



**MINUTES OF A MEETING
of
THANINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
held
at ARCA Hall, Ashford Road, Thanington on Monday 9th March 2026**

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

CHAIRMAN: Adrian Baker

APOLOGIES:

Visitors: Peter Campbell (CCC councillor for Wincheap), John Richardson (HCA Chair) 2X applicants for clerk position.

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-none
- b) Disclosable pecuniary interests- none
- c) Any other interests- none
- d) Approval of minutes from February meeting
- e) Clerk confirmed payments approved at the February meeting have been dispatched
- f) Layout and plan for new website-as current clerk will not be here to arrange this, clerk needs to give details of at least one contact for aubergine to arrange a meeting with to start the design process-Cllr Guy Meurice will take the lead on new website design
- g) Recruitment of new clerk: ongoing, nomination of councillor RO-Toni Baker volunteers
- h) Consultation-local government reorganisation-consultation ends on 26th March- discussion. Unable to make an informed choice-not enough information
- i) Revisit-council credit/debit card-council debit card would work like any other debit card for a bank account, with access to whatever balance is in the account. Council credit card would be able to set a credit limit for each user, but council must be careful to pay off the balance within the interest free period. HSBC credit card has a 56 day interest free period. Suggest council make financial regulations their priority so monitoring of discretionary spending can be monitored, regulated and minuted. Put on hold-revisit again
- j) Council Printer-contract end 1/6/2028, would have to pay out the contract to end it early (approx. £480) Waiting on quote to move printer just in case. Do they charge to take the printer away if we end the contract-ask for settlement figure from DPS

2) ONGOING PARISH MATTERS

- a) Potholes along Iffin Lane
- b) Footpath blocked by developer fencing between Cockering Road and New House Lane-contact CCC, ramblers society, gazette, Rosie Duffield.
- c) Footpath along Hanging banks layby overgrown-no change
- d) Potholes on corner of New House Lane and New House Close-getting worse, re-report
- e) Graffiti on A2 underpass Hollow Lane-no change-send reference to Peter
- f) Planning enforcement case open-Iffin Lane new access built onto main road-no contact as yet

4)

APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS: March

Item	Purpose	Payment Type	Amount	Note
a)	Clerk Pay		£1187.61	
b)	Clerk Allowance		£115	
c)	HMRC		£214.86	
d)	Pension (fee)		£26.40	
e)	Pension (contribution)		£181.39	
f)	ARCA		£25	
g)	Aubergine		£598.80	New website
h)	Equals Money (fee)		£25	
i)	Storage King		£85.58	Archive storage
j)	Hilltop		£117	Room rental
Total for March 2025			£2576.64	

Proposed by TM , seconded by TB

5)

FINANCES:

Item	Paid out	Paid In	Balance		
			£3,924.99		
Smart Pension	£26.40				
Susannah Jung	£1187.61				
Susannah Jung	£115				
Transfer from savings		£2,000			
HMRC	£68.19				
Unipar Services	£293.40				
KCC	£10.58				
KCC	£61.03				
Mazars LLP	£252				
Susannah Jung	£127.12				
Equals Money Card	£300				
Susannah Jung	£52				
Smart Pension	£181.39				
Equals Money card	£500				
Toni Baker	£24.25				
Adrian Baker	£3				
Treasurer Account Current balance on 3rd March 2026			£2,723.02	Sheet match 487	

6) ACCOUNTING:

- a) HSBC Statement of No-Notice Account
- i) Current balance at 3rd March 2026 sheet 200 £3,886.30
- b) Equals Money Pre Paid Card balance as of 3rd March 2026 £851.88 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

Email from company offering to install a clothing donation bin

8) REPORTS

None

9) Planning:

CA/26/00291- Single Storey side extension and detached garage. The Tree House, Iffin Lane- no objection

10) Any other business

TM- trees still abandoned after being cut down at corner of NHL

TB-potholes still on crossing by sliproad

TB- fence still needs more repair

TB-bad rat problem, coming up the drain on footpath outside No 23 Thanington Road

11) Public Comments

Cllr Peter Campbell- Payments were made to KCC from the developers on Saxon Fields based on certain things being achieved-have these things happened? Will feed back to Mike Sole.

Cllr Peter Campbell- Draft local plan is moving forward, Milton Manor site is still in the plan right now. No local feedback-send council's previous response to Peter.

Closed portion of meeting next month at 7pm for discussion on contract etc

NEXT MEETING: The next Meeting will be held at Hilltop Community Association Hall, New House Lane, Thanington on Monday 13th April 2026

CLOSURE: There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at: 20:41