

THRUXTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5th APRIL 2023

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

In attendance:

Mrs H Bournier – Clerk
2 members of the public

1) Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for absence had been received from HCC Chris Donnelly, TVBC Phil Lashbrook & Cllr W Odling.

Public Participation

2) A member of public present gave details of a meeting on Friday 21st April, in Thruxton Village Hall, when an environmentalist will give a talk, in particular about wild seed planting. This will link with the work Cllr Munday is carrying out regarding bird surveys which will move onto flora and wild animal surveys over the course of the next few months. Details will be included in the next newsletter.

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 1st March were confirmed as a correct record and will be signed by the Chairman. Proposer Cllr Graham, seconded Cllr Harris. All in favour.

Specific Reports

5)

Cllr Munday- (environment) confirmed there were no flooding alerts in place. He reported from a meeting with Southern Water and confirmed they aim to complete sewage pipe repairs by the summer. They are also considering some wild areas and natural filtration meadows for the future. He will continue to monitor this by participating in any online meetings he is able to join.

He said he continues to work on the biodiversity plan and said the birdwatch is underway. He has received some data but would be happy to receive more. Finally, he reported he has made contact with an experienced conservationist regarding biodiversity and the Pilhill Brook.

Cllr Christie (Roads & footpaths) reported that additional funds have been provided by central government to local authorities to help with road repairs in a particular pot holes. He confirmed Cllr Donnelly is pressing Hampshire Highways for date that stream banks to be repaired.

Cllr Munday reported that Thruxton Down road is to be resurfaced in the summer and that he has asked for slow signs to be painted in the road. He is also exploring the possibility of gated signs

Cllr Harris (social concerns) expressed thanks to all those who volunteer and deliver the Thruxton Times particularly over the wet and cold winter.

She said the number of people attending TLC each Wednesday was increasing which was lovely to see. She said if there are other villagers who wanted to but require transport, they should contact her on pharris@thruxtonparishcouncil.com and she will see if this can be arranged.

Cllr Munday confirmed there had been an incident of fly tipping on Thruxton Down which he has reported.

Cllr Graham (Children & Mandy Garden) – reported the garden is beginning to come to life, some pruning has taken place and bulbs are now starting to flower. She also confirmed a garden waste subscription had been purchased on behalf of the Parish Council. This can be used for green waste from the Mandy Garden and any other pruning on the Village Green. Cllr Christie will ensure the bin is put out for collection as necessary.

Play area safety checks – Cllr Odling was not present (see item 6)

Speed awareness-The Clerk reported fitting of posts had taken place on Monday 3rd April. Cllr Durant had researched machines available and the best value was from Elan City. A recent flyer from this company advertised a solar operated sign that displayed the speed and asks those traveling too fast to slow down for £2250.00. After some discussion it was agreed the Clerk should contact Elan City with the aim of purchasing two machines.

Replacing matting at play area

6) The Clerk provided details of a quote to replace all the matting at the play area. 20 mats were required and could be purchased by the Parish Council so that VAT can be reclaimed. Prices had been researched and the best value was mats from www.grassmats.co.uk. The quote to fit these along with top soil and grass seed as required was £385.00. The Clerk was asked to accept the quote and liaise with the contractor regarding purchase and delivery of the mats.

The Clerk confirmed that while on site she had reviewed all the play equipment and no breakages or concerns were evident.

St Johns Lane ground work

7) Cllr Odling confirmed Andover Ground Works will carry out the work required in St Johns Lane but are waiting for the lane to dry out before the work is carried out.

Hedge planting & spraying Village Green

8) The Clerk confirmed the tree pack from the Woodland Trust had arrived and the saplings were temporarily planted in a bucket whilst the ground was prepared. Fallen branches etc need to be cleared and the weeds and ivy sprayed. Ray Welsh has provided a quote to carry out the spraying for £140.00. This was agreed. The Clerk will arrange for the work to be carried out as soon as the weather is fine.

Resilience Planning

9) Cllr Christie had circulated a draft plan to councillors for views on how detailed a plan should be. A lengthy discussion followed and it was eventually agreed that Cllr Christie would liaise with TVBC Phil Lashbrook and attempt to review plans of other communities.

County and Borough Councillors' Report

10) HCC Cllr Chris Donnelly was not present but had sent a report which has been circulated.

TVBC Cllr Phil Lashbrook was not present.

Parish Assembly.

11) The Clerk confirmed that she had issued invitations to the Parish Assembly which will take place on Wednesday 10th May at 8pm, following the Parish Council AGM.

First Aid & Defibrillator training

12) The Clerk said five villagers had responded to the offer of reduced cost first aid training. A total of fifteen places were available. Cllr Christie confirmed he had contacted other local parish councils to establish if they would be interested in participating.

13) Finance

To note the bank balances as at 31/03/2023

Lloyds £27775.76

United Trust Reserve £13723.83

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

H Bournier salary	£600.00
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H Bournier exp.	£18.00
Thrupton Memorial Hall	£26.00
Taits	£52.00
Southern Electric DD	£51.19
Ray Welch	£173.40
J King	£590.00
Enerveo	£101.69

iii) Change of bank account

The Clerk confirmed she had still not received a full response to her letter of complaint to HSBC despite a reminder

iv) **Accounts and audit return year ended 31st March 2023**

Accounts for the year ended 31st March were discussed and agreed. The Audit return was reviewed. Section 1 was reviewed and agreed followed by section 2 which was also reviewed and agreed, both were signed by the Chairman. The internal audit will take place shortly and before the AGM on 10th May.

Planning

14) The following decisions by TVBC were noted:

23/00318/TREEN-tree works, The Long House, Stanbury Road- no objections

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

23/00632/TPON-tree works, Thrupton Manor- no objections

Noted-an appeal has been submitted to the Secretary of State-22/01736/FULLN regarding the refusal of an application for a single storey extension and new porch at George Cottage.

Cllr Christie reported his request to TVBC that details of pre apps are made available to Parish Councils. Cllr Lashbrook has confirmed most pre apps are legally confidential however there are occasions that this information should be made available. The Parish Council will continue to monitor and press for details of any pre apps which impact on the parish.

Attendance at Events

15) Cllr Munday attended the Southern Water update meeting and Cllr Christie attended an online meeting regarding cycle routes and new walkways in North Hampshire.

Community Thanks

16) Thanks were expressed to Cllr Graham who is retiring from the Parish Council but will continue to volunteer in the village.

Correspondence

17)The Clerk highlighted correspondence as follows: -
A brochure advertising insurance from Zurich Insurance

Items for next agenda

18) June- review of Village Design statement

Community News

19) Children from the local school are hoping to build a Coronation Garden and have appealed for donations to help with the project. After a short dissuasion it was agreed a donation of £50.00 will be made.

Date of next meeting

20) The next meeting will take place at 7.00 pm on Wednesday 10 May 2023 followed at 8pm by the annual Parish Meeting.