



**MINUTES OF A MEETING
of
THANINGTON WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL
held at**

**Ashford Road Community Association Clubhouse, Thanington Without
on Monday, March 10th 2008**

PRESENT: - Councillors, Mrs P. Blackman, Dr C. Uwardi, Mr I. Bain, T. Davis, G. Furness, T. Maple, G. Page, K. Stokes, PCSO T. Ingram and the Clerk. Visitors – Maduka Uwardi

CHAIRMAN: - Councillor Graham Page

APOLOGIES: - Councillor T. Baker (unwell)

- 1) **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:** The Minutes of the February 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 February 2008 meeting had been dispatched. Copy Print still had not issued an invoice so clerk was holding Cheque 981
 - d) The Clerk confirmed that the Web Site has been updated.
 - e) The yearly appraisal and increment for the Clerk. The Pc agreed that clerk was continuing to do a good job and awarded him an extra increment scale point. Proposed GP Sec TD – LPC 26 to LPC 27 on the NALC pay scale.
 - f) Planning applications returns.
 - i) CA/08/00047/THA – Iffin Equestrian, Iffin Lane – 100 % Refusal
 - ii) CA/08/00083/THA – Thanington Pumping Station - Acceptance
 - iii) CA/08/00099/THA – 14 Manor Close - Acceptance
 - iv) CA/08/00100/THA – 15 Manor Close - Acceptance
 - g) Planning Control Reports
 - i) None
 - h) Harris Charity. Chairman gave clerk accounts and bank statement showing the PC £200 as entered. It was agreed that Harris Charity would be an Agenda Item for Annual Meeting. Letter from CCC on Harris Charity.
- 3) **PLANNING:**
 - a) Planning list W/E 14th February 2008 – One appertaining to Thanington Without
 - i) CA/08/00198/THA – 64 Thanington Road
 - b) Planning list W/E 21st February 2008 –None appertaining to Thanington Without
 - c) Planning list W/E 28th February 2008 – None appertaining to Thanington Without
 - d) Planning list W/E 6th March 2008 – None appertaining to Thanington Without
 - e) Development Control Committee – 4 March List of Application – None for TWPC
 - f) Development Control Committee – 4 March Agenda – None for TWPC
 - g) Development Control Committee – 4 March Supplementary – None for TWPC
 - h) Development Control Committee – Decision Notice – CA/08/00083/THA – Granted
 - i) Development Control Letter – CA/07/01724/CAN – Withdrawn (Two)
 - j) Development Control Letter – CA/07/01652/CHA
- 4) **ONGOING PARISH MATTERS:**
 - a) Speed Watch Project. – PCSO TI is doing speed checks and as soon as clocks change will co-ordinate with PC speed watch
 - b) Corner of Strangers Lane tree still needs cutting. Highways stated that work would be complete this week..
 - c) Footbridge is very slippery over river. Report by Highways
 - d) Suggested that Ron Marsh be asked if he would like to do some little jobs. He has agreed. First jobs to be Notice Boards Cleaning of Cockering Road Bench and some litter picking.
 - e) Pot holes at bend in Iffin Lane & Merton Lane very Bad. All of Iffin marked for work. Merton Lane to be surveyed this week coming.
 - f) Large Manhole cover outside Iffin Farm Bungalows is subsiding and filling with water. Report by Highways does not need repair yet.
 - g) Parking by Tonford Lane Footbridge very bad, turning point is now often full of cars and vans. PCSO TI has visited the area twice and is going to keep an eye on this.
 - h) Manhole Cover by Church in Ashford Road noisy Report by Highways

- i) Railway Gates do not shut, very dangerous as children or animals could stray onto line. Reported to Railtrack
- j) Warren Lodge pavement very bad state of repair. Highways report does not meet requirement for repair.
- k) 30 mph signs need replacing in Cockering Road.
- l)

5) **APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS:**

- a) Clerks Salary March 08 – £626.85
 - b) Inland Revenue March 08 - £245.41
 - c) Litter Picking March 08 - £72.00
 - d) Leads for new photocopier (Staples) – £39.98
- Total for February is £984.24
Proposed by Cllr G. Page, Seconded by Cllr T. Maple

6) **FINANCES:**

- a) HSBC Statement of Treasurer Account
 - i) Current balance at 3 March 2008 **£ 2,062.06**
- b) HSBC Statement of No-Notice Account
 - i) Current balance at 3 Feb 2008 **£ 5.95**
- c) POSB Statement of Investment Account
 - i) Current balance at 3 February 2008 **£10,139.00**
 - ii) **£1,729.11** 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) *2008 Registry for Thanington North & South Wards (agenda Pack- Chairman only)*
- d) *Highways Count for Thanington Without (agenda Pack)*
- e) HM Revenue & Customs VAT claim for present year £1,380.66 – BACS Remittance Advice
- f) Ricoh Credit Note for old machine - £36.03
- g) KCC Order Acknowledgement for new Photocopier
- h) CCC Free participation workshops
- i) Email from Wyn & Keith Brooks
- j) CCC A Community Facilities Directory
- k) Kent Highways – KCC Draft permit scheme
- l) KCC – Minerals Development Framework
- m) CCC Agenda 21 February 2008
- n) HM Revenue & Customs Packs for end of year reports.
- o) Electoral Services – North Ward Updates
- p) Electoral Services – South Ward Updates
- q) Canterbury District Parish Forum Saturday 1 March
- r) Outlook & PCC Parish Magazine March 08
- s) Clerk 08
- t) Clerk & Councils Direct
- u) Thanington Credit Union
- v) District Life
- w) Out There
- x) LCR NALC (2 copies)
- y) Subs Local Bus letter
- z) Highways letter to Chairman
- aa) Letter about film show by Al Gore
- bb) Unsolicited advertising
 - i) Clerk present large amount of advertising for disposal. He complained that SLCC & NALC were using their position to get advertising to Parish Councils who had not requested it.

8) **FUTURE PROJECTS**

- a) Larkey Valley Wood. Awaiting new financial year.
- 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.
- c) Second half of Hollow Lane fencing. Agenda Item for April.

9) REPORTS:

- a) No Reports

10) PARISH AFFAIRS:

- 1) Cllr KS
 - a) Bus still parking in Cockering Road TI to look into it.
- 2) Cllr TD
 - a) The road out side Jo Dawkins is cracking up.
 - b) 109 Pavement is repaired in different materials
- 3) Cllr TM
 - a) Complained about the state highways had left the Iffin Lane / NHL corner. He produced photos of before and after. PC asked TM to proceed with repairs and complaint on behalf of PC with the Clerk. Pro GP Sec IB.
- 4) Cllr PB
 - a) Surface water drain breaking up by entrance to ARCA hall.
- 5) PSCO TI
 - a) Asked that PC consider other points he could help with.

NEXT MEETING: The next Meeting will be held at the ARCA Clubhouse on Monday, April 14th 2008.

CLOSURE: There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20:45

Here are are the Highway problems for March

- 1) Corner of Strangers Lane tree needs cutting back, this seems to have been attempted and branches left on path
PC would like job finished (3 Months)
- 2) Footbridge very Slippery, Thanks for your report and we await repairs. (3 Months)
- 3) Pot Holes in Iffin Lane need repair (2 Months)
- 4) Pot Holes along Merton Lane need repair (2 Months)
- 5) Pot Holes in New House Lane need repair (2 Months)
- 6) Large Manhole cover outside Iffin Farm Bungalow is subsiding and filling with water (2 Months)
- 7) Warren Lodge pavement very bad state of repair (2 Months)
- 8) New House Lane needs a road name sign at junction of Hollow Lane / Iffin Lane by Phone Box last one
destroyed by falling tree. (new)
- 9) 30 MPH signs in Cockering Road by Manor Close need replacing as you cannot read them we have tried to have
them cleaned without result. (new)
- 10) Surface Water drain by entrance to ARCA Hall is breaking Up. (new)
- 11) Road Surface outside St Margurite, Iffin Lane is breaking Up (new)

The PC is very concerned that when highways removed the fallen tree from the corner of New House Lane / Iffin Lane they did a lot of damage to the corner. The PC has just spent >£4K on having kerb stones put in and the area cleaned up because Highways could not do it. We now have a real mess there. I have before and after pictures if this will help.

Reply:

Hi Barry

The street light on corner of New House Lane / Iffin Lane / Hollow Lane has been knocked down by a tree being blown down. Highways have removed the tree but the street light needs fixing please.

Reply: Orders have been raised and work will be carried out a.s.a.p.

Barry

Sirs

I am a parish councillor with Thanington Without Parish Council, Canterbury, Kent

I have been authorised by the council to be the nominated councillor to contact and liaise with yourselves in respect of the following matter.

On the morning of Sat 1st March, following severe overnight winds, your contractors Kent Highway Services were called to the parcel of land at the junction of New House Lane, Hollow Lane and Iffin Lane in our parish (CT4 7B--) to deal with a large tree that had fallen across the 'live' carriageway.

We are contacting you however to inform you of the resultant damage caused by your contractors and the condition the area has been left.

Whilst we are of course aware that the works were of an emergency nature, it is inexcusable for the Councils Contractors to have created so much wanton damage and destruction to the area and for it not to be reinstated.

I am sure you will agree that this practice would not be tolerated in the city centre nor in other areas of a more high visual profile. The area in question to our parishioners' and residents is of no less importance.

We expect and require the area to be fully reinstated as a matter of some urgency before it becomes an area for fly-tipping etc.

Unfortunately the parcel of land in question is rather high-profile and sensitive in the local area. A few years ago it was a general area of rubbish with overgrown and unkempt verges and undergrowth.

The Parish Council, with full liaison and agreement with Canterbury City Council Highways (as was then) undertook over some time the planning and allocated quite a considerable sum as a community project to clear, re-grade the area, supplying and fitting conservation kerbing and associated street furniture and turfing the area. Thus transforming the area completely into a corner that has become a focal point of the local area and one that we are justifiably proud.

Indeed the parish council continues to fund its grass trimming, tidying and litter clearance throughout the cutting season.

We would enclose as a matter of information a series of photographs showing the area in a 'before' and 'after' state now the clearance of the tree works were carried out.

The area, following your works now requires, re-grading, clearance of resultant tree debris and the area tidied and re-turfed or seeded.

We look forward to your urgent reply and what action you intend to carry out and when.

I believe our Parish Council Clerk (Roger Cheeseworth) has also reported this matter to yourselves as instructed following our Parish Council meeting of Mon 10 March 2008

Yours sincerely

Cllr T F Maple
For and on behalf of Thanington Without Parish Council
Canterbury
Kent

Reply: Acknowledgement but no reply as yet

Hi Barry

Sorry about this, twice in one week. I have just had a parishioner who lives at 7 Strangers Close reporting a light not working between 7 & 8 Strangers Close. He says it has been reported but not fixed.

Reply: