



**MINUTES OF A MEETING
of
THANINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Not held
Due to Coronavirus / Covic-19 Situation Zoom Meeting instead
on Monday, July 13^h 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 Derek Maslin (CCC)

CHAIRMAN: - Councillor Graham Page

APOLOGIES: - Cllr Angela Grover

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

- 2) **COUNCIL**
 - a) 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.
 - b) Declaration of any member's interest in agenda items – Cllr Dave Smith is a Trustee of TRC
 - c) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests. – None
 - d) Any other interests – None
 - e) The Clerk confirmed that payments approved at the June 2020 meeting had been dispatched.
 - f) Clerk confirmed that the AGAR had been submitted to Auditors. Email received confirming receipt and confirming we are now in queue.
 - g) Discuss when it is safe to return to Face to face meetings but still have 1 to 2 metre rule.
 - h) 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/20/01203 – 173 Ashford Road – Side Extension – No objections
 - ii) CA/20/01260 – 27 Tonford Lane – 2 Storey Extension – No objections
 - b) **Decisions**
 - i) CA/20/01044 – 35 New House Lane – Single storey rear extension – Granted
 - ii) CA/20/00934 – 155 Ashford Road – Demolition and replace with 5 dwellings – Refused
 - iii) CA/20/01118 – 16 Grays Way – Dormer Window front & rear – Granted
 - iv) CA/20/01046 – 159 Ashford Road – 2 x 2 storey dwelling and demolition of existing - 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 (Completed)
 - d) Newly laid road surface is breaking up Highways Ref 480467 and Ref 481942 Reported again.Clerk Emailed Highways again. This is back with Highway (Removed this item)
 - e) 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 44178
 - f) Fly Tipping past Manor House in Cockerling Road Just by First entrance to Larkey Valley Woods, (Completed)
 - g) Dog Poo bags being thrown into hedge along Cockerling Road.Fly004423 Ongoing.
 - h) CCC had said it would collect 2 bags of extra rubbish with bins, but just leaving them.
 - i) Rubbish on green at start of Thanington Road.
 - j) Build up of rubbish at start of Godwin Road. Needs to be cleared because attracts more if left.
 - k) Note for minutes, that Highways have filled in potholes along Iffin Lane in the passing points. This has always been refused in past.
 - l) Footpath at start of Saxon Fields needs cutting back.
 - m) 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.
 - n) 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. (Completed)
 - o) 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.

- p) A Morrison supermarket trolley dumped behind redundant substation, Thanington Road. (Removed)
- q) Street Light on all the time at Corner of NHL & NHC Ref 513607 (Completed)
- r) Valerie Horne from Manor close asked why footpath from Strangers Lane was not being cut any more across field towards Chartham. Clerk replied that land now owned by Redrow and they now have responsibility to keep footpath clear. Resolved)
- s) 159 Ashford Road Over grown hedge. But going to demolish and rebuild.(Resolved)

5) **APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS:**

Item	Purpose	Cheque No	Amount	Note
a)	Clerk Salary July 2020	200680	£1,046.86	
b)	Inland Revenue July 2020	200681	£238.80	
c)	Clerk Salary Aug 2020	200682	£1,046.86	
d)	Inland Revenue Aug 2020	200683	£238.80	
e)	G & C Services	200684	£777.00	
f)	KCS Photocopier	200685	£121.91	
g)	PG Lemon (Internal Audit)	200686	£150.00	
h)				
i)				
j)				
Total for July 2020			£3,620.23	

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			£21,120.79	
Chq	Payments for June	£940.12		£20,180.67	
Chq	Unpresented 200678		£42.59	£20,223.26	
Treasurer Account Current balance at 3 July 20				£20,223.26	Sheet 380 match

7) **ACCOUNTING:**

- a) HSBC Statement of No-Notice Account
- i) Current balance at 3 July 2020 sheet 132 **£10,344.13 Inc £4.83 Interest**
- 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

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 (**emailed to Cllrs, and mailed to Chair & AG**)
- b) Minutes for Parish Council Meeting (**emailed to Cllrs, and mailed to Chair & AG**)
- c) Police Report (**emailed to Cllrs, and mailed to Chair & AG**)
- d) Clerk & Councils Direct posted to chair.

e) Unsolicited advertising – None

9) **REPORTS:**

a) Cllr GP

i) 10 June & 22 June Planning Zoom meeting with CCC

10) **PARISH AFFAIRS:**

a) GP

i) Update on the saga of Tonford Bridge.

Number of emails over last month, Roger has been provided with copies of all corres by email.

Cllrs Michael Northey, Nick Eden Green and Derek Maslin are all in approval in principle for rebuild of the bridge.

Regarding costing of bridge in 2012, thought to have been around £80,000. Jon Shelton of K. S. C. P puts the 2012 figure for rebuild at around £235,000!!!!

Stephen Scargill CCC Technician Engineer has forwarded all details to CCC Transportation Team.

Sheila Webb (who is leading the bridge rebuild campaign) says that current bridge does not conform to Highway Regulations. She has measured it!!

Sheila has been in contact with Mark Lovell (MLDE) of Devizes, who has original plans and 2012 costing of rebuild and will come up with some new figures in due course.

Cllr Derek Maslin came up with a short/medium term fix whereby either gully's could be fixed at side of steps for bicycles to use, or wedges fitted into step gaps to create a ramp each side. Sheila says not cost effective as no use for wheelchair or mobility scooter.

She referred to section 106 agreements relating to new Thanington housing and if any money could be gained from that for funding of a new bridge. I referred her to CCC Planning on the 106 agreements as I couldn't help her.

Also, she suggested it might be easier if the bridge came out of ownership of KCC (as it's a highway route apparently) and be officially transferred to either CCC and/or Thanington Parish Council!!! Sheila felt this could save time and money in the long run.

I remarked in an email of 7th July 2020 to her (copied of course to Roger), that in my opinion the Parish Council would not be in a position to consider ownership of Tonford Bridge either in partnership or in full. Sheila remains optimistic that the new bridge will be built in 2021, being 2075 years since Julius Caesar crossed the river at Tonford in 54 BC

ii) On 15th June, Tony Martin (Bramley Ave) complained that Serco are taking bin bags out and tying them up, but it takes 3 - 4 days for Serco to collect the bags, by which time the bags have been ripped open and contents scattered. In particular by Grays Way grass verge and by forecourt of former Post Office Ashford Road. Roger agreed to chase this up with Serco asking why they couldn't do the whole process in one go.

iii) The reinforced safety strips screwed onto the Tonford Bridge steps are starting to split badly, at least three in a poor state on the steps nearest the railway crossing.

iv) Hanging Banks - at least three black sacks, general rubbish and a wooden pallet dumped.

As stuff been there for at least three weeks, obviously the waste collection people are not bothering to clear weekly.

b) AB

i) Fridges dumped at Larkey Valley Car Park

c) TB

i) Kerb by Traffic Lights damaged.

ii) ½ a Supermarket Trolley left in Thanington Road

iii) Ian Hardman had arranged front Garden of Pentlands house to be tidied up. Still needs back garden doing.

iv) Fish and Chip van now visiting Thanington north ward as well as South Ward.

d) SK

i) On going rubbish being dumped at start of Godwin Road.

e) TD

i) Fly Tipping by Pylon in Iffin Lane just past end of houses.

ii) Markers on corner need replacing after KHS cutter knocked them all down.

iii) Manhole cover by Iffin Lane & Merton Lane rattling.

Cllr David Smith was asked by clerk to give a report on the situation at the Resource Centre. After which he would withdraw from the conversation. He told the PC that the financial position was not great after the lock down, in September they were likely to issue letters stating that there was a risk of redundancies and the centre closing. The trustees had made a decision to furlough staff on 80% of pay and to make up the other 20% from funds. Jo & Fiona had been working between them to keep the essential services going. Paula had been trying to get funds to also

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keep centre going. The Council felt that it had been short sighted to use up the money in making up the 20% for a short-term fix which had led to a long-term problem. But accepted that no one knew how long the virus would stay active. It was felt by all that the centre was a great asset to the parish and that all the staff worked very hard for the community. The clerk was instructed to talk to Cllr NEG (CCC) to find out how the PC could support his attempts at get help from CCC by writing a letter. He was also to ring the centre and find out the cost of a larger room for PC meetings and to say that he would be writing to confirm the PC would start booking the hall again from September.

The Chairman thanked the clerk for setting up the zoom meeting again.

NEXT MEETING: The next Meeting will be held at the Thanington Resource Centre on **Monday, Sept 14th 2020**

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