monday, April 11th 2005.

CLOSURE: There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 22:05