

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THURNHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Held on Monday 21st June 2010 at 7.38pm.

Present: Councillors
Mrs Bloomfield
Mr Jacques
Mr Morley
Mr Sandford
Mr Smith
Mr Waite

The meeting was chaired by Councillor Morley.

Also in attendance: Mrs Sherrie Babington – Clerk, PCSO Woods and members of the public.

1. Apologies.

Apologies were received from Councillors Skinner, Horne and Pilkington.

2. Declaration of Interests.

No interests were declared.

3. Minutes from last Parish Council Meeting.

The minutes were discussed and agreed (Jacques/Waite); these were then signed and dated by the Chairman of the meeting.

4. Matters Arising from Minutes.

No matters were raised.

5. Public Comments and Observations.

The Chairman invited members of the public to address the parish council regarding parish matters:

A resident asked the Parish Council about the progress of the Averanches Road Play area project. Councillor Waite stated that he was still awaiting the information from Land Registry.

6. Police Report.

PCSO Lindsay Woods gave her apologies for not attending last months meeting. She explained the legalities of speed signs and confirmed that there was no need for repeater signs to be visible for enforcement as long as the signs at the access to the road were visible.

She reported on the speed checks that had been undertaken along Ware Street. Councillor Smith asked is there had been a noticeable impact since the VAM sign had been installed along Ware Street, and he asked if these signs collected data. PCSO Woods stated that she would look into this matter and report back to members.

She gave the crime report to the meeting, and informed members that the PACT Priority for the forthcoming month was Theft and Nuisance Vehicles.

PCSO Woods stated that as there was no PC meeting in August the police was holding a Police Community Day on Monday 16th August from 10am to 3pm, she stated that crime

reduction packs would be available and she hoped to encourage residents to talk to the police.

Councillor Jacques spoke regarding an accident which had occurred along the A20 recently and in general regarding the increase in accidents along this route. He stated that the accident was in the area of the car wash and he raised concerns at the traffic arising from the car wash facility and vehicles exiting and crossing the road towards Hollingbourne.

7. **Review of Parish Plan.**

This item was deferred to a future meeting.

8. **Kent International Gateway.**

Councillor Jacques reported that a decision was now unlikely by the end of June.

9. **Heritage Award.**

Members discussed this matter and the request from Councillor Horne to arrange a date for the presentation of the Award.

It was noted that at present no applications had yet been received for the award and therefore it was agreed to defer this matter until the July meeting.

10. **Chairman's Report.**

The Chairman gave his report to the meeting.

He reported on the recent meetings that he had attended on behalf of the Parish Council.

He raised concerns about the pot holes and overgrown vegetation along Thurnham Lane.

Action: Clerk to report items to Kent Highways.

11. **Clerks Report.**

The Clerks report was noted by all present.

12. **Annual Report.**

The draft annual report was circulated to all members for their consideration.

13. **External Reports:**

a. **Ward Councillor's Report.**

Councillor Horne gave his apologies to the meeting.

In his absence Councillor Waite reported on the Water Inquiry that he and John Horne had attended.

Councillor Morley thanked Councillors Horne and Waite for their work on this matter.

b. **KCC Councillor Report.**

KCC Councillor Jenny Whittle gave her apologies to the meeting.

c. **Liaison with outside parties.**

Councillor Bloomfield informed members that she was due to attend the King George V Memorial Hall AGM on 27th July 2010.

Councillor Smith informed members that he had recently attended a St Marys PCC meeting and he circulated a report on this for member's consideration. He spoke regarding the work currently being undertaken at the church and on his views regarding its future.

14. Financial Matters:

a. Financial Statement.

The financial statement was agreed by members. (Smith/Waite).

15. Parish Matters.

a. Play Area Improvements.

Councillor Waite informed members that this matter was still being progressed.

b. Footpaths and Bridleways.

Councillor Sandford spoke regarding the site lines for G Forces and footpath KH139. Councillor Waite stated that Mike Perring was aware of this matter.

16. Committee Reports.

a. Planning.

Councillor Sandford spoke regarding the planning application for G Forces planning application and the way in which this was determined by the MBC Planning Committee.

He stated that in his view the planning committee had not dealt with this application fairly and the planning officer had not considered all of the relevant facts. He stated that the map of the site was incorrect and to his knowledge the adjacent land owners were unaware of the application and never had the necessary notice served on them by the applicant.

This was discussed by all present and it was agreed that the Parish Council should wait to see whether the neighbours to the site raised complaints regarding the notices served.

b. Highways.

Councillor Jacques passed on the report from Councillor Pilkington. He stated that the Thurnham sign at the Cock Horse in Detling had misspelt Thurnham.

Action: Clerk to report to Kent Highways.

17. Future Items.

No matters were raised.

18. Planning related matters – confidential item.

No matters were raised.

19. Date of next meeting.

Date of next meeting – 19th July 2010.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed to the press and public at 9.43pm

Signed: _____
Chairman

Dated: _____