

THRUXTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 4th SEPTEMBER 2023

Present: Cllr P Christie (Chairman) Cllr R Munday (Vice Chairman) Cllr Mrs P Harris & Cllr W Odling.

In attendance:

Mrs H Bourner – Clerk
HCC Chris Donnelly
TVBC Phil Lashbrook
1 member of the public

1) Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Ms S Cotterill.

Public Participation

2) There were no points raised by the member of public present.

Declarations of Interest

3) There were no declarations of interest. All councillors present confirmed that no changes to register of interest forms were required.

Minutes

4) **Resolved:** The minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd July were confirmed as a correct record and will be signed by the Chairman. Proposer Cllr Munday, seconded Cllr Harris. All in favour.

Specific Reports

5)

Cllr Munday- (environment) reported he is proposing a work party to clear the stream on 23rd September, some parishioners have already agreed to help. A note will be included in the next newsletter. The Clerk will arrange for the green waste to be disposed of.

Some wildflower seed has been spread on the green area by the substation. The Clerk asked that the treated area be marked out so that the remainder of the land can be cut back when necessary. Cllr Munday will organise this. Some sprouting from tree roots present will also need to be treated.

An application to register the green area at Stanbury Close as a formal village green has been made. It is expected that this will take some time to complete.

Cllr Christie (Roads & footpaths) confirmed the road closure at the end of Wiremead lane will remain in place for a further week. Further work will be carried out on Village Street however it is hoped this will be controlled by traffic lights

Cllr Harris (social concerns) noted the TLC café is being very well used and attracting growing numbers. Thanks were expressed to the ladies who run the café every week.

Village Green & Mandy Garden –Cllr Cotterill was absent. The Clerk confirmed she has attempted to get quotes to repair the wooden benches but had no replies as yet.

Play area safety checks – Cllr Odling had circulated the latest play area play report. He has obtained a quote to repair and treat the play slide including replacing the rotten posts. The work is expected to take up to three days. The quote for £700.00 from Pete Fletcher a well known and trusted contractor was agreed. Cllr Odling will arrange for the work to be carried out.

The Clerk agreed to contact the Sports Trust to ask them to get the grass cut in the play area. The position of the table tennis table was discussed. It was agreed the location was not suitable as it was too close to the road, parents had raised concerns about children using this and chasing balls into the road. Cllr Odling agreed this should be moved. The Clerk will also discuss this with the Sports Trust.

Following a recent short visit to the field by a group of travellers Cllr Christie confirmed he had spoken to the Chair of the Sports Trust regarding the possibilities of fitting a new gate or height barrier when he confirmed the Parish Council would be open to a grant request to help fund this project

Speed awareness- see item 7

The Clerk reported the work to remove the dead branches from the tree on the small triangle opposite Church Road had been completed. She also said that TVBC will be fitting a dog waste bin near to the entrance to the footpath just before Dauntsey Lane. Finally, she confirmed she has submitted a grant request to Hampshire Countryside Access, to pay for volunteer training in the use of a brush cutter, along with the costs of purchasing the equipment to carry out the work.

Green area by electricity substation.

6) The Clerk reported the tree stumps had been ground out and an area laid with wild meadow cuttings in the hope that they would seed in the following summer. She confirmed she had asked the contractor to trim the front area by the notice board and grit bin and that a parishioner in St Johns Lane was keen to help create a wildlife garden here.

Speed awareness signs

7) Two speed awareness signs had been purchased and erected by a group of volunteers. Putting these in place had proved to be a huge task. The machines were extremely heavy and moving these to different locations as recommended will be a very difficult task. A discussion took place as to how this could be simpler. Fitting each post permanently with its own solar panel would help in that only the machine would need to be moved although this would still be a job requiring two strong people. The alternative was to purchase a third smaller machine which could be moved around the three other posts which have been erected. Some data has been gathered from the installed machines but this was likely to be more informed once the school term was underway. The Parish Council agreed to review data over the next few weeks and revisit this subject in November.

First Aid

8) Cllr Cotterill had obtained a quote to deliver a first aid course to 12 people for £70.00 per head. This was very good value and although the costs of hall hire would need to be added was much cheaper than St Johns. Cllr Cotterill will be asked to contact the trainer to establish some dates for the training to be carried out.

A discussion regarding moving the defibrillator took place. On the two recent occasions it was needed those collecting the machine had gone to the Village Hall to obtain this and had to be re directed. All agreed it made sense for the machine to be based at the hall. Cllr Odling would speak to the Chairman of the Village Hall trustees to ascertain how this could be achieved.

Southern Water Update

9) (See specific reports on roads)

Cllr Munday reported he had attended a Pan Parish Forum meeting at Langford Lakes. This is a wetland project where reed beds successfully act as a filter and remove the requirement for over pumping. Southern Water are considering a similar idea in the Mullins Pond area.

Work with HCC will take place to make the lay by at Mullins Pond permanent.

Finally, Cllr Christie reported a sustainable drainage system for schools will be fitted by Southern Water at Kimpton School.

County and Borough Councillors' Report

10) HCC Chris Donnelly confirmed no HCC schools are affected by the RAAC crisis, a vast number of potholes have now been filled, HCC are pressing the Government to ban the sale of single use vapes, and HCC are committing to repairing laterals on all buildings they own to reduce water ingress into sewers. Finally, he reported that the proposed re-organisation of

HCC has been cancelled and that the current organisational structure will continue for the foreseeable future.

TVBC Cllr Phil Lashbrook reported that he was keeping a close eye on the withdrawn application at Thruxton Down Farm and expected a further application to be made in the future.

11) Finance

To note the bank balances as at 31/08/2023

Lloyds £14253.10

United Trust Reserve £14761.50

ii) To approve the following payments and authorise online transactions: -

H Bournier salary	£600.00
H Bournier exp.	£36.00
Southern Electric DD	£52.85
Thruxton Memorial Hall	£28.00
Taits	£52.00
Ray Welch	£178.00
One.Com	£93.44

Retrospective

Wilts & Hants Tree Care £840.00

H Bournier (Aug pay) £600.00

Thruxton Memorial Hall (donation) £107.15

Elan City £5615.98

iii) The Clerk reported that Lloyds Bank have confirmed they will stop sending paper statements later this year. Printed statements are acceptable to auditors so this will not cause a problem.

A quote to carry out the internal audit for £23/24 for £250.00 was agreed.

Planning

12) The following decisions by TVBC were noted:

23/01290/treen-tree works, St Martins House- no objection

23/01492/FULLN- convert chalet bungalow, Ash Lea House, Dauntsey Lane- permission

23/01032/OUTN- 14 units behind Stanbury Close-refused

23/01583/FULLN-extensions, 10 Stanbury Close-permission

Resolved: that the planning advisory committee's approval on the following applications were endorsed: 23/01855/treen- crown reductions-The Moorings, Stanbury Road-no objections

23/01941/FULLN- extensions, The Haven, Amesbury Road- no objections

23/02103/treen-fell trees, St Martins House-no objections

23/02154/TREEN-tree works, The Old School House-no objections

23/02247/TREEN-fell holly, Curlew Cottage- no objections

Cllr Munday confirmed he had written to TVBC enforcement, the Environment Agency and Vehicle licensing regarding application number 23/00957/FULLN at Thruxton Down. While this had been withdrawn several issues regarding illegal activity were of concern. A recent road traffic accident involving a vehicle from this site has made the need for a response urgent. Cllr Munday has pressed TVBC but had no response. It was agreed that the Parish Council will now contact the head of planning.

Attendance at Events

13) Cllr Christie confirmed the Thruxton District Protection Society will meet BARC on 18th September to discuss dates for meetings at the circuit in 2024.

Cllr Christie and the Clerk will attend the TVAPTC/TVBC conference on 30th September.

The date of the next Community resilience meeting 28/10/23 was noted

Community Thanks

14) Thanks were expressed to the ladies who run the TLC and Edward Chamberlain for work already carried out clearing the stream bed.

Correspondence

17) The Clerk highlighted correspondence as follows: -

An email regarding D-day celebrations requesting Beacon Lighting on 6th June 2024

A letter from a parishioner regarding spread of seeds from the circuit onto private land. The offending area has now been cut back.

Items for next agenda

18) Housing needs survey-discuss if a new survey should be commissioned.

Community News

19) None

Date of next meeting

20) The next meeting will take place at 7.30 pm on Monday 2nd October 2023