



**MINUTES OF A MEETING
of
THANINGTON WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL
held at**

**Ashford Road Community Association Clubhouse, Thanington Without
on Monday, November 13th 2006**

PRESENT: - Councillors, Mrs P. Blackman, T. Baker, Mr T. Davis, G. Furness, T. Maple, G. Page, K. Stokes and the Clerk. Parishioner – Mr Dave Jenner

CHAIRMAN: - Councillor Graham Page

APOLOGIES: - Cllr Ian Bain (Family), Cllr C. Uwadi (Family)

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) Changes in declaration of member's interest. - None
- c) The Clerk confirmed that payments approved at the October 2006 meeting had been dispatched.
- d) The Clerk confirmed that the Web Site has been updated. The Web site to be centre feature of next parish newsletter. Back issues of newsletters are now on web site.
- e) Speed Watch Project. – No activity this month
- f) Budget & Precept 2007-08 was accepted by PC Proposed by Cllr GP, Seconded by Cllr TB
- g) Planning applications.
 - i) CA/06/00955/THA – 68 New House Lane – Acceptance by PC
 - ii) CA/06/00957/THA – 8 Windsor Road – Acceptance by PC
 - iii) CA/06/01033/THA – 1 Tonford Lane – Acceptance by PC
- h) Planning Control Reports
 - i) None
- i) Council Future Projects
 - i) Larkey Valley Wood – Clerk to give Mr Glen Sharman his £50 at Orchard View.
 - ii) Land by River Stour 2006 – Seat now fitted by Neptune.
 - iii) Granite Stones at Lydd not suitable new supplier needed. Cllr TM came up with new company.
 - iv) Land in Cockering Road by start of footpath. Clerk and Cllr TM to take forward. Gas Board contractors have dumped Soil and rubbish on site. Has been cleared of rubbish but still soil.
 - v) Awareness

3) **ONGOING PARISH MATTERS:**

- a) One Street lights reported by Cllr G. Furness still not working Clerk has spoken to Barry Morgan who says that new contractors Ringway need scaffolding to do it. Very low priority is now given to lights which are on.
- b) Interactive sign in Ashford road has been turned. Had been fixed but had already been turned again. It showed how poor CCC were in that it took six months to have the sign fixed and seven days for it to be turned again.

The PC are very worried about the lack of action on several points, The Clerk reported that while they responded to his emails very quickly nothing else happened. He also stated that his direct contact with the heads of department at Planning and Highways had been cut and he only had access through the public customer care lines who could not help on technical or long term issues. The PC felt that this was unacceptable; the clerk was instructed to write to the three ward councillors and complain about this. The clerk was also instructed to inform the three ward Cllrs that if nothing was done in the short term a letter would be posted in the gazette stating that the Parish Council was getting no support from District & City Council And it would be made a front page story on the TWPC Newsletter Action4U.

A policy decision was taken to publish all letters and emails written by the clerk within the next minutes, with any replies or a record that the District or City officer had not replied. Proposed by Chairman. Seconded by Cllr Terry Davis

- c) Cllr PB telephoned to ask about building sign in 76 Ashford Road Garden. Clerk had visited the owner and informed him he needed Planning permission.
- d) 86 Ashford Road Hedge overgrown, hedge cut but still encroaching onto path. Clerk said that he would speak to residents
- e) Rubbish Sacks at top of Iffin Lane (not in our Parish) Collected

- f) Large pot hole at start of drop bank along Iffin Lane. Clerk stated that this was not actually on the highway
- g) Light on all of the time in Grays Way. Low priority
- h) Dormouse Boxes
- i) Man Hole cover by Traffic lights Thanington Road noisy. Not completed
- j) Trees overhanging by Lay-by, Thanington
- k) Parish Footpaths to be cut twice a year starting with Howfield. Winter & Summer cuts.
- l) Graffiti by railway line could be cleaned by new CCC team; PB rang Council and was told it was a railway problem.
- m) Bush at end of Thanington Road is stopping Wheel chairs going along. Completed
- n) Lorries going to Thruxton Mill are smelling really bad. This does not seem to be anyone's problem.
- o) Roundabout by Morrisons bushes are too high. Clerk reported that this was not a problem.
- p) Could Kissing gate be repaired, TM said it could become part of project.
- q) Footpath top end of New House Lane. On list for Kent task force.

4) APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS:

- a) Clerks Salary November 06 - £667.18
 - b) Inland Revenue November 06 - £233.98
 - c) Grass Cutting November- £200.00
 - d) SLCC Regional conference Cllrs TM, TD & Clerk - £100
- Proposed by Cllr G. Page, Seconded by Cllr P. Blackman

5) FINANCES:

- a) HSBC Statement of Treasurer Account
 - i) Current balance at 3 November 2006 **£ 3,046.43**
- b) HSBC Statement of No-Notice Account
 - i) Current balance at 3 October 2006 **£ 14,242.67 - £5K Transferred to Treasurer Account**
- c) POSB Statement of Investment Account
 - i) Current balance at 3 February 2006 **£ 9,459.69**
 - ii) **£1,277.46** of this is reserved for Clerk's Gratuity.
- d) Annual Audit has been returned with no actions, but has one point of interest brought about by Mr Ian Cogger losing his cheque for internal audit. This was re-issued in minutes 1336 4g

6) CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) *Agenda for Parish Council Meeting (agenda pack)*
- b) *Minutes of last Parish Council Meeting (agenda pack)*
- c) *Parish News Issue no 320 (agenda pack)*
- d) *Parish Precept 2007/08 Letter from CCC (agenda pack)*
- e) *Post Office Temporary Closure (agenda pack)*
- f) *Kent Police invitation to Stakeholder Meeting (agenda pack)*
- g) *Budget 2007/08 outline copy (agenda pack)*
- h) *Flying in Thanington (agenda pack)*
- i) Clerks & Councils Direct November 2006
- j) Chartham Parish Council note about Larkey Valley plus letter from James Mete
 - i) Clerk to send reply telling Chartham that Cllrs PB (North Ward) & TD (South Ward) are TWPC reps for first meeting.
- k) KCC Car share
- l) Towards 2010
- m) Emails – Kim Bennett, Street Lighting & Highways
- n) Local Council Review
- o) PCC November newsletter
- p) Letter & Leaflets on Kent Youth Offending Service
- q) A Clear Vision Number 10
- r) Southern Water update
- s) SLCC Regional conference copy for – Cllrs TM & TD + Clerk
- t) Countryside Alliance
- u) Cards & Posters 25 years of Canterbury
- v) Peoples trust for endangered species-traditional orchards project (sent direct to Chairman.)
- w) Stour View
- x) Unsolicited advertising
 - i) Wicksteed
 - ii) S&C Slater

7) **PLANNING:**

- a) Planning list W/E 12th October 2006 – None appertaining to Thanington Without
- b) Planning list W/E 19th October 2006 – Two appertaining to Thanington Without
 - i) CA/06/01363/THA – 157 Ashford Road – 100% rejected by PC
 - ii) CA/06/01379/THA – TNRC – 100% accepted by PC
- c) Planning list W/E 26th October 2006 – None appertaining to Thanington Without
- d) Planning list W/E 2nd November 2006 – None appertaining to Thanington Without
- e) Planning list W/E 9th November 2006 – One appertaining to Thanington Without
 - i) CA/06/01490/THA – 22 Manor Close – 100% accepted by PC
- f) Development Control Committee – 17 October List of Application – None for TWPC
- g) Development Control Committee – 17 October Agenda – None for TWPC
- h) Development Control Committee – 14 November Supplementary – None for TWPC but 2 for Chartham
- i) Development Control Committee – 17 October List of Application – None for TWPC but 1 for Chartham
- j) Development Control Committee – 17 October Agenda – None for TWPC
- k) Development Control Decision Notice CA/06/01240/THA – 3 Thanington Court Farm – Granted

8) **REPORTS:**

- a) No Reports

9) **PARISH AFFAIRS:**

- a) Clerk –
 - i) Thank Chairman for allowing him to arrive 15 minutes late.
- b) Cllr TD
 - i) Hedges in Iffin Lane had been cut again really well. The Parish Council thanked Steven Howland of Iffin Meadow Farm for his help with pot holes that we could not get highways to repair.
- c) Cllr TM
 - i) Corner of NHL/Hollow/Iffin Lanes need some grass seed putting down in spring.
 - ii) Speed Watch – Cllr asked clerk to explain system. Clerk stated that he had set up email address of speedwatch@thanington-pc.gov.uk and all volunteers were on it. They were to organise between themselves when they want equipment. They all had each others telephone numbers.
 - iii) Pot hole outside 36 NHL was now very bad.
- d) Cllr PB
 - i) Said she had read about road closures in North Ward.
 - ii) She had meet Sheila Webb who had said that she thought the cycle path between TW & Chartham should start next year.
- e) Chairman
 - i) Next meeting was the Christmas meeting, he would provide the Sherry and soft drinks. Pam Blackman would sort out some nibbles.

NEXT MEETING: The next Meeting will be held at the ARCA Clubhouse on Monday, December 11th 2006.

CLOSURE: There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21:12

Letter to Kent Highways. Copied to Cllr Martin Vye, TM & TD 16/11/06

To Anna Norton

The Interactive speed sign which took Kent Highways 6 months to put straight has been turned within a week of being done. So we are back in the same situation (**just one more month later**), except that the company have been paid for doing a very poor job when the sign was still left loose.

The hedge outside the flint cottages at 86 Ashford Road still encroaches and takes up 50% of the path. we have been asking for this to be looked at for several years and it has been given lip service only. If Kent Highways cannot keep this footpath clear for Wheel chairs & Push chairs can you give the Parish Council the permission to have it done. We would like a site meeting on this problem.

The noisy manhole cover at the start of Thanington Road has still not been fixed, Pot holes throughout the parish are marked then left for weeks, when repairs are made they are of such poor quality that they sometimes only last for a few weeks.

The pot hole outside 36 New House Lane is now very bad and could damage a car with its position within the carriageway.

Roger Cheeseworth

Reply -----

From: Thaningtonclerk@aol.com [mailto:Thaningtonclerk@aol.com]
Sent: 16 November 2006 09:12
To: Customer Serv Payphones G
Cc: maple@dsl.pipex.com
Subject: Re: nd17942616

Hi

The Parish council would like to meet with BT on site to discuss how we can help with the vandell problem with our phone box.

Whilst you have replied to our email and one message has been left we have still not been able to set up a meeting on site to take this matter further

Please could you contact me at the details below to arrange a time and date.

Roger Cheeseworth
copy to Cllr Terry Maple

Reply -----

Dear Mr Cheeseworth

I have asked BT's Commercial Field Officer to contact you and new ref no ND18030444 refers.

Regards

Jan Donohue
BT Payphones
Customer Service Advisor

Email to Chartham PC

Hi Paul

Hope all is well, Thanington Parish discussed the idea of a joint project on Larkey Valley at our meeting on Monday 13th November.

The PC was in favour of joint working.

Two Councillors volunteered to start it off
Vice Chairman Cllr Pam Blackman
Cllr Terry Davis

Perhaps we could set up a meeting at some time?

Roger Cheeseworth

Reply -----

From: RCinKENT@aol.com [mailto:RCinKENT@aol.com]
Sent: 16 November 2006 10:45
To: Fil Bolton
Subject: Emails to Kim

Hi Fil

Re telephone conversation. Here is copy of last email

Roger

Hi Kim

Please could you help with the following.

I have emailed on several occasions about the large advertising board that has been placed in the garden of 76 Ashford Road. When I visited him he said he had not applied for planning permission but would.

Please could you get someone to look into it and give us an answer.

Thanks as always

Roger Cheeseworth

Reply -----

Hi Roger

Your e-mail received safely and I will now forward it to Kim for attention as today goes on.

Fil

Roger Cheeseworth of Thanington Without PC has phoned regarding the above and says he has sent e-mails to you but has received no reply, which I told him I found very unusual.

I have searched Acolaid for an application at 76 Ashford Road but nothing comes up, so assume no application has been made by this builder.

Please can you call Mr Cheeseworth back with an update.

Reply -----

Subject: 76 Ashford road
Date: 17/11/2006 09:43:55 GMT Standard Time
From: Janet.Claridge@canterbury.gov.uk
To: rcinkent@aol.com

Sent from the Internet ([Details](#))

Thank you for your email, this has been passed to our Enforcement team who will reply shortly

From: Thaningtonclerk@aol.com [mailto:Thaningtonclerk@aol.com]
Sent: 16 November 2006 13:59
To: Andrew Stevens
Subject: Thanington Without Precept

Hi Andrew

Thank you for your Parish Precept 2007/08 letter, at our PC Council meeting on Monday 13th November our budget was accepted.

We would like our precept set at £20,500 for the year 2007/08, this is the same as 2006/07

Please could you just reply to this email for my audit trail.

Thanks Roger

Reply -----

Hi Roger. Email received with thanks.

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Canterbury CC

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