



MINUTES OF A MEETING
of
THANINGTON WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL
held at
Ashford Road Community Association Clubhouse, Thanington Without
on Monday, December 11th 2006

PRESENT: - Councillors, Mrs P. Blackman, Dr C. Uwadi, Mr Ian Bain, T. Davis, T. Maple, G. Page, K. Stokes and the Clerk. Parishioner –

CHAIRMAN: - Councillor Graham Page

APOLOGIES: - Cllr T. Baker (Working), G. Furness (Guest)

- 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. - None
 - b) Changes in declaration of member's interest. - None
 - c) The Clerk confirmed that payments approved at the November 2006 meeting had been dispatched.
 - d) The Clerk confirmed that the Web Site has been updated. Many new items had been added including St Nicholas Church, ARCA, TNRC, St Faiths & more Pictures.
 - e) Speed Watch Project. – No activity this month. Due to winter and the PC was not allowed to do checks in dark.
 - f) Planning applications.
 - i) CA/06/01363/THA – 157 Ashford Road – 100% rejected by PC
 - ii) CA/06/01379/THA – TNRC – 100% accepted by PC
 - iii) CA/06/01490/THA – 22 Manor Close – 100% accepted by PC
 - g) Planning Control Reports
 - i) None
 - h) Register of Electors
 - i) The Clerk read out the Regulations governing the use of the register. He informed the Cllrs that they must comply with regulation 107(8) of the Representation of the People Regulation 2002. All Councillors present then signed their declarations and received their ward register.
 - i) Council Future Projects
 - i) Larkey Valley Wood – Clerk has given Mr Glen Sharman his £50. - Invite for meeting had been sent to Chartham PC. No reply as yet.
 - ii) Granite Stones. Clerk had telephoned the quarry and the cost of £3000 delivered for large rocks seemed to be out of council's budget for a project like this.
 - iii) Land in Cockerling Road by start of footpath. Clerk and Cllr TM to report.
 - iv) 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. Now off.
 - b) Interactive sign in Ashford road has been turned. Now fixed
 - c) Cllr PB telephoned to ask about building sign in 76 Ashford Road Garden. Now removed
 - d) 86 Ashford Road Hedge overgrown, hedge cut but still encroaching onto path. Now cut. Cllr IB said he had been contacted by Mr & Mrs Lee of 84 Ashford Road saying that they were Flint Cottage and 86 was Tudor Cottage. Cllr PB said she had also been contacted and had told the clerk. The Clerk said he had called on Mr & Mrs Lee that evening at 18:30 and had explained the reasons as historical and the two cottages had always been known as the Flint Cottages. He said hi would write an confirm that the PC would now use their new names.
 - e) Man Hole cover by Traffic lights Thanington Road noisy. Not completed
 - f) Trees overhanging by Lay-by, Thanington. Clerk produced a picture showing this problem
 - g) Parish Footpaths to be cut twice a year starting with Howfield. Winter & Summer cut
 - h) Could Kissing gate be repaired, TM said it could become part of project.
 - i) Footpath top end of New House Lane.
 - j) Milton Roundabout over growing hedges

4) **APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS:**

- a) Clerks Salary December 06 - £567.74
- b) Inland Revenue December 06 - £233.98
- c) Grass Cutting November & December- £400.00
- d) Refund of £50 to Clerk who has given Mr Sharman £50 cash
- e) Newsletter 3 - £400
- f) Parish Newsletter delivery - £50

Proposed by Cllr G. Page, Seconded by Cllr I. Bain

5) **FINANCES:**

- a) HSBC Statement of Treasurer Account
 - i) Current balance at 3 December 2006 **£ 1,845.27**
- 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) **£1,304.80** of this is reserved for Clerk's Gratuity.
- d) Completion of Annual Audit forms had been up in the Parish notice boards in Ashford Road and New House Lane since the 14 November. Clerk stated he would leave it up longer.

6) **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- a) *Agenda for Parish Council Meeting (agenda pack)*
- b) *Minutes of last Parish Council Meeting (agenda pack)*
- c) *Parish News Newsletter Issue no 18 (agenda pack)*
- d) *KAPC Minutes and letter (GP & IB Only) (agenda pack)*
- e) *A to Z directory (GP only) (agenda pack)*
- f) *Action 4U issue 3 (Given at meeting)*
- g) *Connections Pfizer Issue 2 (Given at meeting)*
- h) Invite to Lord Lieutenant of Kents Service
- i) CCC District Life Issue 25
- j) St Nicholas & St Faith Parish Magazine
- k) Joint Meeting of the Rural Area member panel.
- l) Letter from Graham Page
- m) Street Monitors Meeting
- n) Minerals Development Framework CD
- o) Outlook Dec 2006
- p) Letter from Jeane Miller
- q) Kent Wildlife Trust
- r) CCC Council Meeting Minutes
- s) The Playing Field
- t) Hilltop News Issue 42
- u) The Progressive Council
- v) A water resource Strategy for Kent
- w) KAPC Parish News Issue 321 (*Given at meeting*)
- x) Vicars letter
- y) Unsolicited advertising
 - i) Monster Play

7) **PLANNING:**

- a) Planning list W/E 16th November 2006 – One appertaining to Thanington Without
 - i) CA/06/01506/THA – Paddock A, New House Lane – 100% refusal
- b) Planning list W/E 23rd November 2006 – None appertaining to Thanington Without
- c) Planning list W/E 30th November 2006 – None appertaining to Thanington Without
- d) Planning list W/E 7th December 2006 – None appertaining to Thanington Without
- e) Development Control Committee – 12 December List of Application – None for TWPC
- f) Development Control Committee – 14 November Agenda – None for TWPC
- g) Development Control Committee – 12 December Agenda – None for TWPC
- h) Development Control Committee – 14 November Supplementary – None for TWPC
- i) Development Control Committee – 12 December Supplementary – None for TWPC
- j) Development Control Decision Notice CA/06/01379/THA – Thanington Neighbourhood Resource Centre – Granted
- k) CCC Enforcement letter about 76 Ashford Road

- l) Email from Mr & Mrs Brooks, They had telephoned the clerk who had advised them to contact Development Control.
- m) Additional Planning Applications –
 - i) CA/06/01363/THA – 157 Ashford Road – 100% Refusal
 - ii) CA/06/01379/THA – TNRC – 100% Acceptance

8) REPORTS:

- a) No Reports

9) PARISH AFFAIRS:

- a) Clerk
 - i) Asked if he could take his annual holiday in February as he was going to Hong Kong, and if the PC would consider moving the March meeting by one week to 19th March 2007. This was 100% accepted Proposed by Chairman & Seconded by Vice Chairman.
 - ii) The Clerk asked if there could be an agenda item in January to discuss his Re-imbursements for home use as the energy cost have doubled in the 5 years he has been clerk.
- b) Cllr KS
 - i) Strangers Lane / Cockering Road junction the yellow lines are very faded.
- c) Cllr TD
 - i) Pot holes between Merton Lane & New House Lane where getting very bad.
 - ii) Entrance to ARCA hall also had many bad pot holes. Agenda Item for January.
- d) Cllr TM
 - i) Telephone Box start of NHL still awaiting glass
- e) Cllr IB
 - i) Could the PC consider signage for footpath on north side of river crossing? Pro IB Sec GP
 - ii) Hassall Reach street light very low light now due to reflector slipping under lamp.
- f) Cllr PB
 - i) Inga Gould gave her best wishes to the PC and PB gave an update.
- g) Cllr CU
 - i) Said there was an abandoned car at start of Ingoldsby Road.

Help keep Thanington Tidy

**Please place your litter in the bins
over the bridge.**

Thanington Without Parish Council

NEXT MEETING: The next Meeting will be held at the ARCA Clubhouse on Monday, January 8th 2007.

CLOSURE: There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20:55

The Councillors and clerk then took Sherry with the chairman, and enjoyed dabbles and a very nice cake made by Vice Chairman.

Hi

Here are the Parish Council returns for the following planning applications

CA/06/01363/THA

The PC believes this to be infilling giving problems with more access needed onto a busy road.

PC 100% recommends that development Control refuses this application

The PC will not speak at any committee

CA/06/01379/THA

The PC has no objections to this application

PC 100% recommends that development Control accepts this application

Reply - "Thank you for your email which is receiving attention"

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Hi

Firstly thank you for the Interactive sign which is now working again.

Here are the problems we would like to report this months

[Man Hole cover by Traffic lights Thanington Road noisy.](#) **One Month**

[Milton Roundabout over growing hedges.](#) **One Month**

[Strangers Lane / Cockerling Road junction the yellow lines are very faded.](#) **New**

[Pot holes between Merton Lane & New House Lane where getting very bad.](#) **New**

[Entrance to ARCA hall also had many bad pot hole.](#) **New**

[Abandoned car at start of Ingoldsby Road.](#) **New**

Thanks for the meeting Ralph and the feedback from both of you.

Reply email 12th Dec 2006 @ 13:57 - Dear Mr Cheeseworth - this is just to acknowledge receipt of your email. I will contact you again as soon as we have some answers. Jane

Hi Barry – Street Lighting

We have a street light in Hassall Reach which has been broken for quite a while it is now not work at all. the reflector has moved around and there are loose dangerous wires.

Roger Cheeseworth

Reply

Hi

ND18030444 Phone Box Bottom of New House Lane/Iffin Lane

Nothing has moved on the BT phone box since I spoke to the field officer who said something would be done within the week. Please could you give us an update for the work to be done.

Roger Cheeseworth
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Copied to Cllr Terry Maple

Reply email 12th Dec 2007 @ 15:20

Dear Mr Cheeseworth

Thank you for your email , I am contacting Field Officer for an update on the matter. I will update you when I have further information.

New ref : ND 18160120

regards

Josephine Brown
BT Payphones

Hello Mr Cheeseworth

As per telephone conversation, regarding Payphone located at New House Lane, the Field Officer is aware the payphone is to be re-installed and he will be liaising with the engineer .

regards

Josephine Brown
BT Payphones
Customer Service Advisor

Hi Margaret

We have to change our March meeting from the 12th March 2007 to the 19th March 2007 is it possible to have the committee room for that date please.

Roger Cheeseworth

Reply – Email 12/12/2006

Dear Roger

Had a look at the bookings and the committee room is free on the 19th March, however, the Organ club have their meeting in the main hall that evening. We have had a committee meeting at the same time in the past and did not find it a problem, we quite enjoyed the music. I have pencilled you in for the moment until you confirm.

Margaret

Tuesday, 12 December 2006

Dear Mr & Mrs Lee

This is a follow up letter after my visit to your house last night at 18:30, to also put in writing what we discussed. Firstly may I apologise again for mixing up the two cottages. We refer to 84 & 86 Flint Cottages in our records, you have now informed me that 84 is named Flint Cottage and 86 is named Tudor Cottage.

I can confirm that this is how the Parish Council will refer to them in the future.

May I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Roger Cheeseworth
Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer
Thanington Without Parish Council

Tuesday, 12 December 2006

Dear Mrs Pearson

This letter is to give you an update from the Thanington Without Parish Council on the ground along side your fence. We have conducted a study into placing boulders alongside the fence, but have come to the conclusion that the Parish Council cannot justify the expense of placing 5 boulders in this area.

We will continue to look at ways in which we might control parking in this area, but we do not have the power that the district council has.

Sorry this is not better news.

May I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Roger Cheeseworth
Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer
Thanington Without Parish Council

Tuesday, 12 December 2006

Dear Mr Marsh

Following your chat with the Chairman of Thanington Without Parish Council I am writing to inform you that the PC have reported the overgrown hedges at Milton Bridge to Kent Highways.

As they have not as yet cut the hedges we have today reported it again.

Thank you for taking the time to tell us.

May I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Roger Cheeseworth
 Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer
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Would you please see herewith a reply, to your recent e-mail, from Keith Ferrin, Cabinet Member for Environment, Highways & Waste.

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8 December 2006

Dear Mr Cheeseworth

I was very concerned to read your recent e-mail comments, addressed to Dennis Button, regarding your communications with the East Kent Divisional Office.

I have been advised that when you had a site meeting with the Highway Inspector for the area, Ralph Simpson, on the 24 November the issues you had raised had, in fact been dealt with:

Overhanging Trees –

it was agreed that there was, in fact, no work required to the trees in Thanington Road

Interactive Speed Sign –

if there are technical faults to these signs, these have to be dealt with by the contractor who is based in Manchester. Therefore, any faults are batched together so that they can attend to these in one visit throughout the county. Other faults are dealt with by the Divisional Office and I have now been informed that the sign has now been corrected.

Pothole repairs – at the time of your site visit, all the potholes had been repaired.

Grass cutting – we are only able to fund two cuts per year for the purposes of visibility. However, we will be discussing with Canterbury City Council to ensure sufficient cuts are made

I was most concerned at your comment regarding being 'fobbed off by administrative assistants'. I understand that you have regular contact with Jane Tannant, Liaison Officer for your Parish, who telephones you regularly to update you on any outstanding queries. This has been found to be an excellent form of communication for the Parish Councils, which I know is greatly appreciated by other Parish Councils and you should continue to do this, either by email to eastkent.highways@kent.gov.uk, or through our contact centre number – telephone 0845 8247800. It has also been agreed that you can contact Ralph Simpson directly on his mobile number if you have any urgent issues.

We have worked hard within Kent Highway Services to improve communication with the Parish Councils and I hope that matters can be dealt with as above.

Yours sincerely

Keith Ferrin

Thank you for the copy of this email, it is the first I have seen it nothing was sent to me. I cannot agree with the comments made within it though. Cllr Ferrin does not seem to have checked any facts.

The pot holes were not repaired when Ralph Simpson and I looked. Here is a picture we took at the time of the one which we had reported for two months.



And this is the standard of the repair afterwards.



The Interactive sign had not been fixed for a second time, after the very poor first fix which lasted 72 hours, this was after waiting over six months for the repair to happen.

I do agree that Ralph and I said the tree at the start of Thanington Road was not bad enough to need highways to cut.

This is a man hole cover by the traffic lights at start of Thanington Road (Canterbury bound) we have been waiting six weeks so far



This is the blocked footpath at Milton Bridge, which was seen by Ralph and I and reported by a parishioner. Who states he is forced to walk close to traffic because path is blocked. We use to get two cuts a year in New House Lane but it stopped two years ago. The Parish Council now pays for two cuts a month along New House Lane



Having said all this I thank Dennis for setting up a very good meeting with Ralph and I am sure things will now improve. The Interactive sign was fixed last Thursday.

I agree that very recently I have started to get phone calls from liaison officers. but we are a long way from the communication that we use to have.

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