



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

**Hilltop Community Association Hall, Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

**PRESENT:** - Councillors, Terry Davis, Toni Baker, Adrian Baker, Susan Kilczewski, Terry Maple, Dave Smith, Graham Page, and Clerk Susannah Jung

Visitors:

**CHAIRMAN:** - Councillor Adrian Baker

**APOLOGIES:** Angela Grover, Ken Stokes

**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) **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:** The Minutes of the March meeting were unanimously approved and signed by the Chairman.
  
- 2) **COUNCIL**
  - a) Declaration of any member's interest in agenda items
  - b) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests
  - c) Any other interests
  - d) The Clerk confirmed that payments approved at the March meeting have been dispatched.
  - e) New back-up disc has been made and kept at clerk's office, copy given to Cllr Terry Maple
  - f) Discussion/Decision on new noticeboard-Shelly's signs approved, also a second for Saxon Fields. Pp TB 2<sup>nd</sup> TD
  - g) Approval of quote from Achieving Clarity-Internal Auditor- approved pp GP 2<sup>nd</sup> TM
  - h) Approval of Zurich Insurance Quote-approved pp TM 2<sup>nd</sup> TD
  - i) Discussion RE: uncontested election and empty seats
  - j) Discussion RE: Site C8 and transparency issues-follow up previous email. Get full deeds from the land registry £19-ppAB 2ndTD-copy in Jan Guylar at CCC legal-possibly the government ombudsmen if no answer is received. FOI for details to do with site C8 BCC TPC council
  
- 3) **ONGOING PARISH MATTERS**
  - a) Ongoing issue: Evidence file to back up request for a bin at the entrance to Saxon Fields-Ongoing
  - b) Willow branches dumped on grass near Tonford Bridge-Quote from groundskeeper £50 to remove-approved pp GP 2<sup>nd</sup> AB
  - c) Streetlight out- New House Lane by Hill Top Hall-reported-awaiting permission/funding from CCC. UK power networks are holding it up-NFA
  - d) 159 Ashford road-unoccupied residence-site still not sufficiently secured, no chain or padlock.
  - e) Public footpath sign missing, Strangers lane-No Change-re report, maybe put our own temporary sign there?
  - f) Bin by Tonford Bridge broken off of stand-Ongoing
  - g) Bin along Thanington rd opposite TNRC broken from stand-Ongoing
  - h) Graffiti on abandoned substation-removed
  - i) Plants ripped up along A2 slip-plants replaced
  - j) By A2 slip/along A28 bin missing from alleyway-ongoing
  - k) Large holes in the passing places in Iffin Lane and New House Lane-ongoing-getting worse-Kent Highways not responsible-contacted Annaliese at KCC to ask if a road resurface request for the two roads
  - l) Corner Iffin/New House/Hollow Lane fallen leaves have accumulated and are causing a danger-cleared
  - m) Iffin Lane/Merton Lane Big lumps are missing from the middle of the Road, Tree root in Road, Road markings are faded to the point where they can no longer be seen, no give way sign on junction-On KH list, waiting for better weather-ongoing
  - n) Fly-tipping at abandoned sub station-still there
  - o) Road marking on Iffin Lane have been knocked over again-No change
  - p) Southbound Iffin Lane from passing place, road is falling away, 5ft drop into field-No Change
  - q) Path along A28 by Tudor Cottage, earth is eroding again-re report
  - r) Fly-tipping opposite Larkey Valley Woods-No Change-more has been added re report
  - s) Pothole on Cockering Road by third entrance to Saxon Fields-No Change
  - t) Hollow Lane, overhanging and fallen trees, road breaking up from Oasthouse to Merton Lane-done

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**APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS: April**

Item	Purpose	Payment Type	Amount	Note
a)	Clerk Pay	BACS	£1030.38	<i>Paid on 10<sup>th</sup> due to delayed meeting</i>
b)	Clerk Allowance	BACS	£115	
c)	HMRC (clerk tax)	BACS	30.89	
d)	Pension Contribution	DD	£89.38	
e)	Smart Pension admin fee	DD	£18	
f)	Royal Mail PO Box	BACS	£38.10	
g)	Reimbursement-Badges-Clerk	BACS	£32.98	
h)	Reimbursement-Badges-Clerk	BACS	£66.42	
i)	KCS Photocopier	BACS	£107.56	
j)	Envisage Groundcare	BACS	£393.60	
k)	KALC membership	BACS	£832.12	
<b>Total for April 2023</b>			<b>£2754.43</b>	

Proposed by Graham Page seconded by Toni Baker

5)

**FINANCES:**

Item	Paid out	Paid In	Balance		
			£10,476.51		
Clerk Pay	£987.49				
Clerk Allowance	£115				
HMRC	£20.09				
Smart Pension	£178.76				
Smart Pension	£18				
Amazon	£8.83				
Kent Air Ambulance	£450				
Royal Mail	£38.10				
ARCA Hall	£16				
Data Plans	£10				
HSBC Account charge	£8				
<b>Treasurer Account Current balance on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2023</b>			<b>£8,626.24</b>	<b>Sheet match 421</b>	

**6) ACCOUNTING:**

- a) HSBC Statement of No-Notice Account
- i) Current balance at 3<sup>rd</sup> April sheet 165 **£10,384.89 interest**
- b) POSB Statement of Investment Account No 138409843
- i) Current balance on 1 January 2023 **£11,223.73 inc £10.44 interest**
- c) Bank Statements checked by Chair and agreed with Minutes.
- d) Breakdown of Clerk's Salary

Basic	Re-imburement	Travel	Additional	PAYE	Total Paid
1030.38	£115		£55.86	£30.89	£1232.13

## e) Council Project Accounts

Project	Lead	Date	Item Total	£3000.00
Commemorative Notice Board	A Baker			

7) **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- a) Copies of Agenda and February minutes emailed to councillors
- b) Request from Rev Nick White for assistance in funding the repairs to the Lynchgate: Yes, willing to donate but with assurances that the donation will only be used for the lychgate, and that the church has exhausted any and all other revenues: £1000 agreed
- c) Air ambulance-thanks for donation in May

8) **REPORTS**

- a) Report on CCC planning committee meeting-Dave spoke on the Redrow pumping station
- b) Report on TPC planning committee meeting

9) **Any Other Business**

TD-Pro the power point

TD-signs for verge outside HCA hall, suggestions on wordage-add to agenda for May

TM-Graffiti back on A2 bridge

TM- Light out in 12 New House Close

GP-Rattling manhole cover-top of Tonford Lane

GP-Rubbish dumped on corner of Cockerling Road

GP-72 Ashford rd rattling manhole cover

GP-77 Thanington rd-rattling manhole cover

GP-rubbish along Cockerling Road

GP-Tonford bridge disabled access seems to have stalled

GP-Hedge cuttings and wood 117-127 Strangers Lane

GP-Tribute to those not standing, Angela, Ken and Graham, Graham performs a song 'my kind of place'

GP-confirms he will be guest speaker at the TPC AGM

TB-Rat problem due to back neighbour

SK-Fly-tipping outside Larkey Valley Wood

SK-Potholes in Cockerling Road

SK-litter along Cockerling Road

SJ- Update on Website

10) **Public comments**

NONE

FINALLY, ACKNOWLEDGEMENT THAT THIS IS GRAHAM PAGE'S LAST MEETING AS COUNCILLOR, GRAHAM IS PRESENTED WITH A GIFT, IN THANKS OF HIS LONG SERVICE TO THE COUNCIL, WE ALL WISH HIM WELL FOR THE FUTURE

**NEXT MEETING:** The next Meeting will be held at ARCA Hall on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023

**CLOSURE:** There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at: 21:50