

**THRUXTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 1 SEPTEMBER 2010**

Present: Cllr C Milner-Williams Chairman, Cllr J Davis Vice Chairman, Cllr Bradbury,
Cllr Mrs J Saunders, & Cllr Mike Windsor,

In attendance: Mrs H Bourner -Clerk
Mr J McKenzie -Thrupton Times and Village Correspondent
Joanna Dixon – Community Action Hampshire
Marianne Piggin – TVBC
Two members of the public

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

513 Apologies for absence were received from HCC Mrs Pat West, TVBC Phil Lashbrook
Cllr Mrs D Foyne & Cllr Mrs K Phillipson.

Public Participation

514 Margaret Davis made an offer to provide a tree or shrub for planting at the new car park site on the sports field. Cllr Milner-Williams thanked her and all agreed to consider what would be best.

John McKenzie asked if there were any truth that Amport Parish wished to alter its boundaries thereby increasing the size of Thrupton Parish. Cllr Milner-Williams said he had also heard this story but as yet had seen nothing formal.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

515 There were no declarations of interest.

Parish Plan

516 Jo Dixon from Community Action Hampshire and Marianne Piggin from TVBC gave a presentation about parish plans. In essence a parish plan is an evidenced plan produced by volunteers from the community, with the aid of the Parish Council. The process of debate, which should involve all parishioners, about all things good and bad in the parish, leads to a plan to create community activities, projects and outcomes to enhance life in the parish. The process of consultation can be supported by both TVBC and Community Action Hampshire. Alan Leslie from Thrupton Down expressed his concerns that Thrupton Down is not included in the Village Design Statement already in place. He said a parish plan would have to include the whole parish, including all outlying settlements, and offered his assistance in drawing up a plan. Cllr Milner-Williams thanked Alan for his offer but suggested that before any decisions were made regarding a possible plan, that further information regarding the possibilities of changing the Village Design Statement to include other settlements should be sought. Jo Dixon agreed to obtain details.

MINUTES

517 **Resolved:** that the minutes of the meetings held on 7 July 2010 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Grass cutting Lambourne Way

518 The clerk was able to report that all necessary documentation to enable a minor to cut the grass was now in place, and Luke was now cutting the grass at fortnightly intervals as agreed.

Village Green Maintenance

519 The rubbish on the village green had not yet been removed but Cllr Davis confirmed that Tony Carter a landscape gardener from Thrupton Down was still intending to remove this for the parish, volume of work had prevented this so far. Cllr Davis agreed to contact Mr Carter to arrange a time. The chairman stated that it may need a small working party.

BT Telephone Box

520 The adoption of the box was now complete. Cllr Milner-Williams agreed to measure the inside to establish what materials were required to turn the box into the previously agreed lending library. The clerk was asked to obtain a pot of the correct colour red paint in order that the box could be painted.

Small grants scheme

521. The clerk reported she had researched the possibility of the Parish Council applying for a grant from this scheme for the purpose of improving footpaths in the village. It seemed likely the parish would meet the necessary criteria and the clerk agreed to begin the process of applying now, beginning by asking the local access ranger to visit the possible sites for improvement, those being the footpaths between Village Street and Beech Close, Village Street and Lambourne Way, and Stanbury Road through St Johns Lane to Lambourne Way. Cllr Milner-Williams said he would contact the residents of St Johns Lane, Aster Housing who own two of the houses in the lane, and Southern Electric who have rights of way, to establish if any of them are able to give any support.

Sports Field Car Park

522 Work on the car park had begun and Cllr Milner-Williams confirmed this should be complete fairly soon. A letter from the Sports Trust regarding the car park was discussed. It was agreed a small fence should be erected on the car park side of the ditch to prevent anyone falling in. The clerk will obtain quotes for this work. Once the car park is complete the clerk will inform the relevant insurers. The Sports Trust will erect a height restriction barrier to the car park entrance, and a lockable gate for vehicular access to the field from the car park.

Right to Build and Plan

523 Cllr Milner-Williams explained a new scheme now in place where a Parish Council can build without further authority provided 80% of the electorate agreed. All present felt it highly unlikely that 80% of the electorate would be persuaded to vote.

Parish Councillors Expenses

524. Details had been received regarding attendance allowances for Parish Councillors. All present agreed they only wished to claim travel expenses. Cllr Milner-Williams said he would attempt to establish if any other parish councillors claimed such allowances.

Central Government powers to cap Parish Council Precepts

525 Details of this new initiative had been received. Given the level of the precept in Thrupton parish it was felt that this was of no concern.

County and Borough Councillor Reports

526 No County or Borough Councillors were present.

Planning

527 The following decisions by TVBC were noted: none.

528 **Resolved:** that the Planning advisory committees recommendations on the following applications be endorsed:

10/01730/CAWN & 10/01720/FULLN part demolition and replacement extension to Hamble House, Village Street, Thrupton – support

10/01975/FULLN retention of log cabin Hawthorn Cottage Thrupton- support

The clerk reported that a date had been set for the informal hearing into the appeal by Mr & Mrs A J Connor-Squires against the travelling show persons site at Thruyton Down. This was to be held at Andover Guildhall on 19th October commencing 10:00 hours. Cllr Milner-Williams agreed to attend.

The clerk reported that written planning permission for the sports field pavilion had been received from TVBC. There were some conditions and Cllr Davis agreed to review. A copy of the permission granted notice was to be given to the Sports Trust.

FINANCE

529 The bank balances as at 13 August 2010 were as follows:

Lloyds TSB £3045.69

Bank of Ireland £10,286.61

Payments

530 **Resolved:** that the following payments be approved and signing of cheques authorised:

Anton DO Supp April £24.80

Thruyton WMH £16.00

H Bourner Aug salary £231.89

H Bourner Jul/Aug exp. £58.73

Mr R Welch £71.76

Thruyton WMH special £19.50

D Eaglesham £125.00

The clerk and Cllr Milner-Williams agreed to review the budget and report at the next meeting.

The bank mandate documents were now complete and Cllr Mrs J Saunders and Cllr Windsor were now able to sign cheques.

A cheque for £34.00 had been received from the sports trust for two years rent and share of insurance. The sports trust apologized for its omission in not paying the rent for 2009/10 on time.

Attendance at Events

531 Cllr Davis & Cllr Milner-Williams will attend a meeting of Test Valley Association of Parish Councils on 02/09/10.

Cllr Milner-Williams reported from the community safety partnership that the Police were targeting drunk and disorderly behaviour.

Cllr Milner-Williams reported that the Dog Awareness Day at Lanes Farm, Quarley had been a great success.

Correspondence

532 It was agreed no action would be taken regarding a request to complete a survey from the National Highways.

Two dates for training for new Councillors had been received. Cllr Mrs Saunders asked the clerk to book a place at the session to be held in September at Chineham Village Hall, Basingstoke.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

533. Cllr Milner-Williams reported that it was possible TVBC would alter their concessionary fares scheme to the statutory scheme which was less beneficial. Objections had been firmly voiced.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would take place at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 6 October 2010.

