



**MINUTES OF A MEETING
of
THANINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
Not held**

**Due to Coronavirus / Covic-19 Situation Zoom Meeting instead
on Monday, June 8th 2020**

PRESENT: - Councillors, Cllr Mrs Toni Baker, Susan Kilczewski, Cllr Adrian Baker, Terry Davis, Terry Maple, Graham Page, Ken Stokes, David Smith and Clerk Roger Cheeseworth.

Visitors – Cllr Nick Eden Green (CCC)

CHAIRMAN: - Councillor Graham Page

APOLOGIES: - Cllr Angela Grover

1) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: The Minutes of the May Meeting were unanimously approved and will be signed by the Chairman at next actual meeting.

2) COUNCIL

- a) Election of Chairman & Vice Chairman. Postal Vote was held. Results were 100% for Cllr G. Page as Chair and 100% for Cllr A. Baker as Vice Chair. The Clerk then asked Cllr GP to read his declaration and sign his form the clerk countersigned. The clerk then asked Cllr AB to read his declaration and sign his form, the clerk then countersigned.
- b) The meeting at the resource Centre has been cancelled because of the Covid-19 Coronavirus. Sets of Ghost minutes have been sent out to all Cllrs. And a Zoom meeting was held at 19:00.
- c) Declaration of any member's interest in agenda items - None
- d) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests. – None
- e) Any other interests – None
- f) The Clerk confirmed that payments approved at the May 2020 meeting had been dispatched. But the cheques for Clerks salary & Viking direct had not arrived.
- g) Accounting Statements were agreed by PC. Pro GP Sec TM
- h) External Audit forms Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2019/20 read out and agreed.
- i) New back-up disc has been made and kept at clerk's office. Update also given to Cllr TM

3) DEVELOPMENT CONTROL:

a) List of Application

- i) CA/20/010341 - Objections made by email from TWPC on 28.01.2020. Planning meeting via zoom to be held on 2nd June. As GP can't access zoom, it was agreed he could do an audio (rather than visual) presentation, giving reason for TWPC objection. this he did early afternoon 29/05, and it will be played at the online meeting.
- ii) CA/20/01044 – 35 New House Lane - Proposed single-storey rear extension. No Objections
- iii) CA/20/00987 – Whitegates, Tonford Lane – Stable No Objections
- iv) CA/20/01046 – 159 Ashford Road – Demolition of existing and build several homes. PC Objects
- v) CA/20/01118 – 6 Grays Way – No objections

Decisions

- vi) CA/20/010341 – 6 New House lane - Granted

4) ONGOING PARISH MATTERS:

- a) Broken style on footpath by New House farm entrance on RHS to be reported to PROW **191097034**
- b) Footpath sign is missing at start of footpath CB464 in Stranger's Lane. Ref PROW676732 10 weeks max
- c) Fly Tipping on Pentland land by Footpath to Cockerling Road. Reported FLY004247
- d) Newly laid road surface is breaking up Highways Ref 480467 and Ref 481942 Reported again.Clerk Emailed Highways again. This is back with Highways
- e) Godwin Road & Cockerling Road flytipping along road of shopping trolleys. Taken back to supermarket by Chairman. Bakers Tray. (completed)
- f) Still very unhappy about the lack of action from KHS on Undergrowth blocking footpath by A2 London Bound slip road. Passed to Highways England. Ref 441786
- g) Drain cover at top of Tonford Lane loose and very Noisy.Ref 504632 (Completed)
- h) Godwin Road green bin filled with clothes. Plus other fly tipping.Fly004421 (Cleared)
- i) Fly Tipping pass Manor House in Cockerling Road Just by First entrance to Larkey Valley Woods, (Completed)
- j) Dog Poo bags being thrown into hedge along Cockerling Road.Fly004423 Ongoing
- k) Road works at top of Strangers Road & Cockerling Road causing problems with parking. Have also broken gas main. Outside Windy Brae. (Completed)
- l) CCC had said it would collect 2 bags of extra rubbish with bins, but just leaving them.

5) APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS:

Item	Purpose	Cheque No	Amount	Note
a)	Clerk Salary June 2020	200674	£1,046.86	
b)	Inland Revenue June 2020	200675	£238.80	
c)	Clerk Salary May 2020	200676	£1,046.86	Replacement for lost cheque
d)	G & C Services	200677	£470.00	
e)	Plants - Anemone	200678	£42.59	
f)	Viking Direct	200679	£188.73	Replacement Cheque
g)				
h)				
i)				
j)				
Total for May 2020			£3,033.84	£940.12 after Clerks Pay

Proposed by Cllr G. Page. Seconded by Cllr T. Maple. These two councillors signed the cheques.

6) FINANCES:

Type	Name	Paid out	Paid In	Balance	Note
	Balance brought forward			£24,418.62	
Chq	Payments for May	£2,429.70		£21,988.92	
Chq	Clerk chq May lost in post		£1,046.86	£23,035.78	Cancelled 200668
Chq	Viking shredded Chq		£188.73	£23,224.51	
Chq	Cancelled 200668 Bank Cha	£10.00		£23,214.51	
Chq	2 Clerk salary	£2,093.72		£21,120.79	
Treasurer Account Current balance at 3 June 20				£21,120.79	Sheet 379 match

7) ACCOUNTING:

- a) HSBC Statement of No-Notice Account
- i) Current balance at 3 June 2020 sheet 131 **£10,339.30**
- b) POSB Statement of Investment Account No 138409843
- i) Current balance at 1 January 2020 **£11,132.02**
- a) Current Account Statement was checked against bank statement. No-Notice account was checked against bank statements.
- b) Breakdown of Clerk's Salary

Basic	Re-imburement	Travel	Additional	PAYE	Total
£1193.79	£91.87	£0.00	£0.00	£238.80	£1,046.86

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- c) Council Project Accounts

Project	Lead	Date	Item Total	£3000.00
Parish Council Computer	Chairman	6/4/2020	£274.90	£2725.01

8) CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) Agenda for Parish Council Meeting (**agenda pack**)
- b) Minutes for Parish Council Meeting (**agenda pack**)
- c) Police Report
- d) Hambrook Marsh emailed to Cllr, Hard copy to Chair
- e) Clerk & Council Direct May 2020
- f) Unsolicited advertising – None

9) **REPORTS:**

- a) Cllr GP
 - i) I recorded a phone objection on 29th May on behalf of TWPC, re CA/19/010341/FUL 6 New House Lane in line with Roger's email to CCC Planning of 28th January, objections being overlooking and loss of light to neighbours. This objection would be played to committee at their online meeting on 2nd June.
- b) Cllr DS
 - i) A small group of us, consisting of Nick E-G, Sian P, Rick Norman and Derek Maslin, have been discussing this, starting from the 1999 document which a number of us worked on back then. (I've attached a copy here in case you don't have one.). As you may remember, this was followed by a pretty serious plan to redevelop the Wincheap Estate as a whole - but this eventually foundered on the rocks of the 2008 crash. (By the way, I still have copies of the development brief from that time, and if you haven't seen them I can forward to you. We're about to print and deliver the attached leaflet (it'll be a double-sided A4 folded in two - so start from the headline 'Improving Wincheap'). This is a first step to consult locally and gather ideas. Next steps could include setting up one or more working parties with the idea of developing short- and longer-term plans. What I wanted to let you know is that we're just focussing on Wincheap and environs in the first instance (the Estate, the streets adjoining the Wincheap road, and Homersham), and this is where we'll be delivering leaflets. At this stage, we're not including Thanington. But obviously any eventual masterplan needs to take account of your communities too, so we'll need to get your input too, a bit later in the process. But for now the purpose of this email is just to keep you in the loop.

10) **PARISH AFFAIRS:**

- a) GP
 - i) Lower end of Strangers Lane (near bus stop) is a tree growing out of the grass bank. Branches are overhanging pavement, meaning anyone in excess of five feet tall will need to bend low to avoid, or walk in road.
 - ii) 84 Ashford Road (Flint Cottage): Tree in front garden is overhanging pavement and needs cutting back as it is right at top of junction with Tonford Lane and awkward for pedestrians and especially those with pushchairs etc.
 - iii) Adjacent to 90 Ashford Road, but I think belonging to the back garden of Long Reach (Tonford Lane) the hedge is getting in need of a drastic haircut. Very prickly stuff and dangerous if eyes were to get caught on it. We seem to have to report this nearly every year.
 - iv) A Morrison supermarket trolley dumped behind redundant substation, Thanington Road.
 - v) On 12th May, had an email from Andy Robinson of Grays Way. Comments on excessive speed of traffic Ashford Road, in excess of 60mph at times. I think since imposition of lockdown which meant much less traffic for some weeks, it has become a bigger problem than normal. Andy mentioned when police speed traps used to be set up in Hanging Banks layby. He is concerned about children coming from the estate and crossing the road to TNRC, having to avoid traffic speeding from Canterbury. My thought is that they should use the crossing but frequently they don't or press the button at the crossing and run across anyway before safe to do so!
- b) TB
 - i) Rubbish on green at start of Thanington Road.
- c) TD
 - i) Highways have filled in potholes at passing places. Noted for later dates.
- d) SK
 - i) Build up of rubbish at star of Godwin Road.
 - ii) Footpath at start of Saxon Fields needs cutting back.
- e) NEG
 - i) Gave report on Water Meadows and Disabled bridge. CCC were not discussing P&R until later in year.

NEXT MEETING: The next Meeting will be held at the Thanington Resource Centre on **Monday, July 13th 2020**

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

Report by chair from Sheila Webb

Many of you will recall back in [2012/2013](#), I was, on behalf of TWPC, involved in lengthy discussions with Canterbury resident, and former Chair of Chartham Parish Council, Sheila Webb, about the possibility of the Tonford bridge being either upgraded or replaced completely to provide access over the bridge for wheelchair users etc. Plans were drawn up by Sheila and Jon Shelton (Kentish Stour partnership?) was also involved. A meeting took place on site in early [2012](#) with an engineering company who built bridges, but the cost of providing a replacement bridge (iron? rather than wood) was in excess of £80,000!

Sheila was confident that grants could be obtained to get the funding, but nothing came of it and we (as a Parish Council) let the matter rest.

Now, Sheila has found renewed enthusiasm for the project. She has seen Cllr Nick Eden Green today, who is apparently extremely interested in the plan, and Sheila is hoping to get Cllr Michael Northey onside also. She has

been in touch with a Steven Scargill who is a technical engineer (CCC), and he is very enthusiastic about the project also.

As we are at present very much in a cost cutting environment, I really have my doubts as to whether this project will get off the ground. If the cost of a replacement bridge was £80,000 eight years ago, what would it be today?

It was agreed Chair to show our support for this scheme but could not invest cash in it.



Zoom meeting of Parish Council Monday 8th June. Plus Chairman Cllr Graham Page not on Video.