

Welcome to the Parish of Thanington Without

Thanington Without Parish Council extends a warm welcome to you!

Thanington Within Civil Council was created, in 1894, from part of Thanington Ancient Parish in Canterbury County Borough. By 1912, it was entirely abolished and the area given to Canterbury Civil Parish. From 1918, for Parliamentary purposes, both Thanington Within and Thanington Without came in the Canterbury Division/County Constituency.

Thanington Without Civil Parish was also created, in 1894, from the part of the Parish not in the Canterbury County Borough. Local Government responsibilities were exercised by the Bridge Poor Law Union and Rural District (1894-1934), later, Bridge-Blean Rural District Council (1934-1974).

Milton Ancient Parish became part of Thanington Without Civil Parish in 1932.

The first recorded Annual Parish Meeting was held on August 11th 1899 in a Thanington Schoolroom.

Following the 1933 Local Government Act, Kent County Council ordered that there should be a Parish council for the rural parish of Thanington Without. A Parish Meeting held on 19th February 1935 elected 7 Parish Councillors (to come into office on 15th April 1935).

The Parish functioned unchanged for nearly 50 years, although the area changed considerably in size.

In the 1980's the Local Government Boundary Commission reviewed parish boundaries. With effect from 1st April 1987, the Parish doubled in size, from some nine hundred electors to about two thousand. This meant that there would be seven representatives from the North Ward and two from the South Ward.

The Parish boundary runs along the centre of the A2 by-pass, crosses Hollow Lane to the Canterbury to London railway-line, and then runs south, of the line to the A28, after passing through Howfield Farm to the eastern side of Howfield Manor. It then runs along the bridle path through Milton Manor, Larkey Valley Wood and New House Farm until it meets Iffin Lane. From there it runs down Iffin Lane and Hollow Lane to the by-pass.

The results of the boundary change meant that all the houses to the south of Thanington Road and Ashford Road, which had not been parished, became part of Thanington Without Civil Parish. In addition, some land in Hollow Lane was returned to the City, whilst a strip of land south of New House Lane, which included part of Larkey Valley, was added to Chartham.

The Parish Council currently comprises of:

Chairman: Councillor Graham Page, 140 Ashford Road, Thanington, Canterbury. CT1 3XT

Vice-Chairman: Councillor Pam Blackman, 21 Tonford Lane, Thanington Without, Canterbury. CT1 3XU
Councillors (North Ward):

Councillor Ian Bain, Rose Lodge, Grays Way, Thanington Without, Canterbury. CT1 3XY

Councillor Graham Furness, 11 Ashenden Close, Thanington Without, Canterbury. CT1 3XL

Councillor Ken Stokes, 30 Manor Close, Thanington Without, Canterbury. CT1 3XA

Councillor Toni Baker, 21 Thanington Road, Thanington Without, Canterbury. CT1 3XB

Councillor Chibuzor Uwadi, 3 Ingoldsby Road, Thanington Without, Canterbury. CT1 3UD

Councillors (South Ward):

Councillor Terry Maple, 4 New House Close, Thanington Without, Canterbury. CT4 7BU

Councillor Terry Davis, Iffin Farm Bungalow, Thanington Without. Canterbury. CT4 7BE

Parish Clerk:

Mr Roger Cheeseworth, 30 New House Lane, Thanington Without, Canterbury. CT4 7BH

The Parish Council devotes a good deal of attention to the functioning of street lights, dangers of over hanging hedges, the state of footpaths and the upkeep of road signs. Attention is also given to the state of roads and pavements, pot-holes and illegal parking. The Council tries to ensure that bus schedules are maintained and telephone kiosks repaired. Litter and fouling by dogs are reported to the relevant authorities. Planning applications require comments from Parish Council to ensure that sensible developments are not obstructed, whilst changes that seem likely to add to traffic congestion or otherwise adversely affect the quality of residents' lives are resisted.

The Parish Council normally meets on the second Monday of each month (at 19:30) in the Ashford Road Community Association Clubhouse, but details are always displayed on the Parish Notice boards or the web site

www.thanington-pc.gov.uk