



**MINUTES OF A MEETING**  
**of**  
**THANINGTON WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL**  
**held at**  
**Ashford Road Community Association Clubhouse, Thanington Without**  
**on Monday, July 9<sup>th</sup> 2007**

**PRESENT:** - Councillors, Mrs P. Blackman, T. Baker, Dr C. Uwardi, Mr Ian Bain, T. Davis, T. Maple, G. Page, K. Stokes and the Clerk. Parishioner – PCSO Trevor Ingram, PCSO Fay Curtis, Adrian Baker, Jide Busari, Sarah Prewer, Jon Ashley & John Benger.

**CHAIRMAN:** - Councillor Graham Page

**APOLOGIES:** - G. Furness

- 1) **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:** The Minutes of the June 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 June 2007 meeting had been dispatched. M.N. had not as yet cashed her cheque.
  - d) The Clerk confirmed that the Web Site has been updated.
  - e) Clerk suggested that with immediate effect his home use out of pocket expenses should drop by £20, as he was not doing so much photocopying. Proposed Chairman, Sec TM
  - f) Planning applications.
    - i) There were no planning applications at the July 2007 meeting.
  - g) Planning Control Reports
    - i) None
  - h) Harris Charity. The Chairman reported that he had not had a answer from either Rev Aveyard or Cllr McCaul. The PC decided that they had little interest in the charity as they had not accepted the PC invitation to the meeting. The Clerk was instructed to contact the Charity Commission and ask how the PC could become the Trustees for the Harris Charity. The clerk was also instructed to write to the Vicar and Cllr McCaul stating what the PC had decided.
  - i) Annual Parish Meeting would be on the 19<sup>th</sup> May 2008 at St Faiths Hall..
- 3) **FUTURE PROJECTS**
  - a) Larkey Valley Wood – no history of Larkey Valley Wood had been received by clerk..
  - b) Land in Cockering Road by start of footpath – Finch Landscaping to be given the contract to include the fencing at a cost of £2000 plus VAT. Proposed GP Sec IB
  - c) Fence for raised footpath. Work to commence on 12 July by Four Seasons.
  - d) Salt Bins – now in place. ARCA to donate £105.
- 4) **ONGOING PARISH MATTERS:**
  - a) Speed Watch Project. – Clerk Confirmed that he had contacted the police who had promised to get back to him but no reply had yet been received. PCSO T. Ingram is looking into this.
  - 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 – Highway inspector has now admitted that he has been inspecting the wrong hall for six months. It is on private ground and thus cannot be repaired by highways.
  - d) Railing opposite hanging banks lay-by, by - a works order has been issued - Completed
  - e) Tree on corner of Grays Way has died. Will be looked at in September.
  - f) Regarding kerb stones and surface laying at the hanging bank lay-by – is going to be filled in with spare tarmac as and when.
  - g) By Milton Bridge roundabout – Chartham direction sign has no priority, only warning signs will be repaired at present.
  - h) Street light in Strangers Close still not working.
  - i) Drainage outside 19 to 23 Thanington Road on lower footpath.
  - j) Pot Hole outside 7 Grays Way

- k) Milton Bridge overgrown hedges were being done when the Chairman & Clerk visited the area after the meeting.
- l) Street Light in Alfred Close
- m) Street Lights in Strangers Lane
- n) Intermittent Street Light in Tonford Lane - Done
- o) Trees outside 27 Thanington Road need cutting. Being inspected soon.

5) **APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS:**

- a) Clerks Salary July 07 - £612.31
- b) Clerks Salary August 07 - £612.31
- c) Inland Revenue July 07 - £241.30
- d) Inland Revenue August 07 - £241.30
- e) Litter Picking July & August - £162.00
- f) Grass Cutting June - £200.00
- g) Grass Cutting July - £200.00
- h) Action 4U (Fiona) - £400.00
- i) Copy Print (Action 4U) - £75.00
- j) Salt Bins - £246.75
- k) Action 4U Delivery - £50.00
- l) Bridle Path post - £100.00
- m) Stamps Post Office - £58.00

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

To approve Cllr Page & Cllr Bain to sign cheques during the summer break for the fence work in Hollow lane footpath and any work completed in Cockering Road.

6) **FINANCES:**

- a) HSBC Statement of Treasurer Account
  - i) Current balance at 3 July 2007      **£ 5,967.32** (includes £100 donation from Inga Gould)
- b) HSBC Statement of No-Notice Account
  - i) Current balance at 3 June 2007      **£ 14,342.36** estimated - Statement not arrived - 3 July 2007
- c) POSB Statement of Investment Account
  - i) Current balance at 3 February 2007      **£ 9,976.58**
  - ii) **£1,528.00** of this is reserved for Clerk's Gratuity
- d) The Audit Commission had given a clear External auditor's certificate. The Clerk said that he would post the Notice of Conclusion of Audit and Right to inspect the annual return notices, this year the charge would be £1 for any parishioner wanting a copy.

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) *KAPC membership letter (agenda pack)*
- e) *Email from licensing at CCC on Music Venue application. (agenda pack)*
- f) *LCR for members + Chairman (Chairman's pack)*
- g) *Electoral Monthly Updates (plus set for Chairman)*
- h) *Vitalise Letter*
- i) *Bridge Parish Council*
- j) *Kent Minerals Development Framework*
- k) *St Nicholas Newsletter & Outlook*
- l) *Email from Jon Ashley + reply from clerk*

Meeting Closed at 20:15

Jon Ashley stated that in 3 years he had seen this get worse. The builder had seeded the area and he had tried to look after it. He asked if the PC could help.

Meeting Opened at 20:20

The PC said it would ask Highways about this problem and report it every month.

- m) Annual Return for year ending 31 March 2007
- n) South East England leaflet
- o) Unsolicited advertising
  - i) Glasdon
  - ii) Parker's

**8) PLANNING:**

- a) Planning list W/E 14<sup>th</sup> June 2007 –None appertaining to Thanington Without
- b) Planning list W/E 21<sup>st</sup> June 2007 –None appertaining to Thanington Without
- c) Planning list W/E 28<sup>th</sup> June 2007 –None appertaining to Thanington Without
- d) Planning list W/E 5<sup>th</sup> July 2007 –None appertaining to Thanington Without
- e) Development Control Committee – 26 June Supplementary – None for TWPC
- f) Development Control Committee –26 June List of Application – None for TWPC
- g) Development Control Committee – 26 June Agenda – None for TWPC

**9) REPORTS:**

- a) None

**10) PARISH AFFAIRS:**

- a) TB
  - i) Footpath overgrown outside 19 – 23 Thanington Road
- b) CU
  - i) Wants to contact the community about diabetes. Would write a piece for the next Action 4U
- c) KS
  - i) The one way system after LVW car park is being ignored with cars going the wrong way.
- d) IB
  - i) One way markings in the road at bottom of Tonford Lane getting very faint and cars are going the wrong way.
- e) TD
  - i) Liz Bibby has contacted him from Warren Lodge asking about Ashford Road crossing that was needed. Clerk stated that this was a Highways issue and they had decided that due to safety issues this could not happen.
- f) TM
  - i) Asked if Street light post in New House Lane could be removed as it had been fitted in error.
  - ii) Pot holes on Junc of Iffin Lane / NHL / Hollow Lane had been repaired but were breaking up already.

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

**CLOSURE:** There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20:40

Chairman asked visitors if they had any points to raise.

Sarah Prewer said that cars were breaking the speed limit in Cockering Road, PCSO T. Ingram said he would look into it.

John Benger – Stated that highways had not answered his questions on new A2 entrance. He also brought up the refused licence application. The clerk stated that as it had been refused it did not need discussing by PC. JB stated that nobody needed to be inform but admitted that he and Cllr TB had been sent documents.

PCSO K. Curtis stated that pad locks were available from CCC or Serco for new post.

PCSO T. Ingram stated that he was about to complete a survey of the Thanington Estate and that a mobile CCTV van was available although Thanington had a low crime rate.

Sent : [Richard.jenkins@canterbury.gov.uk](mailto:Richard.jenkins@canterbury.gov.uk)

11/7/2007

Thanington Without Parish Council have been reporting the yellow lines at the junction of Cockerling Road and Strangers Lane as fading, Highways have been telling us that they have been speaking to you and that you would contact us. (Six months old with no reply from Canterbury City Council)

The one way road markings at the Tonford road are now becoming very faint and cars have started ignoring them, could these be repainted as the normal post mounted signs are not possible on both sides of the road.

Copy to Cllr Nick Eden-Green

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Reply : the yellow lines were re-marked several weeks ago. However, a car was parked on the lines so a short length couldn't be done. The contractor has recently been instructed to return and finish the job.

The one way markings are the responsibility of Kent Highways so I am copying this reply to them for their comments.

Richard Jenkins  
Senior Technician Engineer

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Hi Jane

Here are this months issues,

East Kent Highways

1. Strangers Lane / Cockerling Road Junction yellow lines very faint (six months Canterbury have not contacted us, I have copied Richard Jenkins as well)
  2. Sign at Milton roundabout on entrance to Brett has been knocked down (two Month)
  3. 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**
  4. Kerb stones and surface laying at the hanging bank lay-by (two Month)
  5. Trees outside 27 Thanington Road need cutting. (one month)
  6. Tree on corner of Grays Way has died. Highways say that they broke it off, but we would like it replaced. (one month)
  7. One Way painted road signs are very faint and cars have started to go the wrong way. (New)
  8. Pots holes which have been reported on junction of Iffin Lane, New House Lane have started to break up a few days after they were repaired. (two weeks)
  9. The verge outside no 35 New House Lane has no kerb stones and is spreading over carriage way, Could we get kerb stones fitted here. Cars are now parking on the verge, could a couple of bollards be erected there as was done on footpath further down opposite the school. (New)
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Reply: Dear Mr Cheeseworth

Thank you for your email dated 11 July regarding Thanington Without Parish Highway issues. I have listed the answers below:

1. Strangers Lane/Cockerling Road junction - very faint yellow lines. I understand you have emailed Richard Jenkins at Canterbury City Council who is responsible for yellow lines. I have also tried to speak to Richard Jenkins on your behalf, but he was out of the office. I have left a message on his answerphone requesting that he phone you.
2. Sign at Milton roundabout which has been knocked down. We are only replacing signs that have safety implications at the moment. Directional signs are being treated as a lower priority.
3. Drainage outside 19 to 23 Thanington Road on lower footpath. An order has been raised to clean out the gully and also to clear the surrounding area to assist drainage.

4. Kerb stones and surface laying at the hanging bank lay-by. As this lay-by is an unofficial lay-by and not purpose built by us, we will not be raising works orders for maintenance. However, as a gesture of goodwill our contractors will be asked to place any leftover material that they have at the end of the day, to fill any large potholes.
5. Trees outside 27 Thanington Road. It is not considered necessary to take any action at the moment.
6. Request to replace tree on corner of Grays Way. There are no funds available for this.
7. One Way road signs at the junction of Tonford Lane and Grays Way. It is not considered necessary to refresh these markings at the moment.
8. Potholes at junction of Iffin Lane and New House Lane. An order has been raised for three patches.
9. Request for kerbstones to the verge outside 35 New House Lane. We are not laying kerbs due to a lack of finances.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can help you with any further queries.

Kind regards

*Jane Tannant*

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Dear Christobel, Bridge Parish Council.

Your PC letter was raised at our July meeting and Thanington Without PC supported your ideas, we are fully behind you in your request.

Roger Cheeseworth

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Reply : Dear Roger

Many thanks for your e mail. So far we have received support from all the councils that have discussed the letter. I will keep you informed of our next steps.

Once more, many thanks  
Best regards  
Christobel

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To - [ian@iaveyard.freeserve.co.uk](mailto:ian@iaveyard.freeserve.co.uk) ; [charlotte.mccaul@canterbury.gov.uk](mailto:charlotte.mccaul@canterbury.gov.uk)

Cc - [mark.ellender@canterbury.gov.uk](mailto:mark.ellender@canterbury.gov.uk)

Subject – Harris Charity No 234775

At the July meeting our Chairman stated that he had not had a reply to his letter to the both of you. The matter of the Harris Charity was raised and Rev Ian Aveyard's information was read out. The matter was discussed and there was 100% agreement that the PC should take over and fund this local charity. I have spoken to the Charity Commission and put the wheels in motion to change the Trustees to the Parish Councillors. They are sending Graham a copy of the documentation.

Thank you Ian for agreeing to be a valuable part of the process by given us any help with selecting people.

This is only the start of the process and we will need to work together to save our local charity and get it working again. I have copied Mark Ellender in on this as Canterbury City Council have supplied a Trustee in the pass.

Roger Cheeseworth

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Reply : Rev Ian

Thanks for the written confirmation after our phone call.

Best wishes

Ian

Reply : Cllr Charlotte McCaul

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