



MINUTES OF A MEETING
of
THANINGTON WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL
held at
Ashford Road Community Association Clubhouse, Thanington Without
on Monday, October 8th 2007

PRESENT: - Councillors, Mrs P. Blackman, Dr C. Uwardi, Mr Ian Bain, T. Davis, G. Furness, T. Maple, and the Clerk.
 Parishioners – Mr & Mrs A. Green, John Bengier

CHAIRMAN: - Councillor Pamela Blackman

APOLOGIES: - Cllr Graham Page, K. Stokes (unwell), Cllr T. Baker (away)

- 1) **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:** The Minutes of the September 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) Clerk stated that all members had signed their new Register of members interest forms, he had hand delivered them to Canterbury City Council on Monday 24 September
 - d) The Clerk confirmed that payments approved at the September 2007 meeting had been dispatched.
 - e) The Clerk confirmed that the Web Site has been updated.
 - f) Planning applications returns.
 - i) CA/07/00945/THA – 72 Ashford Road - Accept
 - ii) CA/07/00957/THA – 2 Bramley Avenue - Accept
 - iii) CA/07/01023/THA – 2 New House Close - Accept
 - iv) CA/07/01269/THA – 44 New House Lane - Refusal
 - g) Planning Control Reports
 - i) None
 - h) Harris Charity. Clerk reported no progress had been made due to the Members Interest forms taking up his time.
- 3) **FUTURE PROJECTS**
 - a) Larkey Valley Wood.
 - b) Land in Cockering Road by start of footpath. Clerk to order seat..
 - c) Rubbish bin for N.H.L. Iffin Lane and Hollow Lane junction, Use bin from Tonford Lane where it is not used.
 - d) Renew of fencing at Tonford Lane River Crossing PB & IB to look into what if anything is required.
- 4) **ONGOING PARISH MATTERS:**
 - a) Speed Watch Project. – Sgt David Hague is now our speed watch officer.
 - b) Entrance to ARCA hall also had many bad pot holes. Hall – Highways now accept that it is their land. And have given ARCA some salt for their bins as a sign of goodwill.
 - c) Tree on corner of Grays Way has died. No funds available from Highways. Men of the Trees might help with this. PC would have it planted.
 - d) Drainage outside 19 to 23 Thanington Road on lower footpath. Highways are going to carry out work on footpath.
 - e) Manhole cove noisy in Iffin Lane outside Iffin Lane Farm & Iffin Lane Bungalows. Completed
 - f) Clerk read out Cllr Davis remarks in his absence, Street light at 17 New House Close not working properly. This is now a request for a shade to be fitted to stop it shining into the house in Iffin Lane.
 - g) Drains along Ashford & Thanington Roads are due for Cyclical Maintenance this month (October) which should clear up problem reported by Miss Beecham last month.
 - h) Manhole and pot hole in Iffin Lane have been completed

5) **APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS:**

- a) Clerks Salary October 07 - £662.21
- b) Inland Revenue October 07 - £241.30
- c) Litter Picking October - £72.00
- d) Grass Cutting September - £200.00
- e) Finch Landscapes - £2350.00
- f) Delivery for next Action 4U - £50.00
- g) Editor of Action 4U - £400.00

Proposed by Cllr P. Blackman, Seconded by Cllr I. Bain

6) **FINANCES:**

Due to postage strike the clerk had to go to the bank on Monday 8 October to obtain the following figures

- a) HSBC Statement of Treasurer Account
 - i) Current balance at 8 Oct 2007 **£ 7,247.03 includes £4K transferred into Acc**
- b) HSBC Statement of No-Notice Account
 - i) Current balance at 8 Oct 2007 **£ 5,543.73 includes £4K transferred out of Acc**
- c) POSB Statement of Investment Account
 - i) Current balance at 3 February 2007 **£ 9,976.58**
 - ii) **£1,584.47** of this is reserved for Clerk's Gratuity

Chairman closed meeting at 19:52

Mr Green asked about Lay-bye. He stated that he felt it was dangerous and scruffy. He still felt that it should be closed. The Clerk read from the minutes of February 2007. It was felt that some work needed doing badly.

Mr Bengier asks about the drainage problem between 10 and 25 Thanington Road. He said that Highways had not asked him to cut back his tree. He felt that the tree within his garden was not his responsibility.

Chairman opened the meeting at 20:02

7) **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- a) *Agenda for Parish Council Meeting (agenda pack)*
- b) *Minutes for Parish Council Meeting (agenda pack)*
- c) *Parish News issue 327 (agenda pack)*
- d) *Hilltop News (agenda pack)*
- e) *St Nicholas Newsletter. (agenda pack)*
- f) CCC Council meeting agenda 4 Oct
- g) Environment Agency River Basin Work
- h) KAPC info
- i) Larkey Valley consultation – Given to Cllr T.D. to complete.
- j) Dog control order
- k) Agenda Rural area members panel
- l) Beaney project
- m) Canterbury District Forum
- n) BTCV Tree warden Scheme
- o) Thank You card
- p) Defra booklet
- q) Highways Services – Questionnaire filled out at meeting
- r) CCC additional Papers for CCC meeting 4 Oct 2007
- s) Post Office closure
- t) Unsolicited advertising
 - i) Glasdon

8) **PLANNING:**

- a) Planning list W/E 12th September 2007 –None appertaining to Thanington Without
- b) Planning list W/E 20th September 2007 –None appertaining to Thanington Without
- c) Planning list W/E 27th September 2007 –One appertaining to Thanington Without
 - i) CA/07/01328/THA – 191 Ashford Road – 100% Acceptance
- d) Development Control Committee – 18 September Supplementary – None for TWPC
- e) Development Control Committee – 18 September List of Application – None for TWPC
- f) Development Control Committee – 18 September Agenda – None for TWPC
- g) Decision notice – CA/07/01269/THA - Refused

9) REPORTS:

- a) None

10) PARISH AFFAIRS:

- a) P.B.
 - i) Tree on corner of Strangers Lane needs cutting back
- b) T.D.
 - i) Light outside 17 NHC shines into the dwelling of Mrs Paige of 30 Iffin Lane, can a shade be fitted please.
 - ii) Iffin Meadow Farm have cut all the hedges in Iffin Lane. Clerk instructed to write a letter of thanks from Parish Council.
- c) I.B.
 - i) Hanging Bank area needs litter pick carried out. Clerk to try and get CCC to do it and also to get Steed to have a go.
 - ii) Mr & Mrs Hair had given Cllr IB some art work showing their new plans for their dwelling. The council felt it was a good improvement.
 - iii) Clerk asked to inform Environmental health about lorries go to and from Truxted Mill rendering plant.
- d) T.M.
 - i) Hollow Lane Trees need to have a trim, Large Lorries are knocking them about.

NEXT MEETING: The next Meeting will be held at the ARCA Clubhouse on Monday, November 12th 2007.

CLOSURE: There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20:37

Development Control

The Pc would like to recommend acceptance of application CA/07/01326/THA

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

Hi Barry

We have had a complaint that the street light outside no 17 New House Close shines into the property on Iffin Lane, home of Mrs D. Paige, 30 Iffin Lane.

Reply:

Environment Protection

We are getting a lot of complaints about the smell coming from these lorries passing through Thanington, they carry animal carcasses and often spill fluids from back. The smell is very bad all along Ashford Road for quite a time after the lorries have passed.

Reply: Dear Mr Cheeseworth

Thank you for your email.

Unfortunately we do not have any powers to investigate or deal with the complaints you have outlined. We can only deal with complaints of odours from actual premises rather than moving vehicles.

There is a byelaw that covers the 'Removal through streets of offensive or noxious matter or liquid'. This requires that lorries carrying such matter be covered and any spillages are cleaned up. The effectiveness of this byelaw relies heavily on information by members of the public. In the past we have prosecuted lorry drivers who have allowed material to spill from their vehicles and not clear it up. However, in the few instances

that this has happened, members of the public have been able to provide dates, times, vehicle registration numbers, witness statements and also be available for a court hearing. As you can appreciate, it is not always possible for residents to be able to give us this information, especially if the lorries pass by at night.

If the lorries causing the smell in Wincheap are en route to Thruxted Mill rendering plant, it may be that KCC Trading Standards may be able to assist as the authority responsible for enforcing the Animal By Products legislation.

Lee Slaney at KCC Trading Standards may be able to help you further with this problem. He can be contacted at: lee.slaney@kent.gov.uk

Yours sincerely **Julie Oates**

Hi Jane

Here are this months issues,

East Kent Highways

1. Sign at Milton roundabout on entrance to Brett has been knocked down (Three Month)
 2. No drainage outside 19 to 23 Thanington Road on lower footpath. Your email mentions the tree in 21's garden, we think this has to be 23's garden. Mr John Benger attends our meetings and stated at the PC meeting the tree is not his responsibility. (Three Months)
 3. Kerb stones and surface laying at the hanging bank lay-by (Three Month)
 4. Tree on corner of Grays Way has died. Highways say that they broke it off, but we would like it replaced. (Three month)
 5. One Way painted road signs are very faint and cars have started to go the wrong way. (Three Month)
 6. Entrance to ARCA hall large pot hole, we have now proved that this belongs to highways. (Eight Months) Thanks for the salt.
 7. Tree on corner of Strangers Lane & Ashford Road needs trimming as it sticks out over footpath. (new)
 8. Hollow Lane has branches hanging down over the carriageway and touching cars, due to large lorries going to farms. Could some work be done on trees in Hollow Lane please. (new)
 9. Hanging banks lay-by needs a clean up also along opposite footpath. (new)
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Reply: Good morning Mr Cheeseworth. Received Wednesday 10 Oct 2007

Unfortunately Jane is on annual leave. i will however to do my best to resolve these issues.and keep you informed of any actions that are to be taken.

Regards

David Gasking
Liaison Officer
East Kent Divisional Office
