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**THRUXTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 1 April 2009**

Present: Cllr R Mallock (vice chairman), Cllr J Davis, Cllr R Pennells, Cllr D Foynes, & Cllr R Bradbury.

In attendance: TVB Cllr Phil Lashbrook
Mrs H Bourner -Clerk
Mr J McKenzie -Thruyton Times and Village Correspondent
One member of the public

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

246 Apologies for absence were received from Cllr C Milner-Williams Chairman, Cllr K Phillipson, TVB Cllr Mrs E Charnley, & HCC Pat West.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

247 A member of public asked the location of affordable housing in other villages and was told of the housing at Monxton, Grately and Stockbridge. He further asked if Thruyton had identified a site for affordable housing. Cllr Mallock confirmed no site had been identified.

The same gentleman also asked if the Parish Council were going to speak at the Northern area planning meeting regarding the showman's site. Cllr Mallock confirmed he and Cllr Davis were to attend. It was asked that the strength of local feeling against this project be outlined at the meeting.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

248 There were no declarations of interest.

MINUTES

249 **Resolved:** that the minutes of the meetings held on 4 March 2009 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Vice Chairman.

Grit Bins

250 The matter of placing grit bins in the village was discussed. Cllr Davis outlined some sites he had identified as suitable. The clerk had contacted HCC with regard to the suitability of grit bins from sources other than that recommended by them, and whether these would be serviced, a response was still awaited. TVB Cllr Lashbrook agreed to take the matter further on behalf of the parish.

Car Park

251 Cllr Mallock confirmed that an application to vary the permission granted along with the fee of £85 had been sent to TVBC planning department.

Affordable Housing

252. A response had been received from HARAHA regarding the power of the Parish Council if affordable housing were to be sought in the village. This indicated that the matter would be firmly in the hand of the housing provider once planning permission was granted. This, coupled with the poor manner in which the need survey had been drawn up, brought present to the conclusion that no further enquiries would be made on this subject.

Play Area

253 There had been no public response to the request for input regarding the proposed BMX track. There had also been no further input from those requesting a skate park.

Village Green

254 Cllr Mallock was able to confirm that the Village Green was now finally registered.

Renaming of Thruxton Down

255 The clerk outlined the detail of the current consultation regarding the street name at Thruxton Down. TVBC used the name Topliss Hill Road to which some residents had objected. A street name was essential for the computer data base used by the emergency services. It was agreed the residents of Thruxton Down would be canvassed via the newsletter for their views and these will in turn be presented by the Parish Council to TVBC.

County and Borough Councillors Reports.

256 TVBC Lashbrook confirmed a site meeting of the proposed showman's site had been attended by representatives of the TV Northern Area Planning Committee, and this matter was to be further discussed at their meeting scheduled for 2 April 2009.

Planning

257 The following decisions by TVBC were noted:

08/02951/VARN cease using garage for parking, South Barn Church lane Thruxton- permission granted

08/02883/FULLN convert garage to larger kitchen area South Barn Church Lane Thruxton permission granted

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

09/00525/FULLN erection of single story rear extension Wendover, Dauntsey lane Weyhill - no objection.

08/02840/FULLN permission sought for travelling showman's site- object. Confirmation that this matter to be discussed at the Northern Area planning meeting on 02/04/09. Cllr Mallock will speak supported by Cllr Davis.

FINANCE

259 The bank balances as at 31 March 2009 were as follows:

Lloyds TSB £2451.58

Bank of Ireland £10,281.82

Payments

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

John Davis Travel	£14.52
Anton DO Supp April	£19.20
Thruxton WMH	£16.00
H Bourner Mar salary	£227.66 (including back pay)
H Bourner Mar exp.	£29.06
Southern Electric	£104.58
Mrs S Beswick	£5.30 (back pay)
Retrospective	
TVBC Planning	£85.00

Clerks back pay had arisen as the outcome of the pay arbitration has resulted in a further increase of 0.30%.

Attendance at Events

261 The clerk reported on the informal training session attended. Some useful contacts had been made. HALC were keen to promote clerks training that lead to "Quality Parish Council Status". Neither the clerk or the parish councillors present felt inclined to follow the route.

Correspondence

262 An invitation to attend a reception for Town & Parish Councils at the Great Hall, Winchester had been received. Three members of the Parish Council could attend. The annual audit return had been received and the clerk agreed to begin preparation of year end accounts.

A letter had been received in relation to the parking problems at Kimpton School. After much discussion it was agreed there was little the Parish Council could do. A reminder of the voluntary one way system in place at peak times will be printed in the next village newsletter.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

263 A quote to clear small tree suckers, ivy and nettles from the area around the telephone box will be sought.

Councillors present made a plea that copies of all correspondence likely to be discussed at a meeting be circulated before any meeting either by e-mail or in paper format with the agenda. An application for a grant from the PCC had been received. This grant had been included in the budget and would be paid in due course.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would take place at 7.30 pm on Thursday & May 2009, followed at 8pm by the annual Parish Assembly.