



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

**Ashford Road Community Association Clubhouse, Thanington Without
on Monday, April 14th 2008**

PRESENT: - Councillors, Mrs P. Blackman, Mr I. Bain, T. Davis, G. Furness, T. Maple, K. Stokes, and the Clerk.
Visitors – None

CHAIRMAN: - Councillor Pam Blackman

APOLOGIES: - Councillor Graham Page (Father Unwell)

1) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: The Minutes of the March 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 – Cllr GF said he was no longer a shop steward should he change his interest form? Clerk to look into this.
- c) The Clerk confirmed that payments approved at the March 2008 meeting had been dispatched.
- d) The Clerk confirmed that the Web Site has been updated.
- e) Electronic storage of Council records. This was proposed by IB Sec by TD that the PC would now use electronic storage for most of its records.
- f) Second half of fencing for raised footpath along hollow lane. Still awaiting a quote from Fencing Company
- g) The Inland Revenue Year end has been submitted
- h) The Grass cutting by G & C Services is in its third year, the clerk has now fixed a new price for this season with them. The new piece of ground in Cockering Road at top of Strangers Lane is £15 per cut and the rest has risen from £100 to £105 per cut. Proposed by PB Sec by KS
- i) The Clerk reported a successful meeting with Steed's Carer. A new rota had been worked out for Litter Picking. Tuesday Morning – River Stour Area, Wednesday Morning – Estate Area and every other Thursday New House Lane Footpath. He is also being urged to wear his high vis jacket.
- j) Planning applications returns.
 - i) CA/08/00198/THA – 64 Thanington Road - Acceptance
- k) Planning Control Reports
 - i) None
- l) Harris Charity.

3) PLANNING:

- a) Planning list W/E 12th March 2008 – Three appertaining to Thanington Without
 - i) CA/08/00320/THA – 6 New House Close – 100 % Acceptance
 - ii) CA/08/00329/THA – 193 Ashford Road – 100 % Acceptance
 - iii) CA/08/00335/THA – 2 Bramley Avenue – 100 % Acceptance
- b) Planning list W/E 19th March 2008 –None appertaining to Thanington Without
- c) Planning list W/E 27th March 2008 – None appertaining to Thanington Without
- d) Planning list W/E 3rd April 2008 – One appertaining to Thanington Without
 - i) CA/08/00432/THA – 158 Ashford Road – 100 % Acceptance
- e) Planning list W/E 10th April 2008 – One appertaining to Thanington Without
 - i) CA/08/00458/THA – 6 St Nicholas Road – 100 % Acceptance
- f) Development Control Committee – 1 April List of Application – None for TWPC
- g) Development Control Committee – 1 April Agenda – None for TWPC
- h) Development Control Committee – 1 April Supplementary – None for TWPC
- i) Development Control Committee – Decision Notice – CA/07/01766/THA – Granted
- j) Development Control Committee – Decision Notice – CA/08/00099/THA – Granted
- k) Development Control Committee – Decision Notice – CA/08/00100/THA – Granted
- l) Development Control Committee – Decision Notice – CA/08/00189/THA – Granted
- m) Development Control Letter – CA/07/01724/CAN – Withdrawn (Two)
- n) Development Control Letter – Proposed changes to the Planning Application Process - Circulated
- o) Development Control Committee (Special Meeting) – Agenda

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 need to clean up this area...
- c) Footbridge is very slippery over river. Highways to report back to PC
- 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. Clerk instructed to report again
- 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 do response clerk instructed to try Health & Safety
- 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) Corner of Iffin Lane, New House Lane and Hollow Lane, Highways to have meeting within next few weeks and get back to PC.

5) **APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS:**

- a) ARCA Hall Hire for 2008/09 - £66.00
- b) Clerks Salary April 08 – £659.87
- c) Inland Revenue April 08 - £241.34
- d) Litter Picking April 08 - £72.00
- e) Grass cutting March 08 - £120.00
- f) Viking Direct (2 invoices) – £70.50

Total for April is £1229.71

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

6) **FINANCES:**

- a) HSBC Statement of Treasurer Account
 - i) Current balance at 31st March 2008 **£ 2,383.48**
- b) HSBC Statement of No-Notice Account
 - i) Current balance at 31st March 2008 **£ 20.73**
- c) POSB Statement of Investment Account
 - i) Current balance at 3 February 2008 **£10,139.00**
 - ii) **£1,759.01** 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) *Withdrawn Planning Application notice CA/08/00047/THA (agenda pack)*
- d) *Parish News Issue 23 (agenda pack)*
- e) *Town and Parish Standard – March 2008 (agenda Pack)*
- f) *Revised Register of Electors 2008 (agenda Pack)*
- g) *Monthly updates for Register of Electors 2008 (agenda Pack)*
- h) *Hilltop News Issue 47 (agenda Pack)*
- i) Outlook April 2008
- j) St Nicholas Parish Magazine – Clerk reported that they were advertising the wrong date for the PC meeting.
- k) Regional Housing Strategy 2008-11
- l) Zurich Letter
- m) Cllr Terry Maple's Email to Highways
- n) Working together for a healthier Kent
- o) Free Concessionary Bus Passes
- p) Kent Police Keylink – Clerk reported that info and links were already on TWPC web site
- q) Kent Wild life Trust – Go Wild
- r) Kent Highways Pot Hole Repairs
- s) Action with Communities in Rural Kent letter
- t) Ricoh letter
- u) Joint Meeting Agenda - 31 March
- v) Standards Committee – Agenda – 19 March

- w) Audit Commission – appointment of external auditor
- x) Invite to join KALC
- y) Unsolicited advertising
 - i) None

8) FUTURE PROJECTS

- a) Larkey Valley Wood. Clerk to inform CCC that funds are now in place when ever they are ready to purchase new signage.
- b) Rubbish bin for N.H.L. Iffin Lane and Hollow Lane junction, Has now been placed on new site

9) REPORTS:

- a) No Reports

10) PARISH AFFAIRS:

- 1) Clerk
 - a) Mike Graydon of Manor Close has rung the Clerk to ask why the precept had risen by £4K, the Clerk explained that it was to help the PC remain pro-active and continue the work and retain the newsletter, Grass Cutting and web site. He then asked about the notice board in Cockering Road. The Clerk said in his seven years as clerk he had never used a board in this area but would ask at the meeting.
- 2) Chairman
 - a) Bend sign on approach to Ashford Road (residential Area) opposite hanging Banks Layby has graffiti on it.

NEXT MEETING: The next Meeting will be held at the ARCA Clubhouse on Monday, May 12th 2008.

CLOSURE: There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20:30

Here are are the Highway problems for April 2008

- 1) Corner of Strangers Lane tree has been cut back, but branches left on path and pushed back into hedge. PC would like job finished (4 Months)
- 2) Footbridge very Slippery, Thanks for your report and we await repairs. (4 Months)
- 3) Pot Holes in Iffin Lane need repair (3 Months)
- 4) Pot Holes along Merton Lane need repair (3 Months)
- 5) Pot Holes Grays Way reported in March 08 still not repaired (1 Month)
- 6) Large Manhole cover outside Iffin Farm Bungalow is subsiding and filling with water (3 Months)
- 7) Warren Lodge pavement very bad state of repair (3 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. (1 Month)
- 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. (1 Month)
- 10) Surface Water drain by entrance to ARCA Hall is breaking Up. (1 month)
- 11) Road Surface outside St Margarite, Iffin Lane is breaking Up (1 month)

The PC is very concerned that when highways removed the fallen tree form 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. Also complaints from Cllr Terry Maple and Parishioner Dr Simon Hewson. I understand that a meeting between Highways and Jacobs has been arranged.

Reply : Kent Highway Services have passed you email regarding the new Street Nameplate for New House Lane onto me for action.

I am pleased to inform you that a new SNP has now been ordered to be erected by the telephone box at the junction with Hollow Lane. This usually take about six weeks but will be installed as soon as possible.

Jan Uden Canterbury City Council

Hi Barry

On the 11/03/2008 I emailed you about 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. You replied that job should be done soon. This is a very dangerous corner now it is dark because of phone box, notice board, post box and seat. Please could it be replaced. Also loose ties on lamp post makes post unstable.

Reply Hi Roger

The order for this work was placed almost immediately but it seems the contractor is struggling to obtain a long bracket arm.
I will give them another nudge today.

Barry

With regard to Railway crossing at Tonford Lane having a broken gate

Canterbury West Line - telephone numbers 01233 617838 & 617813

Clerk has rung CCC emergency line and reported problem at 22:35 on Monday 14th April.

Health & Safety Executive Telephone help line - 08453450055

stephen.turner@canterbury.gov.uk

At tonight's meeting of the Thanington Without Parish Council it was reported that the level crossing gate at Tonford Lane Canterbury west line was broken and remains open which would allow children or pets to stray onto the railway line. We have reported this to Railtrack with no avail. As this is a Health & Safety matter can you help ensure that this is rectified please.

Reply
Roger

Unfortunately the council has no enforcement powers on land operated by Network Rail.

I realise that you have already tried to contact Network Rail, but I have a contact number for their 24 hour national helpline which might be different point of contact you have tried, this number is 08457 114141.

If you still have an unsatisfactory response or no response you can report this to the Office of Rail Regulations on 0207 282 2000. This office investigates poor safety performance and incidents and often an enquiry by them with the possibility of enforcement action will ensure serious risks like this are addressed quickly.

If you still have trouble I'd be happy to contact either organisation to express our concerns. I couldn't guarantee that this will spark them into action, but it might help.

I hope this helps.
Steve Turner
Health and safety Officer

Andy networkrail emergency telephone 08457 114141 Andy 11:15 Ref no ct47bh who are getting someone today.
