

**THRUXTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 2 FEBRUARY 2011**

Present: Cllr J Davis Vice Chairman, Cllr Mike Windsor, Cllr Mrs K Philipson, Cllr Mrs D Foynes, Cllr Mrs J Saunders & for part of the meeting Cllr C Milner-Williams Chairman.

In attendance: Mrs H Bourner –Clerk  
TVBC Phil Lashbrook  
Mr J McKenzie -Thrupton Times and Village Correspondent  
Three members of the public

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

595 Apologies for absence were received from Cllr R Bradbury.

**Public Participation**

596 Jenny Bryer and Gary Davis residents of St Johns lane said they had established which residents were prepared to make both financial and physical help to repair the lane. Cllr Davis confirmed a grant received was just for the footpaths and the clerk confirmed the grant money needed to be spent by the end of February 2011. After some discussion it was agreed the work to the general lane should be left until the weather improves however the Parish Council would organise repairs now to the concrete section which was the actual footpath. The clerk was asked to contact Hampshire Countryside Access requesting the grant for the footpaths be available until the end of March bearing in mind the earlier adverse weather.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

597 There were no declarations of interest.

**MINUTES**

598 **Resolved:** that the minutes of the meetings held on 1 December 2010 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Vice Chairman.

**Village Green Rubbish**

599 Cllr Davis will keep in contact with Tony Carter of Thrupton Down, to arrange a time for him to remove the rubbish on the village green.

**BT Phone Box**

600 The clerk reported that Brain Pearce would be carrying out the work to install three shelves within the box late next week. The clerk provided details of prices of the glass units used to glaze telephone boxes. It was necessary to establish the type of box which the clerk agreed to do. It was agreed the clerk could spend up to £50 to buy replacement glass units once the correct size was established. It was also agreed that the telephone box needed to be regularly checked for potential damage and wear and to facilitate this, a check of the phone box will be included with the monthly playground equipment check.

**Tree Works**

601. The clerk provided details of two quotes obtained to carry out the work to remove a branch from an ash tree on the village green. The quote from Mr Welch the contractor who currently cuts the grass was slightly higher however given his commitment and standard of his work the Parish Council were keen to give him this contract. The clerk agreed to contact him to see if he could offer a reduced price. The committee agreed to pay up to £45 for the work to be completed.

**Dog Fouling**

602 Incidents of dog fouling seemed to have increased in the area around the new car park on the sports field. New signs have been erected asking dog owners to clear up after their pets.

### **Car Park Lighting.**

603 An e-mail had been received from the head teacher of Kimpton school asking if it were possible to install some lighting on the sports field car park. After a brief discussion it was agreed the parish council had no funds to support this request, and the clerk was asked to write to the school to explain.

### **Grit Bins and Snow Shovels**

604 The grit bins had been well used in the recent icy weather. The clerk will ask HCC to re fill these. Cllr Windsor asked if a further bin could be provided for Stanbury Close. The clerk agreed to research. Four snow shovels have now been provided by TVBC for use by villagers in snowy weather. These are dotted around the village at various locations. Anyone needing a shovel should contact the clerk on 773976.

### **Dangerous Driving**

605 Cllr Davis reported on a recent incident when an individual was seen driving dangerously in the village. The vehicle details were taken and passed to the police who visited the person concerned and issued a caution.

### **Weight Restrictions**

606 The clerk reported that TVBC have agreed to carry out a survey in the village to establish the quantity of heavy goods vehicles using the village roads. This survey is likely to take place in the spring.

### **Meeting dates 2011/12**

607 The clerk presented a list of possible dates for meetings over the next year. These were all agreed as the first Wednesday of each month except August and January when no meeting takes place, and the May 2011 meeting which would take place on the second Wednesday of the month and be followed by the annual parish assembly. The Chairman advised the May meeting should commence at 7pm to allow time for business before the annual assembly.

### **Repairs to Village Green Wall**

608 Cllr Windsor confirmed he had obtained a quote for the specialist repair required for £165. It was agreed the quote be accepted as the individual concerned was known to be both skilled and experienced in this type of work.

### **Standards Board**

609 Cllr Davis reported the current standards board arrangements are to be abolished in the Autumn of 2011 and local boroughs will then be expected to deal with breaches of conduct by Councillors in house.

### **County and Borough Councillor Reports**

610 TVBC Phil Lashbrook reported on a informal survey he was carrying out regarding poor radio signals in the area, particularly those who have difficulty receiving Radio 2 and Radio 4. He also gave details to the parish council of a new interactive web site to be launched by HCC regarding crime reports in Hampshire. It is hoped that parish councils will be able to view and log data on this site which can then be shared with all villagers, the sharing of intelligence should help reduce crime. It is hoped that the site will be demonstrated at the March meeting. Finally TVBC Lashbrook provided details on a proposal for solar farms the nearest of which was at Lains farm, Quarley. An exhibition can be viewed at Quarley Village Hall on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 3-7pm.

### **Planning**

611 The following decisions by TVBC were noted: 10/02174/FULLN Cottage Croft extension, permission.

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

10/02729/OUTN, revision to plan for commercial buildings at Andover Commercial park-noted.

10/03023/FULLLN alterations and extension to provide garage, porch, conservatory and family room, Tanglewood, Stanbury Road- support

11/00210/CLPN certificate of lawfulness and new conservatory Racedown House Thruxton Down- no objection.

11/00204/FULLLN extension to karting hospitality area, Thruxton Circuit- support

The vice Chairman confirmed details of a letter received from Mrs Connor-Squires confirming horses were to be housed on the land subject to planning appeal for the showman site at Thruxton Down. Concerns were expressed by those present that this would be the beginning of occupation of the land and could expand before any planning decisions were reached. The decision had been delayed pending a ruling in a legal case which may affect the inspectors final decision.

## **FINANCE**

613 The bank balance as at 07 January 2011 was as follows:  
Lloyds TSB £15647.17

### **Payments**

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

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| Anton DO Supp April    | £24.80  |
| Mr J McKenzie          | £24.80  |
| Thruxton WMH           | £16.00  |
| H Bourner Jan salary   | £240.57 |
| H Bourner Dec/Jan exp. | £32.59  |
| Southern Electric      | £125.31 |
| Southern Electric cont | £110.06 |
| Mr A Rowles            | £159.57 |

Cllr Davis gave a detailed report on his attempts to open a bank account to house the reserves which would pay some interest. The attractive interest rate offered by Lloyds TSB had been withdrawn, although the bank had agreed to make a payment equaling the interest that would have been paid if the account had materialized. Further research had uncovered an account with Santander which offered some interest. At least two signatories were needed and a withdrawal card to access the money. There was some discussion as to whether it would be sensible to have more than two signatories, and Cllr Davis agreed he would establish this point. After a great deal of discussion all agreed the reserves should be lodged in an interest bearing account as soon as possible even if it only required two signatures which would be Cllr Milner-Williams and Cllr Davis.. Cllr Milner-Williams proposed that Cllr Davis proceed to open the account he had researched. Proposal seconded by Cllr Mrs Phillipson, and the subsequent vote supported this.

### **Attendance at Events**

615 Permission was given for the clerk to attend a pre election and referendum meeting in Stockbridge on 3 March.

### **Correspondence**

616 Cllr Davis reported that the new mobile library arrangements were for a visit every four weeks rather than fortnightly. Residents were grateful to retain the service and the WI would continue to serve tea and cakes on those days.

Cllr Davis said plans were being prepared to celebrate the Royal Wedding on the 29 April. The proposal was a children's party with magician in the afternoon which would be free to all village children, and for a self funded BBQ and entertainment in the evening for adults. A special meeting to discuss details was to be held on 4 February. The parish council agreed in principle to donate a sum of up to £150 toward the cost of the children's event.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

617 Cllr Milner-Williams said he had received a note of thanks from Connie Dent and her family for the gift and best wishes for her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. In a general discussion all agreed to move the circulation file on to the next person as soon as possible.

The clerk said she had received agreement from HALC that it was now permissible for agendas to be circulated electronically, provided paper copies were still posted on village notice boards. All present agreed this seemed a sensible idea and the clerk agreed to trial this for the next meeting.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting would take place at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 2 March 2011.