



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

**Ashford Road Community Association Hall, Thanington Without  
on Monday, Apr 7<sup>th</sup> 2014**

**PRESENT:** - Councillors, Cllr Mrs T. Baker, Cllr I. Bain, A. Baker, T. Davis, G. Page, K. Stokes. and Clerk.  
Visitors – Cllr Nick Eden Green, Clive Church

**CHAIRMAN:** - Councillor Graham Page

**APOLOGIES:** - Cllr Terry Maple (Work), Cllr Jo Ryan (Holiday)

Fire Drill for attendees. Clerk stated that assembly point was in overflow car park and that people should go around back of hall in case a Fire engine was arriving along road. Minutes would be used by clerk as a register.

**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
- c. The Clerk confirmed that payments approved at the March 2014 meeting had been dispatched.
- d. The Clerk confirmed that the Web Site has been updated.
- e. New Computer was shown to PC, Old one was passed on to Chairman to use for Parish affairs.
- f. Annual Audit has arrived
- g. New ward boundary, PC changes and local plan. Notes at end of minutes.
- h. Cllr Graham Furness has resigned due to health, Clerk has sent Letter to Graham.
- i. Harris Charity – Bank Statement given to clerk, Copy to be taken original back to Chair.
- j. Planning applications returns.
  - i. None
- k. Planning Control Reports
  - i. .None
- l. Councillors Projects 2014 /15

Councillor	Br/Forward	Total 2014	Spent	Remaining
Cllr Graham Page	£290.94	£600.00	£0.00	£890.94
Cllr Ian Bain	£291.06	£300.00	£0.00	£591.06
Cllr Ken Stokes	£300.00	£300.00	£0.00	£600.00
Cllr Terry Maple	£300.00	£300.00	£0.00	£600.00
Cllr Toni Baker	£300.00	£300.00	£0.00	£600.00
Cllr Joanne Ryan	£300.00	£300.00	£0.00	£600.00
Cllr Terry Davis	£300.00	£300.00	£0.00	£600.00
Cllr Adrian Baker	£159.51	£300.00	£0.00	£459.51

**3. DEVELOPMENT CONTROL:**

- a. **Agenda**
  - i. Agenda –Nothing for TWPC
- b. **List of Application**
  - i. CA/14/00502/FUL – 22 Grays Way – 100% Acceptance
  - ii. CA/14/00442/FUL – 33 Cockering Road – 100% Acceptance
  - iii. CA/14/00598/FUL - 126 Ashford Road – 100% Acceptance
- c. **Supplementary**
  - i. Nothing for TWPC
- d. **Decisions**
  - i. None
- e. **Planning Sub-Committee**
  - i. None

#### 4. ONGOING PARISH MATTERS:

- a. Thanington Road lower footpath outside 19 to 27 flooding badly Ref 49788 Now reported as a flood as well Ref 78426 Flooded path became very dangerous when it froze.. Spoke to Andy at Highways at 11:00 on Tuesday 14 January 2014 pointing out that Thanington Road footpath had been going for more than 15 Months and the latest the clerk had been told was that CCTV was going to be done. Cannot be done during this year as no money.
- b. Carrageway flood near Milton Bridge Ref 62467 – gullies scheduled to be cleaned. The flooding near Milton Bridge had been ongoing since February 2013 and was always showing gullies scheduled to be cleaned. Andy said he would get Highways to Telephone clerk. Highways response:- Job Completed
- c. Electricity Sub Station Fly Tipping. Report again to Aaron of Serco.
- d. Kerb stones at entrance to A2 Cllr AB show pictures of poor work which had been carried out. Going to be repaired. With regard to A2 slip road kerb stones this has now been raised again under Ref 17332809. This area is due to be resurfaced in summer, job will be done then.
- e. Have asked Serco for Dog Poo signs for Thanington Road.
- f. Traffic light sequencing by A2 entrance Northbound has been checked. Why are lights on westbound carriageway. Ref 88942 Cllr TM reported 3 minute wait to enter A2. Highways know about problem.
- g. CCC to look at 4 St Nicholas Road & 9 Ingoldsby Road overgrown hedges
- h. Lay by at start of Thanington Road has double yellow lines in it. Ask CCC Parking enforcement to consider changing the Lines to 20 Min or Resident Parking.
- i. Footpath covered with leaves, Clerk said no one had any money to clear leaves. Cllr JR has checked with Housing Ground Maintenance but still awaiting new contact details..
- j. Chalk falling down bank and bank collapsing. Ref 94768
- k. Merton Lane multiple pot holes. Ref 94814
- l. 132 Ashford Road noisy manhole cover Ref 99218
- m. 14 Tonford Lane Pot Hole outside Ref 99219
- n. Outside Old Post Office resurfacing request Ref 99220

#### 5. APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS:

Item	Purpose	Cheque No	Amount	Note
a)	Clerk's Salary April 14	200301	£770.52	
b)	Inland Revenue April 14	200302	£218.87	
c)	Royal Mail Stamps	200303	£105.00	Clerks Credit Card
d)	Virtual Internet	200304	£144.00	
e)	G&C Services	200305	£161.00	Grass Cutting
f)	ARCA Hall hire	200306	£150.00	
g)				
h)				
I)				
j)				
<b>Total for Apr 2014</b>			<b>£1549.39</b>	

Proposed by Cllr G. Page. Seconded by Cllr I. Bain - These two councillors signed the cheques.

#### 6. FINANCES:

- a. HSBC Statement of Treasurer Account movements

Type	Name	Paid out	Paid In	Balance	Note
	Balance brought forward			£1,540.59	
Chqs	Tx from Savings		£5,000.00	£6,540.59	
Chqs	March Payments	<b>£2761.74</b>		£3,778.85	
VAT	VAT refund		£1,236.66	£5,015.51	
Don	Donation from HCA		£200.00	£5,215.51	Photocopier
<b>Current balance at 3 April 14</b>				<b>£5,215.51</b>	Sheet 300 match

- b. HSBC Statement of No-Notice Account
  - i. Current balance at 3 Apr 2014 sheet 8 **£10,276.72**
- c. POSB Statement of Investment Account
  - i. Current balance at 3 January 2014 **£10,686.65**
 April's statement not arrived to be checked next month

**7. CORRESPONDENCE:**

- a. *Agenda for Parish Council Meeting (agenda pack)*
- b. *Minutes for Parish Council Meeting (agenda pack)*
- c. *2013/14 accounts (agenda pack)*
- d. St Nicholas & St Faiths Magazine April 2014
- e. Kent Police Letter
- f. Letter from 10 Downing Street
- g. Nalc membership – Councils felt poor value for money.
- h. Annual Audit forms
- i. Letter to Cllr Graham Furness on his resignation
- j. Letter to Cllrs about Boundary Commission changes
- k. Graham Page Emails
  - i. None
- l. Unsolicited advertising
  - i. None

**8. FUTURE PROJECTS**

- a. Larkey Valley Wood – No Issues at present
- b. Footpaths – Had the first cut of 2014
- c. Speed Watch – Nothing to report
- d. Hambrook Marsh – Sale has gone through on 31 March 2014.

**9. REPORTS:**

- a. Civic Services had been held at Canterbury Cathedral, Chair and Maria had attended on behalf of PC.
- b. ARCA AGM 12 March 2014 – Chair had given report of PC, ARCA asked if there was anyone on PC who would sit on ARCA committee, no one was willing.

**10. PARISH AFFAIRS:**

- a. Cll TB
  - i. What streetlighting was going to be turned off? Clerk said he had no information on this.
  - ii. Ask if PC had donated any money to Hilltop transport Taxi. Clerk stated he had not had any reply from Cllr MaCaul since the meeting and that no money had been given by PC.
- b. Cllr IB
  - i. Grays Way corner with Tonford Lane still had parking problem, CCC had sent traffic officer down during day when no problems were there. Could check be made at weekend or evening.
- c. Cllr TD
  - i. Sign had been dumped in footpath by Merton Lane which had TWPC on it. He was going to check.
- d. Cllr KS
  - i. Agenda item for May meeting, replacement for Graham Furness.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next Meeting will be held at the ARCA Hall on **Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup> 2014.**

**CLOSURE:** There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21:20

**Boundary Changes**

Chair thanked clerk for information he had sent around. Cllrs had a discussion on information.

Chairman had sent email to clerk: *I feel that the South Ward should continue to have two parish councillors. There is no merit in losing one and gaining one in the north ward. It is important to stress the community spirit that exists in Hilltop and that is best served by two parish councillors.*

*As far as the ward councillors go, I see no point in moving the South Ward to Chartham control, which means we will be served by two sets of District councillors.*

Cllr Maple had emailed clerk: *It has taken many years of hard and dedicated work by both the current/past Councillors and equally the residents of the Parish to reach the current status of harmony and cohesion. We have become a well-known and respected team who are truly a part of the local community/Parish.*

*From a quick read through the document put forward, I make the following observations:*

*There appears to be no evidence put forward in the proposal that will be of any benefit whatsoever to the Parish Council, its Councillors or its Parishioners.*

*It seems to be an ill-conceived document with ideas put forward with no foundation but seemingly just on a whim. The kind of re-organisation recommended can do nothing but cause untold harm and disruption to the existing and future residents and unique 'community spirit' of the Parish of Thanington Without that we are all justly proud to be part of.*

*I can see no points whatsoever in the document that can be used or put forward that support the arguments put forward by the proposals within the document.*

NE-G explained how the exec had asked for a review of the boundaries and councillor numbers. Whereas council committees of the city council were balanced by political party, the executive was all of one party and Canterbury was underrepresented on the executive. If these changes go through residents in Canterbury District would be underrepresented by councillors compared with other districts in Kent and in England.

Nick explained all the aspects of the changes to the PC.

Clive Church then explained the HIMN views on changes. He noted that the South ward would still be Thanington Without, the North Ward would become just Thanington. No reasons had been given for this. These changes would destroy the parish and alienate the two wards, which many years of hard work had brought together. They would be destroying a parish, which in the case of Sturry the same commission states is a bad thing.

The PC agreed that it would put in an objection and that Cllr NEG and CC would be kept in loop. Proposed by Chair and seconded by Cllr TD.

### **PC Views**

The two wards where at present participating in sports and other community events, People from both wards attended community events in both St Faiths Hall and ARCA. This community spirit had been brought about by the hard work of Ward Councillors, Parish Council, Police, ARCA & TNRC.

The last boundary changes had made the south ward less rural by taking away the country areas past New House Lane Farm, leaving the high lanes of Iffin Lane, New House Lane, New House Close and Hollow lane as the South Ward.

These changes would be destroying the Parish of Thanington Without which has become a good parish over the last few years and since KCC & CCC have stopped looking after the Parish Grass areas and footpaths the PC has taken over these jobs and all grass is cut twice a month. Footpaths are cut and cleared twice a year.