

THRUXTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 27th JULY 2022

Present: Cllr P Christie (Chairman), Cllr R Munday, Cllr Mrs J Graham & Cllr Mrs P Harris.
In attendance:

Mrs H Bourner – Clerk
3 members of the public

1) Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr J Durant & Cllr J Davis (Vice Chairman).

Public Participation

2) A member of public present suggested a survey of wildlife in the area be undertaken in order that greater protection from future development can be given. He has established that Hampshire Biodiversity Information Centre (part of HCC) who keep records of all registered wildlife in the area can run a search at a cost of approx. £350.00. They will provide a spreadsheet of current findings and any new findings in the area can be added to this database provided there is evidence. In the future a bat survey could also be planned.

Cllr Munday said he has been in touch with Hants & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust who carry out surveys asking them to come to the Parish. He will liaise with the village group interested and come to the Parish Council with recommendations for surveys and the possibility of purchasing land in the Parish which could be re wilded.

A separate member of the public asked if the Parish Council would consider putting signs up to highlight hedgehogs on roads to prevent untimely deaths. The Clerk will explore whether this is possible.

Declarations of Interest

3) There were no declarations of interest.

Minutes

4) **Resolved:** The minutes of the meeting held on 1st June were confirmed as a correct record and will be signed by the Chairman. Proposer Cllr Graham seconded Cllr Mundy. All in favour.

Update on St Johns Lane

5) The Clerk confirmed all the residents of St Johns Lane had signed agreements with SSE accepting the offer to pay the Parish Council £5000.00 for repairs to the lane. Once the funds have been received the Parish Council will engage with residents to discuss what work they would like to have done.

Bridge over stream-Village Green

6) The Clerk said she had been asked by several residents if the bridge over the stream from Village Street to the Village Green was to remain. Cllr Christie said this was only ever a temporary bridge and it would now be removed and stored for use at other events that will be held on the Village Green.

Specific Reports

7)

Cllr Munday- (environment) reported he has contacted Hants & IOW Trust and is awaiting a reply

Cllr Christie (Roads & footpaths) confirmed there will be road closures around the circuit at the time of the Superbikes Meeting, and that the footpath along Village Street and up Amesbury Road has been cleared.

Cllr Durant – was absent.

Cllr Harris (social concerns) reported a volunteer or two are required to deliver newsletters on Stanbury Road from September. A request will be placed in the August newsletter.

Cllr Graham (Children & Mandy Garden) – confirmed Mandy's Garden is suffering from the

dry weather and plants are being watered. She said the benches on the green need some repair work and it was agreed she obtain a quote to repair these.

Play area safety checks – Leo McDevitt continues to circulate the completed reports for the safety checks of the play equipment.

8) Signs for the defibrillator

The Clerk reported a recent incident at Rosebourne which had seen a member of their staff attempting to locate the Thrupton defibrillator. It had become apparent that better signage to the location of the machine was required. A sign highlighting the location at George House will be purchased. The Village Hall Trustees will be approached for permission to put a sign at the hall confirming the location of the machine.

9) Mirrors opposite the school car park entrance

The mirrors opposite the car park entrance have been damaged and need to be replaced. The Clerk will review the matter.

Southern Water Update

10) Cllr Christie reported the work to line sewers and scan private laterals continues which does include some road closures.

Potential speed signs around the village

11) Cllr Durant was absent and the subject of speed awareness signs will be revisited at the September meeting.

The Clerk reported a member of public had approached her regarding increased traffic in the village which was going to Rosebourne. She had been stopped several times and asked for directions from traffic leaving the east bound A303. She suggested a sign asking them to use the next junction would alleviate this problem. The Clerk will ask HCC how this might be achieved.

Cllr Christie said Hampshire County Council have launched a consultation exercise to consider implementing a 20mph zone in villages. This is open to all residents and can be accessed at this link <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/transportchemes/20mph-speed-limits-consultation>

New electricity charges

12) The Clerk reported the current electricity contract expires on 31st August. New prices had been supplied by SSE. In line with the current energy crisis these were substantially higher with an extra £1 per month on the standing charge and 23p per kWh however there were no cheaper deals to be had at present. The Clerk will monitor.

Trees on Sports Field

13) The Clerk highlighted an email she had received regarding a recent spate of vandalism at the Sports Field when several trees had been damaged. In particular some apple trees which had been funded and planted voluntarily were damaged and the request was for the Parish Council to pay to replace these.

After some discussion it was agreed the Sports Field was the responsibility of the Sports Trust and any decision to replace trees should lie with them. The Parish Council will however consider a financial contribution if approached.

County and Borough Councillors' Report

14) HCC Cllr Chris Donnelly was not present.

TVBC Cllr Phil Lashbrook was not present.

Resilience Plan

15) Cllr Christie said he had been working on a revised document to support community resilience. He said this was a work in progress however he hopes to present a draft to the Parish Council at the September meeting.

History Board

16) Cllr Graham said she would like the Parish Council to consider providing a history board for the village. She said there are many items that could be included and she knew a local

resident with lots of historical details that could help. The idea was discussed and agreed in principle.

Cllr Graham and The Clerk were asked to carry out some research into providers and possible costs.

17) Finance

To note the bank balances as at 20/07/2022

HSBC £24072.34

United Trust Reserve £13723.83

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

H Bourner salary	£468.00
H Bourner exp.	£18.00
Thrupton Memorial Hall	£26.00
Taits	£49.00
Southern Electric DD	£54.36
HSBC charges DD	£8.00
Ray Welch	£141.00
HALC(training)	£57.60
Ray Welch	£125.00

Retrospective

Ray Welch £45.00

Southern Electric DD £52.85

Gallagher insurance £829.80

K Edwards (Jubilee) £151.65

G Harris (jubilee) £323.39

Bulpitt Print (Jubilee) £12.00

Taits Printer (Jubilee) £142.00

D Eaglesham (audit) £160.00

Playsafety Lts £109.20

P & K Christie (jubilee goods) £971.21

iii) Change of bank account

The Clerk said all the necessary online documents had been completed to open an account with Lloyds TSB. She was now waiting to hear from them.

Planning

18) The following decisions by TVBC were noted:

22/01199/CLPN-application for lawful dev cert-2 Lovell Close-issued

22/01301/TREEN-tree works, 15 Beech Close-no objections

22/00768/OUTN/ 9 self-build houses, 11 Lambourne close-refused

22/01082/FULLN- side extension-Flora Villa- permission

22/01306/FULLN install Garden shed, 1 Racedown Cottages- permission.

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

22/01613/FULLN-convert Chalet Bungalow into two storey dwelling, Dauntsey Lane- no objection

22/01736/FULLN- single storey rear extension & replacement porch, George Cottage - no objection

22/01719/TREEN- tree works, The Old Rectory - no objection

Attendance at Events

19) Cllr Harris had attended an online course regarding planning which she had found very useful.

Cllr Munday had been unable to attend the recent Crime Summit hosted by Kit Malthouse MP. However, he had received some details after the event which highlighted areas of rural crime such as hare coursing, poaching and fly tipping. Details were also provided regarding the intention to increase police numbers in Hampshire

Community Thanks

20) Thanks were expressed to: - Keith Edwards for cutting back foliage obscuring the mirrors opposite the junction of the A303 slip road off Village Street, Leo McDevitt for his continued support with play area checks and Ray Welch and Keith Edwards for clearing the footpath along Village Street and Amesbury Road.

Correspondence

21) The Clerk highlighted correspondence as follows: -

Email regarding a survey from HCC regarding 20mph speed limits in villages

Email regarding hedgehog awareness signs.

Email regarding tree damage on Sports Field.

Cllr Christie highlighted correspondence received from a villager regarding parking on land at the allotments.

Items for next agenda

22) Speed awareness cameras

Resilience

Countryside Access

Hedge planting Village Green

Tree works around Village- tree on verge Halcyon- trees on green- trees on triangle

Date of next meeting

23) The next meeting will take place at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 7th September.