



**MINUTES OF A MEETING  
of  
THANINGTON WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL  
held at  
Ashford Road Community Association Clubhouse, Thanington Without  
on Monday, January 14<sup>th</sup> 2008**

**PRESENT:** - Councillors, Mrs T. Baker, P. Blackman, Dr C. Uwardi, Mr I. Bain, T. Davis, G. Furness, T. Maple, G. Page, K. Stokes and the Clerk. Visitors – Mr & Mrs Brooks, Annie McClaren, Dr B. Fakhouri. Mr & Mrs Coleman

**CHAIRMAN:** - Councillor Graham Page

**APOLOGIES:** - None

**1) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:** The Minutes of the December Meeting were unanimously approved and duly signed by the Chairman. (spelling error Priestly to Preece)

**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 December 2007 meeting had been dispatched.
- d) The Clerk confirmed that the Web Site has been updated.
- e) Planning applications returns.
  - i) CA/07/01703/THA – 79 New House Lane – 100% rejection
- f) Planning Control Reports
  - i) None
- g) Harris Charity.

Chairman took \* Planning at this time

**3) FUTURE PROJECTS**

- a) Larkey Valley Wood. Letter from Chartham PC agreeing to match our £250 to help with Signage. Clerk instructed to inform Anne Parmer CCC 01227 861187.
- b) Rubbish bin for N.H.L. Iffin Lane and Hollow Lane junction, Use Tonford Lane Bin when Grass cutters start work again in Spring..

**4) ONGOING PARISH MATTERS:**

- a) Speed Watch Project. – To recommence in the spring after dark evenings
- b) Tree on corner of Grays Way has died. Clerk has a Beech tree which now needs planting. Ask Glen Sharman.
- c) Drainage outside 19 to 23 Thanington Road on lower footpath. Highways are going to carry out work on footpath. Clerk to ask highways what happens if the occupier of 19 does not cut back his tree.. Completed
- d) Clerk asked to inform Environmental health about lorries go to and from Thruxted Mill rendering plant. Not using our route anymore.
- e) Sign by Railway crossing has been removed by the Clerk.
- f) Residents of Iffin Lane where worried about large lorries, still awaiting letter. Cllr Davis ask for this item to be removed as he had not had any letters.
- g) Corner of Strangers Lane tree still needs cutting. Works order has been issued.
- h) Pot hole outside 14 Tonford Lane very bad. Completed
- i) 11-13 Grays Way now had another pot hole. Completed. Poor quality repair
- j) Footbridge is very slippery over river. Two people have now fallen Mr Roy Harris and Mrs Pam Blackman. Highway have been told that this is very dangerous.
- k) Suggested that Ron Marsh be asked if he would like to do some little jobs.
- l) 109 Thanington Road pavement had subsided. Works order issued
- m) Pot Holes outside High Banks, Iffin Lane. Completed

5) **APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS:**

- a) Clerks Salary January 08 – £626.85
- b) Inland Revenue January 08 - £245.41
- c) Litter Picking January - £108.00
- d) Web Site Hosting - £150.00
- e) SLCC Membership - £113.00
- f) Harris Charity - £200.00
- g) Ricoh UK - £124.66

Total for January is £1,567.92

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

6) **FINANCES:**

- a) HSBC Statement of Treasurer Account
  - i) Current balance at 3 Jan 2008                   **£ 2,552.20**
- b) HSBC Statement of No-Notice Account
  - i) Current balance at 3 Jan 2008                   **£ 2,595.95 includes £52.22 interest**
- c) POSB Statement of Investment Account
  - i) Current balance at 3 February 2007       **£ 9,976.58**
  - ii) **£1,671.27** 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) *E-mail from Sarah Guest to Highways (agenda Pack) Clerk instructed to write to Cllr Ferrin at KCC and ask why this lady had had such a poor response from Highways, The lack of compassion at this ladies fear of riding her bike on Kent's dangerous roads*
- d) *Report on Rural Bus Questionnaire (agenda Pack)*
- e) *North Ward Electrol roll for those who asked for one (agenda Pack)*
- f) Withdrawal of Bus Service reports
- g) Ricoh meter reading
- h) Clear Recycling Sacks
- i) New Highways Arrangements
- j) Lord Mayor Award
- k) North Ward Electoral role update
- l) Code of conduct Receipt
- m) Writing better bids
- n) Parish Forum
- o) Parish Precept
- p) Kent Lieutenant invite
- q) Meeting of Rural Area
- r) CCC Agenda – 17 January 2008
- s) 5 copies of recycle for kent – Live Food
- t) 2 copies of LCR
- u) 6 copies of HCA News
- v) Around Kent
- w) Groundwork
- x) Unsolicited advertising
  - i) None

8) **PLANNING:**

- a) Planning list W/E 13<sup>th</sup> December 2007 –One appertaining to Thanington Without
  - i) CA/07/01732/THA – Paddock A New House Lane – Accept with note about lack of info
- b) Planning list W/E 19<sup>th</sup> December 2007 –One appertaining to Thanington Without
  - i) CA/07/01736/THA – The Shieling, Iffin Lane \_ 100% Accept
- c) Planning list W/E 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2008 – One appertaining to Thanington Without
  - i) CA/07/01766/THA – 8 New House Lane – 100% Accept
- d) Planning list W/E 10<sup>th</sup> January 2008 – None appertaining to Thanington Without
- e) Development Control Committee – 8 January Supplementary – None for TWPC
- f) Development Control Committee – 8 January List of Application – None for TWPC
- g) Development Control Committee – 8 January Agenda – None for TWPC
- h) Development Control Committee – 8 January Minutes of Site visit – None for TWPC
- i) CA/07/01724/CAN

Chairman closed the meeting at 19:38 and invited the visitors to speak.

Dr Fakhouri – Complained about the new site for the Canterbury to Chartham Cycle Path. He stated that properties would be devalued by it. Crime would rise along with vandalism.

Mr Coleman – Suggested that the first site along side the railway was still the place for this Path. He said that parking was already bad in Tonford Lane and this would make it worse.

Mrs McLaren – Stated that she could just see the river from one of her upstairs windows and she had watched the impact on wildlife from children and dogs.

Mr Brooks – Added that flooding was also going to be a problem with this much tarmac collecting water. Also Buglary was bound to rise in the area.

Chairman open the meeting at 20:05

Debate by Cllrs. Resolution that the PC was against the application as is, The TWPC recommends thtat the original site along side the railway be considered.

#### 9) REPORTS:

- a) No Reports

#### 10) PARISH AFFAIRS:

- 1) T.D.
  - a) Pot holes at bend in Iffin Lane & Merton Lane very Bad
  - b) Large Manhole cover outside Iffin Farm Bungalows is subsiding and filling with water.
  - c) Clerk asked to look in records for copy of Martin Vye's Letter about crossing at Warren Lodge.
- 2) P.B.
  - a) Parking by Tonford Lane Footbridge very bad, turning point is now offen full of cars and vans. Clerk instructed to write to Trevor Ingram & Chris Logston (mid Kent Fisheries)
- 3) K.S.
  - a) Parking of Taxis in the bottom end of Manor Close was bad. He had reported it to CCC & Police both did not want to know. (info only)

**NEXT MEETING:** The next Meeting will be held at the ARCA Clubhouse on Monday, February 11<sup>th</sup> 2008.

**CLOSURE:** There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21:10

Here are the returns for TWPC

CA/07/01732/THA – Acceptance with notes

CA/07/01736/THA - Acceptance

CA/07/01766/THA - Acceptance

CA/07/01724/CAN - Recommend Refusal - We suggest that original site be reconsidered by railway line. There is a lot of opposition to this site in Thanington. Although it goes right across our parish Development control gave little thought to Thanington.

The PC would not speak at a committee

Roger Cheeseworth

Clerk

Thanington Without Parish Council

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

This months report

Trees at corner of Strangers Lane Ashford Road still need cutting back.

Tonford Lane Footbridge very slippery - now very dangerous two parishioners have fallen over on bridge. Mr Roy Harris & Mrs Pam Blackman.

109 Thanington Road pavement has subsided

Large Manhole cover outside Iffin Farm Bungalows is subsiding and filling with water.

Pot holes at bend in Iffin Lane & Merton Lane very Bad.

New House Lane, Iffin Lane, Merton Lane are in very poor state of repair. Roads are dangerous for cyclist.

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Reply: Dear Mr Cheeseworth

Thank you for sending me this months issues, which I have passed on to Jim Wingrove our Highway Inspector. I have spoken to a bridge engineer in Maidstone regarding the slippery footbridge at Tonford Lane and will let you know as soon as I have any further information.

Kind regards

Jane Tannant

Phone: 08458 247 800

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Dear Roger

Thank you for your letter. I wonder if I looked at the correct site. The two grassy areas at the junction of Grays Way and Ashford Road are both very small and the larger already has a tree in it. Beech grow to a considerable height and width. One in Larkey Valley is 60 feet across and about 80 feet high. To judge from trees felled in the storm it is about 120 years old. Their roots are a shallow plate which would probably push up paths and the road and fully grown it would shade the house on the corner. They are also renowned for dropping apparently sound branches with no warning.

The area I looked at is small for most trees but possibly a columnar ornamental cherry would grow without spreading over the road. Though even for this I would consult the Highways Department as It might obscure the view for traffic turning out of Grays Way.

The beech would be best placed in an open location with plenty of space. The best I can think of would be the parkland around the Brett's office at Milton if they would give it room.

I am sorry to appear so negative and I hope I have not given offence to someone who obviously wants to give something of beauty to the community.

Glen

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