

*THRUXTON PARISH COUNCIL*  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2022**

Present: Cllr P Christie (Chairman), Cllr J Davis (Vice Chairman), Cllr Mrs J Durant, Cllr R Munday & Cllr Mrs P Harris.

In attendance:

Mrs H Bourner – Clerk  
TVBC Phil Lashbrook  
4 members of the public

**1) Apologies for Absence.**

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Mrs J Graham, Cllr L McDevitt & HCC Chris Donnelly.

**Public Participation**

2) One member of public present asked if the Parish Council had any information regarding the traffic monitoring camera which had been placed on the footpath sign next to the village hall, for approximately four days. Cllr Christie said the Parish Council had received no notification of this camera or indeed of the traffic monitoring strip devices that had been placed around the village. He agreed to approach HCC for details.

**Declarations of Interest**

3) There were no declarations of interest.

**Minutes**

4) **Resolved:** The minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> March were confirmed as a correct record and will be signed by the Chairman. Proposer Cllr Davis seconded Cllr Harris. All in favour.

**Update on St Johns Lane**

5) Cllr Davis confirmed he was still awaiting an update from SSE regarding repairs to the lane.

**Specific Reports**

6)

Cllr Christie-(flooding & environment) said the groundwater levels are currently low. Tankers present at Mullins Pond are carrying out pumping work to assist with drain and lateral lining work. Cllr Munday commented that the flood drainage works being carried out at Thrupton Down appeared to be working.

Cllr Christie (Roads & footpaths) had nothing to report

Cllr Durant - see separate item 9 re speed awareness signs.

Cllr Harris (social concerns) – had nothing to report

Cllr Graham (Children & Mandy Garden) – was absent however The Clerk confirmed the work to remove old scrub and ivy was now complete and a new fence and gate has been erected. She provided details of free hedging and trees available to community groups from the Woodland Trust. These will be available for planting in November in the meantime the Clerk will liaise with Cllr Graham as to what sort of trees would be suitable and the volume required. Spring bulbs will also be planted on the banks outside the fence near the roads

Play area safety checks – Cllr McDevitt has circulated the completed reports for the safety checks of the play equipment.

**7) Annual Assembly**

The annual Parish Assembly will be held on May 4<sup>th</sup> following the Parish Council meeting. It was agreed representatives from BARC, Thrupton Circuit, The Police, Kimpton, Thrupton & Fyfield School and The Memorial Hall will be invited to speak. The Clerk will send invitations and also advertise the meeting so members of public are aware.

### **Alteration to layby**

8) Cllr Christie reported following a meeting with a representative of Hampshire Highways at the layby opposite the entrance to the allotments he had spoken to residents closest to the layby all of whom wished to retain the layby. This was supported by the Parish Council and Cllr Christie agreed to write to HCC asking them to clear and tidy the area but keep the layby without installing kerb stones.

A member of the public present expressed his disappointment as he believes it is unsafe for pedestrians and that very few vehicles use the layby as it is too small. He will convey his views to HCC Connelly regarding the matter and ask for a formal traffic survey to be carried out.

### **Potential speed signs around the village**

9) Cllr Durant had circulated her revised report regarding potential sites for speed awareness cameras in the village and awaits feedback from HCC regarding the report and their visit to the village.

She has approached three companies for prices and specifications and received some excellent advice from one company. It is important that confirmed sites are established next before any decisions about what type of cameras are required. The Clerk will chase HCC for a response from their survey.

### **Lains solar farm proposal**

10) Cllr Christie confirmed the planning application for the solar farm has now been submitted and the TVBC decision is awaited. Ampert Parish Council as lead are working on the final wording of the agreement between the energy company and each Parish Council in relation to the community benefit. HALC have been asked to review the final draft agreement.

### **County and Borough Councillors' Report**

11) HCC Cllr Chris Donnelly was not present

TVBC Cllr Phil Lashbrook reported that he will be standing to be deputy Mayor from May 2022. He also confirmed that there will be change to the head of TVBC planning

### **Resilience Plan**

12) Cllr Christie said he was aware that the current plan had not been revisited for some time and wanted to consider how this might be updated to become a working document moving forward.

TVBC Lashbrook recommended a Parish Councilor attend a resilience forum where excellent advice is available. He said Thruxton Parish has shown some good examples of community self-help one of which was when there was a house fire in the summer of 2020. He said to make things more formal a plan could be drawn up which should be commensurate with the size of the Parish. He said likely areas of concern should be considered in the plan such as flooding, power outage, road traffic accidents etc. Parishes can work together loaning equipment and sharing expertise. He agreed to share a draft plan with the Clerk which can be adapted to suit needs. Finally, he mentioned a new grant stream from SSE specifically for supporting resilience in communities.

13) The bank balance as 31/03/22 was as follows:

HSBC £20499.01

United Trust Reserve £13723.83

### **Payments**

**Resolved:** that the following payments be approved, and online transactions authorised:

H Bourner salary	£468.00
H Bourner exp.	£18.00
Thruxton Memorial Hall	£26.00
Taits	£52.00
Southern Electric DD	£51.19
HSBC charges	£8.00
Ray Welch	£141.00
Enervo (street lights)	£95.36
Ray Welch	£1385.00

The Clerk confirmed she had carried out some research into opening a new current account with another bank. TSB & Lloyds would both offer an account for Parish Councils without charges, however there was no TSB branch in Andover. Lloyds offered this service and an account application can be done online. It was agreed The Clerk should make an application and discuss with other signatories as necessary.

Accounts for the financial year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 had been circulated. After a short discussion Cllr Christie proposed these accounts be agreed. This was seconded by Cllr Harris All agreed. The Clerk will arrange for the audit return to be completed and the internal audit to be carried out.

### **Planning**

14) The following decisions by TVBC were noted:  
22/00166/TREEN-tree works-The Moorings, permission

**Resolved:** that the planning advisory committee's approval on the following applications were endorsed:

22/00628/FULLN- erection of two dwellings land adjacent to The Laurels, Dauntsey Lane- no objection

22/00553/FULLN- erection dwelling with detached garage, George House, Village Street- no objection

Application number 22/00728/OUTN regarding the erection of 9 self-build properties on land behind 11 Lambourne Close had recently been received. Comments needed to be submitted by 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022. The Parish Council will hold a public meeting to discuss the application when the agent for the land owner will attend. The proposed date for a meeting was discussed along with details from the agent about extended deadlines. Cllr Christie will approach TVBC for details of the pre planning application and clarification of deadlines before a date for a meeting date is agreed. The agreed date for the meeting will be 21<sup>st</sup> April

The Clerk said new planning notices had been erected on fencing near the proposed site for 26 affordable homes on land to the rear of Stanbury Close. There had been an error on the part of TVBC as some statutory consultees had not been approached therefore a further period of three weeks for any comments to be made has now been advertised.

A further document had been submitted by the developer having seen all the objections. Responses to this document had been drawn up by two parishioners which were very comprehensive. All Councillors agreed these documents should be endorsed by the Parish Council. Cllr Davis will write to TVBC.

### **Attendance at Events**

15) Cllr Christie attended a meeting of the PPF regarding the work underway by Southern Water. A new secretary is now supporting the group and their next meeting will be on 17<sup>th</sup> May

Cllr Christie had also attended an event on behalf of Thruxton District Protection Society at Thruxton Circuit which was supporting an armed forces charity.

### **Community Thanks**

16) Thanks were expressed to: - Ray Welch & Keith Edwards for work to the village green.

### **Correspondence**

17)The Clerk highlighted correspondence as follows: -

Clerks & Councils Direct magazine

Cllr Christie confirmed he had corresponded with Simon Bowder regarding an issue with weeds growing on the bunding near the church. Concerns had been raised that seed will blow onto private property. The areas are close to lagoons and are too steep to cut and have therefore been left to grow wild. They can only be cut if the lagoons are removed which could have a serious impact on flooding in the village.

Finally, a member of public asked if the minutes of the Thruxton Protection Society could be published. Cllr Christie will arrange for these to be uploaded to the website

**Items for next agenda**

18)

**Any Other Business**

19) None

**Date of next meeting**

20) The next meeting will take place at 7.00 pm on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May followed by the Annual Parish meeting at 8pm