

**THRUXTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6 APRIL 2011**

Present: Cllr C Milner-Williams Chairman, Cllr J Davis Vice Chairman, & Cllr Mrs D Foynes.

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

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

640 Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mrs J Saunders, Cllr Mrs K Philipson, Cllr R Bradbury, Cllr M Windsor, HCC Mrs Pat West, & TVBC Mrs E Charnley.

**Public Participation**

641 There were no matters arising.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

642 The Chairman stated that would make any necessary declarations of interest at the appropriate agenda item.

**MINUTES**

643 **Resolved:** that the minutes of the meetings held on 2 March 2011 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**Village green maintenance**

644 A quote for £112 from Mr Welch to remove nettles on the village green, treat with herbicides and reseed was agreed. The clerk will write to Mr Welch.

**Village Green rubbish**

645 A quote for £184 to remove rubbish from the village green was considered but rejected. A working party will be arranged in early May when as much as possible will be burnt by bonfire.

**Litter Bins**

646 A request had been received to site a litter bin on the sports field. The clerk reported that she had e-mailed TVBC to establish how the bin could be emptied but had not received any reply. TVBC Phil Lashbrook present said he would establish the facts and let the Parish Council know.

**Love where you Live Campaign.**

647 The clerk reported she had received some information regarding a campaign to keep the Test Valley litter free. The clerk was asked to contact the organisers to establish what support they could give.

**Footpath repairs**

648. Cllr Milner-Williams said the two working parties who had carried out repairs to the footpaths alongside the village hall, and that from Lambourne Close to St Johns Lane, on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March had done a superb job. This had been a real team effort to support the community.

**Collection for Ernie Atkinson**

649 Ernie has been the postman in the village for some 20 years and sadly has had to take early retirement suffering from ill health. A collection will be made; anyone wishing to donate can pass money and cheques payable to the Village Association to John McKenzie at the Old Post House. Please pop in an envelope and put through the letter box.

**Village Fete.**

650 A request has been received from the village association to use the village green for the annual village fete on 5 June. All present agreed.

### **Royal Wedding**

651 Cllr Davis confirmed that details of the celebrations planned in the village to celebrate the royal wedding would be circulated with the Thrupton Times. There will be a free party in the afternoon for children under 13 years of age, and a BBQ in the evening at £5 per head for adults. All village children up to 16 years will be given a free celebratory mug. After discussion it was agreed to pay the costs of the childrens' entertainer, as previously agreed, up to a maximum of £150. It was noted that the potential £1500 raised by the village Association was earmarked specifically for the Royal Wedding on 29 April and HM The Queen's Diamond Jubilee in June 2012. Thus far the VA had committed to nearly £900 so a Parish Council grant would be appropriate and within budget

### **Parish Assembly**

652 The clerk confirmed that all invitations to the forth coming parish assembly had been issued.

### **Grant Request**

653 The clerk highlighted a request she had received from the Parochial Church Council for monetary help with the upkeep of the churchyard. All present agreed a grant of £400 as set aside in the budget.

Cllr Milner-Williams said the Sports Trust had asked for help from the Parish Council to claim a grant from Test Valley Borough Council for the cost of erecting a height barrier. All present agreed the Parish Council could submit the claim form. Cllr Milner-Williams agreed to speak to the sport trust committee.

### **Elections to Parish Council**

654 The clerk confirmed the names of those who had submitted papers to stand for election as Parish Councillors. There were six persons named so the election would not be contested. There was still one vacancy which the new Parish Council may seek to fill by cooption.

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

655 TVBC Phil Lashbrook reported that the new one hundred acre roundabout was fully operational. He also reported that the closure of Red Post lane was not just to vehicles but even cyclists and pedestrians. Work replacing the bridge was likely to take some time and the closure would therefore be in operation for the foreseeable future.

### **Planning**

656 The following decisions by TVBC were noted: none

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

11/00648/TREEN tree works on border of Flora Villa and Hamble House- support

11/00563/TREEN tree works 15 Beech Close- support

### **FINANCE**

658 The bank balance as at 11 March 2011 was as follows:

Lloyds TSB £3561.85

Lloyds reserve £11000

### **Payments**

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

Anton DO Supp April	£24.80
Thrupton WMH	£16.00
H Bourner Mar salary	£240.57
H Bourner Mar exp.	£24.36
HALC	£207.00
Mr R Welch	£78.00
Southern Elec	£130.44
S Elec cont	£112.40

Cllr Davis had now completed the work to open an investment account depositing £11000 over a 12 month term which would attract 1.55% interest. A promise from the local branch manager to pay some interest for the period the reserves were within the current account had not yet materialized. Cllr Davis agreed to follow up.  
The clerk confirmed new rules regarding Income Tax for Parish Clerks had been announced. These did not impact as the clerk already met her Income Tax obligations.

Agreement was reached that the Parish Council could spend up to £75 on refreshments for the forthcoming Parish Assembly.

### **Attendance at Events**

660 Permission was given for Cllr Milner-Williams and Cllr Davis to attend the TVAPC meeting on 26 May.

### **Correspondence**

661 Cllr Milner-Williams highlighted a scheme for village agents essentially a scheme to encourage those fit and healthy in the village to help out the less able with things such as shopping. There were already some in the village who carried out this sort of voluntary work. He also said the issue with septic tanks reported at the last meeting had been poorly conveyed by the environment agency. Details will be posted on the village web site of the need to register and potential fines for those who did not.

The clerk highlighted correspondence received as follows:-

A survey regarding local buses, anyone wishing to comment should contact the clerk on 773976.

Details of grants available for sustainable travel projects.

A new contract for street light maintenance with no changes except a small price increase, all present were happy to continue with this contract.

Confirmation from ROSPA that an inspection of the play area would take place in May.

A letter from HALC confirming their accounts would no longer be made available in paper format.

### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

662 Cllr Davis said the ongoing work to the telephone box would continue and asked if the Parish Council would fund the cost of a sign to cover that saying telephone, to show this was now a library. It was agreed a sign could be purchased up to a cost of £50.

Cllr Davis also said his work with the standards board continued however this was soon to be abolished. It was not yet clear what it would be replaced with.

The clerk had received a note asking for volunteers to help as trustees of the Home Start Charity. Details will be posted in the village newsletter.

Cllr Milner-Williams gave express thanks to Cllr Mrs Foynes for all her work on behalf of the parish, as this would be her final parish council meeting in office.

Cllr Milner-Williams said he had been approached by a group of families proposing to hold a picnic on the evening of the 29<sup>th</sup> April at the sports field. All villagers welcome, meet your neighbours, bring your own picnic and join the fun.

### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting would take place at 7.00 pm on Wednesday 11 May 2011, followed at 8pm by the annual Parish Assembly.