



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

at Hilltop Community Association Hall, New House Lane, 9th October 2023

PRESENT: - Councillors, Toni Baker, Adrian Baker, Susan Kilczewski, Terry Maple, Terry Davis and Clerk Susannah Jung

CHAIRMAN: Adrian Baker

APOLOGIES:

Visitors: John Richardson (HCA Chair)

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 September meeting were unanimously approved and signed by the Chairman
- 2) **COUNCIL**
 - a) Declaration of members interests in agenda items
 - b) Disclosable pecuniary interests
 - c) Any other interests
 - d) Clerk confirmed payments approved at the September meeting have been dispatched
 - e) New backup disc has been made and kept at clerk's office. Copy given to Terry Maple
 - f) Discussion: recruiting new councillors: Ask about in local groups (ARCA, TNRC)
 - g) NP Update from Clerk: look into cost of dedicated website for NP, look into local events we can advertise at.
 - h) NS&I account, new signatories and paperwork to be signed: NS&I account to be closed, funds moved to HSBC savings pp TB 2nd TM
- 3) **ONGOING PARISH MATTERS**
 - a) Ongoing issue: Bins around the parish-Saxon Fields/Strangers Lane, A28, A2 slip footpath, and Tonford Bridge-in contact with Roben, two bins are scheduled for replacement, Clerk will research prices and placement.
 - b) Streetlight out- New House Lane by Hill Top Hall- work scheduled for late October
 - c) Large holes in the passing places in Iffin Lane and New House Lane-ongoing-KCC 730433 (NHL) works listed as completed, KCC 730427 (Iffin Lane) works investigated, clerk updated via phone call, passing places not KCC land
 - d) 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-contact from KCC, work order has been issued- ½ completed (road markings) -re report tree root-re-reported tree root as its own issue
 - e) Road markers on Iffin Lane have been knocked over again-still over, hedgerow has now grown and obscured the bollards-grass cut between bollards, some bollards disappeared, grass still obscuring the markers- Re-reported-TD reported to Mike Sole, now completed
 - f) Southbound Iffin Lane from passing place, road is falling away, 5ft drop into field-re reported-completed
 - g) Path along A28 by Tudor Cottage, earth is eroding again- ongoing
 - h) Road is breaking up from Oasthouse up to Merton Lane-crews have been out repairing the holes-completed
 - i) Streetlight out, New House Close- KCC report no: 743615- re report
 - j) NHL-tree overhanging path- out of KCC responsibility- Groundcare contacted, work completed
 - k) Manor close, residents complained about being overlooked by balcony due to unfrosted glass. CCC- not a planning issue, clerk will continue to try and make contact with site manager at care home- investigation by CCC has been opened.

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- a) HSBC Statement of No-Notice Account
 - i) Current balance at 3rd October sheet 171 **£10,462.50**
- b) POSB Statement of Investment Account No 138409843
 - i) Current balance on 1 January 2023 **£11,223.73**
- c) Bank Statements checked by Chair and agreed with Minutes. September account balance checked and signed by chair

d) Breakdown of Clerk's Salary

Basic	Re-imburement	Travel	Additional	PAYE	Total Paid
£1051.38	£115		£55.86	£9.89	£1232.13

e) Council Project Accounts

Project	Lead	Date	Item Total	£3000.00
Commemorative Notice Board	A Baker		£2700.00	
NHL Signs for verge	T Davis		£265.92	

7) CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) Copies of Agenda and July minutes emailed to councillors
- b) Email from Graham Page RE: Dave Smith Resignation

8) REPORTS

- a) Report from Clerk on Parish engagement meeting
- b) Report from clerk-final audit results

9) Planning

- a) **CA/23/01766- Milton Manor, outline application for 95 dwellings following demolition of existing dwellings and buildings with all matters reserved except for access- draft comment send round for approval**
- b) **CA/23/01775- 172 Ashford Road, single storey side extension- no objection**
- c) **CA/23/01560- NMA changes to wording of condition 5 -APPROVED**
- d) **CA/23/01853- 18 New House Close, Extension to front dormer- no objection**

10) Any Other Business

Clerk: New noticeboards have been installed, clerk will get quotes on commemorative plaques

TM- Dirtbikes on the field and road New House Lane, Iffin Lane-inform local PC

TD- Lychgate has now been completed

TD- All sent an email from Graham Page regarding Dave Smith's resignation (reads email)

Council recognises the contribution Dave Smith made to the Council and Thanington during his 7 years on the council. A letter of thanks was sent to Dave by the clerk.

TD- Speed limit reduction along Iffin Lane-where are we? Would KCC let us pay for signs to reduce their costs if it goes ahead? Clerk will investigate

Clerk- Speedwatch

SK- Because of work commitments, Susan will have to step down from the NP committee

TB- Dane Buckman surgery dates-put on FB etc

TB- Weeds/nettles on the bank between the slip road and the footpath from A28 to Cockering Road

TB- Huge pot hole Hanging Banks layby

TB- Food for the Xmas meeting? Buffet?

TB- Food banks, could we offer a TNRC a donation for their children's xmas party? How much? £500 PP TB 2nd SK voted yes unanimously.

AB- Diaries, Adrian will order for Toni, himself and Terry D

AB- Double Yellows on St Nicholas Road?

11) Public Comments

John Richardson- Motorbikes

NEXT MEETING: The next Meeting will be held at ARCA on 13th November 2023

CLOSURE: There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at: 21:27

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