

THRUXTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 2nd NOVEMBER 2022

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

In attendance:

Mrs H Bournier – Clerk
HCC Chris Donnelly
1 member of the public

1) Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for absence had been received from TVBC Phil Lashbrook.

Public Participation

2) The member of public present asked if the proposed sites for speed awareness signs could be published so that residents have the opportunity to comment should they wish. Cllr Christie will put details in the newsletter.

He also raised a question about the Neighbourhood Plan. He said the Village Design Statement is listed at TVBC as a supplementary planning document, however the NP is not. He would like to understand the status of the plan according to TVBC. The Clerk will raise the question. Finally, he said the NDP on the Parish Council website also needs to be updated. The Clerk will action.

Declarations of Interest

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

Minutes

4) **Resolved:** The minutes of the meeting held on 5th October were confirmed as a correct record and will be signed by the Chairman. Proposer Cllr Graham seconded Cllr Davis All in favour.

Specific Reports

5)

Cllr Munday- (environment) reported on discussions with Hants & IOW Trust regarding a flora and fauna study with the aim of protecting biodiversity. They have provided a free template for completion but also a quote for them to carry out a survey at a cost of £1734.00. He is identifying species in the area while working with other individuals in the village and feels starting with the free version is the best place to begin. Volunteers will be sought to help with identification via the newsletter. Eventually the completed plan will be shared with villagers and passed to TVBC planning officers for reference.

He also provided a draft copy of a flood plan for the parish. He said he has used an environment agency draft document. He asked for details of areas within the parish which flood significantly, those identified were the underpass at Thruxton Down, the junction of Lambourne Way and Village Street, the junction of Village Street and Amesbury Road, along with blocked culverts at the bottom of Church Lane and surface water at the bottom of Halcyon Drive related to the damaged sewers along Village Street, where the stream was rerouted some years ago. He has set up an alert with the Environment Agency so he will be warned of any issues as they arise. HCC have circulated a leaflet about responsibilities for riparian householders. Cllr Christie suggested this be printed off and along with a covering letter handed out to those houses with responsibilities. All Councillors agreed this was a good idea. Cllr Christie will organise printing and the accompanying letter. Volunteers will be required as flood wardens and a request for these will be put in the Village Newsletter.

Cllr Christie (Roads & footpaths) confirmed he had written to HCC Chris Donnelly regarding the repeated flooding at the junction of Village Street and Amesbury Road and also about the poor signage to dissuade lorries from entering the village, showing him the areas where damage had been incurred by lorries in the past. Cllr Donnelly has agreed to discuss both issues with Hampshire Highways in the hope of finding a solution.

Cllr Durant – See item 8

Cllr Harris (social concerns) reported she has discovered that some insurance policies have an age limit for volunteers. The Clerk will check with the Parish Council insurance company to ensure this does not affect their policy.

She also highlighted the change in postage stamps and asked that this be noted in the next newsletter.

Finally, she noted the residents of Bridge Cottage have been able to move back to their house following the fire in the summer of 2020.

Cllr Graham (Children & Mandy Garden) – Confirmed the railing around the garden has now been replaced. She said two benches have been painted but repairs are required to the older oak benches. The Clerk said her attempts to engage a handyman had not met with success at present she has however noted an advertisement for a handyman on a village noticeboard and will retain details.

Two volunteers have stepped forward to help clear the stream bed. Some work has been carried out by the Environment Agency so there will not be as much to clear particularly as full removal of plants is not required just some channels cleared so water can pass.

Play area safety checks – Cllr Odling had circulated his report of the play area checks. Work is required to repair the fence and to the fall matting. A small repair is required to the trim trail and treating the wood on the timber slide structure needs to be done now. Cllr Christie will try find a volunteer to help with this.

Village Green Maintenance

6) The Clerk said she has met with the contractor who maintains the grass areas around the village and the Village Green. He has provided revised prices for the next season. These were discussed and it was agreed the Clerk will adjust the current contract to allow the current contractor to requote for an extension to the contract 6 months before it expires. This will mean it won't be necessary to go out to tender whilst the current contractor is doing a good job. The revised contract will be circulated to all councillors for agreement at the next meeting.

Update on St Johns Lane

7) Cllr Odling confirmed he had visited the site and written a scope of works for what he believes will be a solution to the problems of flooding on St Johns Lane. This was reviewed and discussed with some amendments suggested. Cllr Odling will revise the document and The Clerk will use this to obtain quotes from contractors.

Potential speed signs around the village

8) Cllr Durant was absent however had produced a comprehensive report of potential sites and the costs required for posts and fittings along with the costs of the different types of signs. The report had been circulated to all councillors.

Cllr Graham and The Clerk had revisited the sites and identified five which would provide the correct cover for all the areas where concerns had been raised. Two of these required new posts to allow solar operated signs and the Clerk has asked HCC to provide quotes for the cots to replace these. She had also asked for lead times on all work required to fit posts. Details were awaited.

It was essential that there were enough people to be responsible for siting the cameras and moving these from location to location as well as downloading any data available. Two volunteers had come forward so far.

The Clerk said she had details of a contractor who moved these cameras around, at a cost, on behalf of Parish Councils. An approach could be made to him in the future if no other volunteers step forward.

Tree works around Village

9) The Clerk confirmed tree works will be carried out on 22nd and 23rd of November.

Resilience Plan

10) Cllr Christie is still working on this draft plan but it is not yet ready for circulation.

Lains Solar Farm

11) The original planning application has been withdrawn following an objection from Western Air regarding glint and glare which could affect pilots. The hope is that a revised application will be submitted by the end of the year. Cllr Christie reported the community benefit agreement has now been signed by all Parish Councils and the contractor wishing to build the solar farm. Any benefit will only be paid once the planning application is approved and building work commences.

County and Borough Councillors' Report

12) HCC Cllr Chris Donnelly reported there were 9000 responses to the HCC survey regarding the introduction of 20mph limits. HCC will now consider the proposals; details of the findings are expected by the spring of 2023. He also reported Deputy leader Nick Adams-King has agreed to meet with Parish Councils to discuss any traffic and roads related matters, more details will be shared once dates are confirmed.

TVBC Cllr Phil Lashbrook was not present.

13) Finance

To note the bank balances as at 26/10/2022

HSBC £-7.20

Lloyds £33236.49

United Trust Reserve £13833.62

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

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| H Bournier salary | £468.00 |
| H Bournier exp. | £35.68 |
| Thrupton Memorial Hall | £26.00 |
| Taits | £49.00 |
| Southern Electric DD | £57.54 |
| HSBC charges DD | £8.00 |
| Ray Welch | £141.00 |
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| Ray Welch | £47.00 |

Retrospective

Ray Welch £335.00

iii) Change of bank account

The Clerk confirmed an account with Lloyds was fully operational. Attempts to close the HSBC account had failed. Although the cheque signed by Cllr Davis and Cllr Graham had cleared a letter saying these signatures did not match their records meant they would not close the account. A new letter will be signed by Cllr Davis and The Clerk. If this fails the Clerk will make an official complaint to HSBC.

Planning

14) The following decisions by TVBC were noted:

22/00628/FULLN-erect two dwellings, the Laurels, Dauntsey Lane- permission

22/02090/FULLN-double length garage, 29 Stanbury Road-permission

22/02138/TREEN- fell red cedar, Flint House- no objection

22/02397/TREEN- remove one branch sycamore, Village Green-no objection

Resolved: that the planning advisory committee's approval on the following applications were endorsed: None

Attendance at Events

15) Cllr Christie has attended a meeting of the Thrupton & District Protection Society to discuss the proposed calendar of events at Thrupton Circuit for 2023. These will be discussed with representatives of the Circuit shortly.

The Clerk will attend the TVAPTC meeting on 24th November via Microsoft Teams.

Community Thanks

16) Thanks were expressed to: - Ray Welch for the work to tidy the Mandy Garden and renew the railings.

Correspondence

17) The Clerk highlighted correspondence as follows: -

Request to find new volunteer to move bin on Sports Field to bus stop every other week for emptying purposes. A plea will be made in the newsletter.

A copy of Clerks & Councils Direct.

Items for next agenda

22)

History Board

Report regarding flora & fauna

Flood risk report

Resilience plan

Speed awareness signs & volunteers

Repairs to St Johns Lane

Days meeting to be held in 2023

Community News

23) A discussion on changing the day which the Parish Council meet was held. It was agreed in principle the day could change with a Monday being the initial proposal. The Clerk will review possible days in 2023 and the matter will be discussed further at the December meeting.

Date of next meeting

24) The next meeting will take place at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 7th December