



**MINUTES OF A MEETING
of
THANINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
held
at ARCA Hall, Ashford Road, Thanington on Monday 8th December 2025**

PRESENT: - Councillors, Adrian Baker, Gary Port, Guy Meurice, Julie Bean, Toni Baker, Terry Maple and Clerk Susannah Jung

CHAIRMAN: Adrian Baker

APOLOGIES:

Visitors:

CHAIRMAN: welcome all, can members of the public please hold their comments until the end of the meeting, when the chairman will invite them to speak. ITEMS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC WILL BE MINUTED, AND WHERE NECESSARY ADDED TO THE AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

1) COUNCIL

- a) Declaration of members interests in agenda items
- b) Disclosable pecuniary interests
- c) Any other interests
- d) Approval of minutes from November meeting-adjustments made and signed by clerk and chair
- e) Clerk confirmed payments approved at the November meeting have been dispatched
- f) Formation of committee-policies and responsibilities-see attached
- g) Speedwatch-plan of action, no news on equipment so discussion has been suspended until January meeting
- h) Storage of council owned assets and archiving-contact made with KCC archiving regarding long term storage, clerk is awaiting answers.
- i) Assertion 10 and how it affects our council- will be discussed in sub-committee, website will have to be moved to fully compliant host, council devices may be necessary, change to Microsoft Pro for cloud storage and create .gov email addresses for councillors

Meeting suspended at 20:34 for service of food (December meeting hosts a small social gathering for Christmas)

Meeting resumed at 20:56

2) ONGOING PARISH MATTERS

- a) Playpark on Saxon fields, not fenced-drainage ditches have been fenced in by management company
- b) Potholes along Iffin Lane-collapsed manhole by oast house, potholes still appearing along edges
- c) Footpath blocked by developer fencing between Cockering Road and New House Lane-signs stating it is private land and to keep out-escalate to county councillors
- d) Footpath along Hanging banks layby overgrown-escalate to county councillor, investigate owner responsibility
- e) Potholes on corner of New House Lane and New House Close-one has been marked
- f) Graffiti on A2 underpass Hollow Lane
- g) Fence by A2 slip is still broken-repaired
- h) Planning issue-new driveway/entrance along Iffin Lane

4)

APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS: December

Item	Purpose	Payment Type	Amount	Note
a)	Clerk Pay		£1187.61	
b)	Clerk allowance		£115	
c)	HMRC		£68.19	
d)	Pension (fee)		£26.40	
e)	Pension (Contribution)		£181.39	
f)	Equals Money Card (Fee)		£25	
g)	Envisage Groundcare		£198	
h)	Adobe subscription		£19.97	
Total for December 2025			£1821.56	

Proposed by GM , seconded by TM

5)

FINANCES:

Item	Paid out	Paid In	Balance	
			£10,339.64	
Smart Pension	£26.40			
Susannah M Jung	£1187.61			
Susannah M Jung	£115			
HMRC	£214.94			
ARCA	£45			
Envisage Groundcare	£108			
Kent County Council	£61.03			
Smart Pension	£362.78			
Treasurer Account Current balance on 3 rd December 2025			£8,218.88	Sheet match 482

6) ACCOUNTING:

- a) HSBC Statement of No-Notice Account
- i) Current balance at 3rd December 2025 sheet 197 £5858.70
- b) Equals Money Pre Paid Card balance as of 3rd December 2025 **£341.39** Bank Statements checked by Chair and agreed with Minutes. Account balance checked and signed by chair

c) Council Project Accounts

Project	Lead	Date	Item Total
Outdoor Gym equipment	Toni Baker		£15000

7) CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Contact from Rev Nick White requesting a donation of £200 towards the costs of the Christmas events being held by St Nicholas Church-vote held: yes X5 no X1- approved pp AB 2nd JB
- b) Contact from resident in New House Lane regarding cutting back of the footpath-report to KCC
- c) Contact from The Countryside Charity Kent regarding support/membership-speaker for AGM?
- d) Contact from resident regarding CCC plans for the Rec at TNRC
- e) Contact from Kent Ramblers

8) REPORTS

Report on meeting at TNRC regarding the 'save the REC' campaign

9) Planning:

- i. CA/25/02136, 4 Bramley Avenue, Single-storey rear and side extension and hip to gable roof conversion with rear dormer following demolition of existing garage.
- ii. CA/25/02218, Land North of Cockering Road EIA Scoping request for mixed use development for up to 32 dwellings

10) Any other business

Clerk- £35 made for HCA at Xmas fair, approval of £465 to make up annual £500 donation vote unanimous yes PP AB 2nd GP

Approval of invoice from CM Garden Services for installation of bins £150 approved pp GM 2nd TM
mailing list- local councillors (CCC and KCC, local police etc) invite to meeting and if they cannot attend can they provide a report- clerk will action

Approval of payment to Morrisons (on EQ card) for food and drink- £88.65 pp TM 2nd GP left over food donated to homeless shelter.

TB-Can we order a new Arnold Baker-approved pp TM 2nd TB

JB- KCC Consultation on ANPR (Yellow Boxes at junctions) and fining people who drive into them, lights at the Wincheap interchange are out of sync and you cannot see if the way is clear. People get stranded on the Junction regularly-clerk will investigate and feed back.

11) Public Comments

HCA Chair-thanks for attending the Xmas fair at HCA and for the donation

Steps up to the noticeboard in New House Lane are getting old and rotten. Clerk will investigate and get a company to quote for work.

NEXT MEETING: The next Meeting will be held at ARCA Hall on 12th January 2025

CLOSURE: There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at: 22:03