



**MINUTES OF A MEETING**  
**of**  
**THANINGTON WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL**  
**held at**  
**Ashford Road Community Association Clubhouse, Thanington Without**  
**on Monday, June 11<sup>th</sup> 2007**

**PRESENT:** - Councillors, Mrs P. Blackman, T. Baker, Mr Ian Bain, T. Davis, G. Furness. T. Maple, G. Page, and the Clerk. Parishioner – Adrian Baker, John Bengier

**CHAIRMAN:** - Councillor Graham Page

**APOLOGIES:** - Cllrs K. Stokes (Work), Cllr Dr C. Uwardi (Away)

**1) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:** The Minutes of the May 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 May 2007 meeting had been dispatched. Two not banked as yet. Cheques 100916 Active 24 & 100917 Zurich
- d) The Clerk confirmed that the Web Site has been updated. Clerk had been to Milton Church and taken photographs to go with history which had been typed by Margaret Nicholson.
- e) To accept the council audit of the internal auditor, The PC uses a Professional firm of accountants. They carry out all the safeguards to protect the council over the accounts Proposed Chairman Sec TB
- f) Planning applications.
  - i) CA/07/00507/THA – 18 New House Close – 100% accept
  - ii) CA/07/00617/THA – 64 Thanington Road – 100% accept
- g) Planning Control Reports
  - i) None

**3) FUTURE PROJECTS**

- a) Larkey Valley Wood – Cllr Terry Davis should ask Chartham if they can help with Way Posts. If they cannot, he should ask if TWPC fund these Way Markers will Chartham fund something in the future. Anna Palmer had given TD history of Larkey Valley Wood.
- b) Land in Cockering Road by start of footpath. Deacons Landscape of Wooton, Canterbury tender received and given to Cllrs. Details sent to Haywood Landscapes Ltd, 5 Westerham Close, Canterbury. Tel 01227 453679.
- c) Fence for raised footpath. Work to commence in June by Four Seasons.
- d) Salt Bins – Two bin to be purchased for ARCA from Excelsior Ltd, Hartshead Works, Deal Str, Bury, Lancs BL9 7PU Tel No 0161 797 0855 at £105 each. ARCA to donate £105. Proposed IB Sec TB.

**4) ONGOING PARISH MATTERS:**

- a) Speed Watch Project. – No new events
- b) Strangers Lane / Cockering Road junction the yellow lines are very faded. Awaiting Canterbury City Council.
- c) Entrance to ARCA hall also had many bad pot holes. Hall - this still does not reach the criteria for repair at the present moment, but will be monitored at regular intervals by the highway inspector.
- d) Railing opposite hanging banks lay-by, by - a works order has been issued - Highways are still waiting for an estimate for this work.
- e) Tree on corner of Grays Way has died.
- f) I have been advised by a Transportation Engineer that we will need to advertise and make a new TRO regarding the request that the 30 mph signs by Manor Close be moved. This will require a report to the Annual Meeting of the JTB in February 2008 for consideration of this request.
- g) Regarding kerb stones and surface laying at the hanging bank lay-by - Ralph Simpson will inspect the area and he will contact us again in due course.
- h) A2 by Pass Bridge – The Thanington Road sign had been uprooted and left by bridge.
- i) By Milton Bridge roundabout – Chartham direction sign had been knocked over.
- j) Street light in Strangers Close still not working.
- k) Drainage outside 19 to 23 Thanington Road on lower footpath.

5) **APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS:**

- a) Clerks Salary June 07 - £661.25
- b) Inland Revenue June 07 - £241.30
- c) Grass Cutting - £400.00
- d) Stead Spencer Litter picking - £90.00
- e) Gordon Engraving - £23.50
- f) Margaret Nicholson - £50.00
- g) Yellow Jackets - £5.71

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

6) **FINANCES:**

- a) HSBC Statement of Treasurer Account
  - i) Current balance at 3 June 2007           **£ 3,074.70**
- b) HSBC Statement of No-Notice Account
  - i) Current balance at 3 June 2007           **£ 19,342.36** estimated - Statement arrives 3 July 2007
- c) POSB Statement of Investment Account
  - i) Current balance at 3 February 2007       **£ 9,976.58**
  - ii) **£1,471.53** of this is reserved for Clerk's Gratuity

7) **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- a) *Agenda for Parish Council Meeting (agenda pack)*
- b) *Minutes for Parish Council Meeting (agenda pack)*
- c) *Parish News Newsletter (agenda pack)*
- d) Parking Regulations Review 2006 – Ashford Road
- e) New Code of Conduct
- f) Three quotes for salt bins
- g) Letters from Inga Gould with Donation of £100
- h) Letter from Claire Naude. PC accepted to pay £100 for fitting of post. Pro Chairman Sec TB
- i) District Life Issue 27
- j) Monthly update of Electoral Register – Chairman wanted updates
- k) Standards Committee
- l) Agenda Rural Area Panel
- m) Safer Kent Awards
- n) NHS Expert Patient Programme
- o) Outlook & St Nicholas Newsletter
- p) Larkey Valley History.
- q) Unsolicited advertising
  - i) SMP
  - ii) Vaughtons
  - iii) Grass Master

8) **PLANNING:**

- a) Planning list W/E 17<sup>th</sup> May 2007 –None appertaining to Thanington Without
- b) Planning list W/E 24<sup>th</sup> May 2007 –None appertaining to Thanington Without
- c) Planning list W/E 31<sup>st</sup> May 2007 –None appertaining to Thanington Without
- d) Planning list W/E 7<sup>th</sup> June 2007 –None appertaining to Thanington Without
- e) Development Control Committee – 29 May Supplementary – None for TWPC
- f) Development Control Committee – 29 May Revised Supplementary – None for TWPC
- g) Development Control Committee –29 May List of Application – None for TWPC
- h) Development Control Committee – 29 May Agenda – None for TWPC
- i) Development Control Committee –14 June Special Meeting (KCCC)
- j) Development Control Committee – 14 June Agenda – Special Meeting (KCCC)
- k) Planning Decision Notice – CA/07/00507/THA - Granted.

9) **REPORTS:**

- a) None

10) **PARISH AFFAIRS:**

- a) Chairman
  - i) Letter from Rev Ian Aveyard on the Harris Charity. He proposes that it be wound up and funds transferred to Canterbury Relief in Need Charity. The PC discussed the matter and felt that the Charity should not be supported. But that the PC should help fund this worthy Charity and bring it up to date. The PC said it

would be happy to take over the Trusteeship. Chairman to invite Vicar & Cllr Charlotte McCaul to next meeting.

- b) Cllr TD
  - i) Speed Check had been fitted in Hollow Lane.
- c) Cllr IB
  - i) Pot hole outside No 7 Grays Way
  - ii) Milton Bridge Overgrown Hedges
- d) Cllr GF
  - i) Highways had sent letter to 9 Ashenden Close but Cllr Furness said this dwelling had no overgrowing hedges. Clerk instructed to ask Highways if they had the right house.
  - ii) Lights in Strangers Lane not working again.
- e) Cllr PB
  - i) Street Light intermittent in Tonford Lane outside 25.
- f) Cllr TB
  - i) Trees outside 27 Thanington Road need cutting.
  - ii) Street Light in Alfred Road not working.
  - iii) Cllr TB to join the EVA group. PC agreed that she should represent the PC.
  - iv) Clerk instructed to invite CPO to next meeting.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next Meeting will be held at the ARCA Clubhouse on Monday, July 9<sup>th</sup> 2007.

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

John Benger – Stated that drainage had been a problem for 20 years. So he was pleased the PC was getting things done. He had attended a meeting about Wincheap Ind Estate work.

Hi Barry

Although we report problems with street lighting nothing seems to get done these days. We have gone from a very good service to a very poor service within the pass few years. Could we discuss the possibilities of the Parish Council taking back the maintenance of our Street Lighting please.

Here is our report for June

- a) Street Light in Alfred Road
- b) Street Lights in Strangers Lane
- c) Intermittent Street Light in Tonford Lane
- d) Street light in Strangers Close still not working.

Roger Cheeseworth  
Clerk

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Reply : By Telephone stating that the lights in Strangers Lane & Close have an ongoing problem with EDF energy. The fuse keeps blowing when it rains. Clerk has sent a email to EDF FMS No 1036571. Copy below

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East Kent Highways (also copied to Nick Eden-Green)

1. Broken railings opposite the hanging banks lay-by (four month)
2. Entrance to ARCA Hall bad pot hole. Whilst you keep saying this has not reached the criteria for repair it is now two feet across and very dangerous to cyclist entering this road (five months)
3. Strangers Lane / Cockerling Road Junction yellow lines very faint (five months Canterbury have not contacted us)
4. Sign at Milton roundabout on entrance to Brett has been knocked down (one Month)
5. No drainage outside 19 to 23 Thanington Road on lower footpath. This is believed to be a health and safety issue as residents have to wade through water. (one month) **This has been examined**
6. Kerb stones and surface laying at the hanging bank lay-by (two Month)
7. Trees outside 27 Thanington Road need cutting. (New)
8. Tree on corner of Grays Way has died. (New)
9. Pot Hole outside 7 Grays Way (New)

Pictures are available for most of these problems at [www.thanington-pc.gov.uk/photo/ongoing.html](http://www.thanington-pc.gov.uk/photo/ongoing.html)

Roger Cheeseworth  
Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer  
Thanington Without Parish Council

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Reply: Dear Mr Cheeseworth

In response to your Email of 12 June regarding Thanington Without Parish Highway issues, I have received the following answers:

1. We have now received and accepted a quote for the broken railings opposite the hanging banks lay-by and expect the work to be carried out in the next two weeks.
2. Entrance to ARCA Hall pot hole - as discussed on the phone, this has now been identified as being on private land.
3. Yellow lines at junction of Strangers Lane and Cockerling Road. I have spoken to Richard Jenkins at Canterbury City Council who assured me that he will phone you. He can be contacted on (01227) 862000 if you need to make further contact.
4. Sign at Milton roundabout has been knocked down. We are only replacing signs that have safety implications at the moment, such as STOP and GIVE WAY signs. Directional signs are being treated as a lower priority at the moment.

5. Drainage outside 19-23 Thanington Road on lower footpath. Ralph Simpson has spoken to the resident concerned and a cleanse of the gully outside no.19 Thanington Road has been ordered.
6. Kerb stones and surface laying at the hanging bank lay-by. Although we are not responsible for this area, Ringways have been instructed that if they have any spare materials left on their vehicle, on the way back to the depot, they should use the materials to carry out repairs to this area.
7. The trees outside No.27 Thanington Road have been reported to Jacobs for cutting.
8. Also the tree on the corner of Grays Way which has died, has been reported to Jacobs.
9. The pot hole outside 7 Grays Way has now been filled.

Please do come back to me if I can be of any further assistance.

Kind regards

*Jane Tannant  
Liaison Officer  
East Kent Divisional Office  
2 Beer Cart Lane  
Canterbury  
Kent  
CT1 2NN  
Tel: 01227 825277*

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Monday, 11 June 2007

Dear Margaret

Please find enclosed a cheque for £50 in appreciation of your hard work for the Parish Council. All your hard work will help me build up a good history of our Parish, we are keeping these records in our archive and on the Parish Council Web Site.

Thanks Again

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Reply : Thanks from Margaret

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Street Lighting in Strangers Lane & Close Thanington Without Canterbury  
Roger Cheeseworth [Clerk@thanington-pc.gov.uk]

Sent : Fri 15/06/2007 10:21

To : 'tmcstreetlightingrequest@edfenergy.com'

Copy : 'barry.morgan@kent.gov.uk'; 'nick.edengreen@canterbury.gov.uk'; 'martin.vye@kent.gov.uk'

Subject – FMS No 10365714

Strret Lights in Strangers Lane & Strangers Close

This fault has been going on for several months now, and this, the latest FMS number has been open since 14 Feb 2007. The Parish Council is very concerned that you do not seem to be taking this matter seriously. Our Parishioners are left without street lights.

Please could you give me a progress report on what is happening with this fault.

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Reply

**Subject:** STREET LIGHTING STRANGERS LANE & CLOSE  
**Date:** 15/06/2007 14:48:25 GMT Standard Time

**From:** [Jacqueline.Westlake@edfenergy.com](mailto:Jacqueline.Westlake@edfenergy.com)  
**To:** [Steven.Iverson@edfenergy.com](mailto:Steven.Iverson@edfenergy.com)  
**CC:** [Clerk@thanington-pc.gov.uk](mailto:Clerk@thanington-pc.gov.uk)

Good Day Steven

I work in Highway lighting at Maidstone , my job is to put lighting faults onto the system for repair. As I am first port of call I seem to be the one people call for updates.

I was given your name as a contact as you look after this area please can you help me.

As this seems to be a going job lights stop working after/during heavy rain

I have raised this job again new fms 1075906 lights out in Strangers lane & Strangers Close Thanington Without Canterbury.

This job has been raised 4 times before and seems to be fixed only for short while original Fms started in Oct 06 fms 971401 then Dec 06 fms 998307 Jan 07 fms 1009094 & Feb 07 fms 1036571

Something needs to be sorted here can you please try and get to the bottom of this one

As Mr Roger Cheeseworth (clerk @ Thanington Parish Council ) is getting very fed with

This up to 7 cols. could be affected

I would appreciate your help in this. I have sent a copy to Mr Cheeseworth

Jackie Westlake  
Highway Lighting  
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