



**MINUTES OF A MEETING**  
of  
**THANINGTON WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL**  
held at  
**Thanington Neighbourhood Resource Centre, Thanington Without**  
on **Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup> 2014**

**PRESENT:** - Councillors, Cllr I. Bain, A. Baker, T. Davis, G. Page, T. Maple and Clerk. Visitors – None

**CHAIRMAN:** - Councillor Graham Page

**APOLOGIES:** - Cllr T. Baker, J, Ryan (work) & K, Stokes (Family)

1. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:** The Minutes of the April 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 April 2014 meeting had been dispatched.
  - d. The Clerk confirmed that the Web Site has been updated.
  - e. Replacement for Cllr Graham Furness, Notice put on notice board.
  - f. Annual Audit Check & Signing
    - i. Accounting Statement 2013/14 for TWPC – Pro IB Sec TD
    - ii. Annual governance statement 2013/14 – Pro IB Sec TD
  - g. New ward boundary, PC changes and local plan. Clerks letter was accepted as per minutes page 1654
  - h. Annual Meeting – confirmation by speaker Maurice Stewart.
  - i. Harris Charity – Annual Return 2014 (Online) printout, Bank statements given back to Chairman.
  - 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/14/00545/THA - Rejection
  - 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. 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.
- c. Have asked Serco for Dog Poo signs for Thanington Road. Asked again April 2014.
- d. Traffic light sequencing by A2 entrance redone as no action now Ref 105636
- e. CCC to look at 4 St Nicholas Road & 9 Ingoldsby Road overgrown hedges No Action
- f. Lay by at start of Thanington. Next Years review. But now it is being patrolled. PC asked for resident parking..
- g. Merton Lane multiple pot holes. Ref 94814 Completed
- h. 132 Ashford Road noisy manhole cover Ref 99218
- i. 14 Tonford Lane Pot Hole outside Ref 99219 now Ref 17339909
- j. Outside Old Post Office resurfacing request Ref 99220 Completed
- k. Parking on corner of Tonford Lane/Grays Way. Reported to CCC copy to Cllr IB

## 5. APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS:

Item	Purpose	Cheque No	Amount	Note
a)	Clerk's Salary May 14	200307	£770.52	
b)	Inland Revenue May 14	200308	£218.87	
c)	G & C Services	200309	£427.50	
d)	Canterbury Locksmith	200310	£20.00	
e)	Norris & Fisher Insurance	200311	£582.00	
f)	TNRC Room Hire	200312	£22.50	
g)				
h)				
I)				
j)				
<b>Total for May 2014</b>			<b>£2041.39</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			£5,215.51	
Chqs	April Payments	£1,549.39		£3,666.12	
<b>Current balance at 3 May 14</b>				<b>£3,666.12</b>	Sheet 301 match

- b. HSBC Statement of No-Notice Account
  - i. Current balance at 3 Apr 2014 sheet 8 **£10,279.34**
- c. POSB Statement of Investment Account
  - i. Current balance at 3 January 2014 **£10,686.65**
 April statement to be checked by Chair.  
 May statement to be checked by Chair. No Statement arrived.

**7. CORRESPONDENCE:**

- a. *Agenda for Parish Council Meeting (agenda pack)*
- b. *Minutes for Parish Council Meeting (agenda pack)*
- c. Norris & Fisher Insurance renewal
- d. Clerk & councils direct May 2014
- e. St Nicholas & St Faith Parish Mag May 2014
- f. HIMN response to the LGBCE
- g. Email from Maurice Stewart
- h. Annual Assembly of PC - Agendas
- i. Graham Page Emails
  - i. Graffiti packs from CCC
  - ii. Thanks to Sheila Webb for her work removing Graffiti from benches by ford.
  - iii. Damage to pavement by Hanging banks
- j. 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. None

**10. PARISH AFFAIRS:**

- a. RC
  - i. New notice board for South Ward, this was accepted Pro TM Sec TD
- b. Cllr AB
  - i. Nettles need cutting back along footpath to Cockering Lane
  - ii. Dangerous dog is getting loose again. Mrs Thornhill has reported to Dog Warden.
- c. Cllr TM
  - i. Broken posts need relacing along raised footpath. Pro GP Sec TM Clerk instructed to get Four Seasons to do work.
- d. Cllr IB
  - i. Could all Councillors have Graffiti packs from CCC
- e. Cllr TD
  - i. Trees down in Hollow Lane to be reported to Highways. Ref 17441385
  - ii. Iffin Lane Lay-bye have a lot of potholes
  - iii. Why no police at meetings
  - iv. Bridge across Stour seems to be taking a long time. Funding is an issue.
- f. Cllr GP
  - i. Stated that the issue over ARCA Hall being hired to a political party which meant PC had to get alternative at short notice was not good as Posters had to be changed to show new venue. PC felt it was not fair to expect ARCA not to hire main hall. It was felt that we should move to TNRC as they had more than one room. It would also give much needed support to TNRC. Clerk to send letter to ARCA thanking them for their support in past and a hope that some meetings could still be held there.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next Meeting will be held at the T.N.R.C.Hall on **Monday, June 9<sup>th</sup> 2014.**

**CLOSURE:** There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20:40

Review Officer (Canterbury)  
Local Government Boundary Commission for England  
Layden House  
76-86 Turnmill Street  
London EC1 5LG

Monday, 12 May 2014

Dear Review Officer

We have to protest most strongly against your proposals for rewarding in Canterbury in so far as they affect us. They seem to be both in breach of your own guidelines and destructive of what the Parish Council has achieved over recent years. They also ignore the arguments advanced by local residents. So we would urge you to amend them.

The proposal to take part of the Parish - wrongly described as Thanington Without - out of Wincheap Ward and to include it in the proposed Chartham and Stone Street ward, contradicts your principles, notably of not dividing parishes which you have applied to Sturry. This ignores the fact that the present South Ward of Thanington Without, as was pointed out to you, is intimately connected to the North ward and Wincheap. Access from the South to the North is only possible by using Wincheap. Moreover, the Parish Council has worked tirelessly to unite the two parts of the parish and believes it has been successful in this. And no evidence is adduced to suggest that any benefit will accrue to the Parish as a result of the change. Indeed, the Council firmly believes that the 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 the Council and its residents are justly proud of. For many Councillors, the amputation you suggest ignores the 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.

The recommendations assume, as wrongly suggested to you by the dominant party on the Council, that the South Ward is rural. It is not. It is very much attached to the city and its problems. Thus residents never attend the Rural Area Members panel only the Canterbury Area equivalent. So the switch is anything but conducive to good administration and effective representation. Your case might have been stronger before 1989 but the loss of much of the farmland then in the south of the parish to Chartham has removed most of its rural nature. The Parish Council, being essentially urban, would find it hard to deal with District Councillors from two very different communities: Wincheap and the villages. This would be very unsettling.

Given this, we also object to the decision, following on the splitting of the Parish, to reduce the representation of the South ward by one. The Council believes that its commitment to treating all parts of the Parish equally requires a slight degree of over representation. It fears that, were there to be a single councillor for the South Ward, illness or other obligations, would deprive the South Ward of the voice which the Council very much wants it to have. It rather suggests that the LG BCE wants to divide the parish much more radically than it has admitted.

So we believe that the South ward should be attached to Wincheap. We do not think that the addition of 267 voters to the latter will significantly alter the deviation from the norm of equal representation. It would make for a ward which would continue to represent realities on the ground and the community feeling which has been constructed over the years. We accept that this would mean re-jigging Chartham & Stone Street. However, given that you can adduce no justification for this strange creation, which lacks all unity, this would be a positive step.

Kind Regards

Roger Cheeseworth  
Clerk  
Thanington Without (Civil) Parish Council