



**MINUTES OF A MEETING
of
THANINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
held
at ARCA Hall, Ashford Road, Thanington on Monday 13th October 2025**

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

CHAIRMAN: Adrian Baker

APOLOGIES: Cllr T Maple

Visitors: Paul Todd CEO TNRC, John Richardson Chair at HCA Local resident X4

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) Small presentation on changes to LP from clerk

2) COUNCIL

- a) Declaration of members interests in agenda items
- b) Disclosable pecuniary interests
- c) Any other interests
- d) Approval of minutes from September meeting
- e) Clerk confirmed payments approved at the September meeting have been dispatched
- f) CCC consultation on changes to LP-finalise submission
- g) External Audit has been returned, Clerk presents findings
- h) Update on speedwatch

3) ONGOING PARISH MATTERS

- a) Playpark on Saxon fields, not fenced
- b) Rubbish building up at 19 Thanington Road-cleared,
- c) Footpath blocked by developer fencing between Cockering Road and New House Lane
- d) Footpath along Hanging banks layby needs clearing-tree has fallen lots of rubbish

4)

APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS: October

Item	Purpose	Payment Type	Amount	Note
a)	Clerk Pay	BACS	£1187.61	
b)	Clerk Reimbursement	BACS	£115	
c)	HMRC- Clerk Tax and NI	BACS	£214.94	
d)	Smart Pension	DD	£26.40	Fee
e)	Smart Pension	DD	£181.39	Contribution
f)	ARCA	BACS	£45	Room Rental
g)	DPS	BACS	£58.97	Photocopier
h)	Adobe	EQ Card	£19.97	
g)	Envisage Groundcare	BACS	£447.60	
Total for October 2025			£2,296.88	

Proposed by TB, seconded by JB

5)

FINANCES:

Item	Paid out	Paid In	Balance		
			£9,344.87		
Smart Pension	£26.40				
Susannah M Jung	£1187.61				
HMRC	£214.08				
ARCA	£45				
Envisage Groundcare	£108				
Smart Pension	£181.39				
Treasurer Account Current balance on 3 rd October 2025			£7,582.39	Sheet match 479	

6) ACCOUNTING:

- a) HSBC Statement of No-Notice Account
- i) Current balance at 3rd October 2025 sheet 195 £10,858.70 inc £42.87 in interest
- b) Equals Money Pre Paid Card balance as of 3rd October 2025 **£530.07** 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**

- i. Contact from local resident regarding footpaths through Larkey Valley Woods-overgrown
- ii. Report received from KCC opposition
- iii. Contact via website from resident regarding concerns for access to a field in Iffin Lane being counter to planning permissions
- iv. Contact via the website from someone at the Gazette asking for the Chair to contact them for comments on the retirement of Paula at the TNRC
- v. Contact from Pentland Homes regarding maintenance on Saxon Fields

8) **REPORTS**

- Meeting at TNRC
- Overview Committee

9) **Planning:**

- i. CA/20/02627-land adjacent to Cockering Farm
- ii. CA/25/01791-Land at Cockering Farm

10) **Any other business**

TB- commemorative plaque or similar for former councillor Terry Davis? What would we want to do? Discuss with HCA trustees

TB- Accidents on the A2 slip have increased, most recently a van came off the road and into the fence surrounding the property 19 Thanington Road. Caused huge issues where lorries could not turn to follow the diversion. Railings are still not repaired-chase repair with Highways

TB- footpath between Thanington Road and Cockering Road, Grass on the triangle and the tree is coming over, report to KCC

TB- Can we invite PC Angell to the next meeting

TB-do we want food at the Christmas meeting? Yes. Toni will arrange-finalise at November meeting

General- Look into costs of storage for archiving

11) **Public Comments**

- Happy that the council is going to oppose the building of the P&R Rec
- Heard that KCC have delayed the building of the Thanington Primary School-can we do anything? Write to MP?
- Reminder that each member of the council can put in a personal objection to the draft LP consultation as well as one as the council body
- Meeting at the Scout hall on Friday at 6:45 regarding other aspects of the draft LP
- Council officers did not seem to respond to the idea that the removal of the Rec would have a negative effect on TNRC as a business. Noise, dust and construction traffic along with the increased traffic movement once the site was up and running would have an adverse effect on TNRC. Crossing the A28 from the estate is already problematic due to the amount of traffic.
- Village green status for the Rec?

NEXT MEETING: The next Meeting will be held at ARCA Hall on Monday 10th November 2025

CLOSURE: There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at: 21:15

