

**THRUXTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 1 JUNE 2011**

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

In attendance: Mrs H Bourner –Clerk

Mr J McKenzie -Thrupton Times and Village Correspondent

One member of the public

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

682 Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mrs J Saunders, Cllr R Bradbury, and Cllr M Windsor,

**Public Participation**

683 Alan Leslie from Thrupton Down asked for formal thanks to be recorded to the Parish Council for the support given in the way of objections to planning permission for a showman's site at Thrupton Down. It had recently been confirmed that the appeal against the decision to disallow permission had been dismissed. Alan questioned whether the village design statement had featured in any of the objections and Cllr Milner-Williams was able to confirm it had done so on several occasions.

John Mackenzie asked if the weeds in the stream bed particularly in the area from Hamble House to Lambourne Way be eliminated. Cllr Milner-Williams agreed to start the process with some weed killer which would do the job but not harm any wildlife.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

684 Cllr Milner-Williams expressed an interest in both the Three Villages Sports Trust and the Thrupton War memorial Hall, both of whom had applied to the Parish Council for grants.

**MINUTES**

685 **Resolved:** that the minutes of the meetings held on 11 May 2011 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**Financial Update Consultation**

686 Cllr Davis confirmed he had read the documents and proposals and was alarmed to discover the plan for small parish councils was to be audited by someone appointed by an outside body. All parish councillors felt this was somewhat overkill given the annual precept for the village was below £10,000. Cllr Davis agreed to write a paragraph to that effect to be sent to the consultation body.

**Hampshire Countryside Forum**

687 The clerk confirmed she had received a request for a parish councillor to join a local countryside forum. All those present felt currently unable to offer any time to this.

**Litter Bin on Sports Field**

688 The clerk reported she had been approached by some parents at the local school asking for a litter bin to be placed on the sports field fairly near to the play area if possible. Cllr Milner-Williams said this had been discussed previously and confirmation from TVBC that the bin would be emptied was still awaited. The clerk agreed to follow up with TVB Cllr Phil Lashbrook.

**Height Barrier at Sports Field**

687 The clerk reported she had received a letter from the sports trust to confirm the work to erect the height barrier had started but was slow as there was limited manpower. Cllr Milner-Williams said he had erected some warning signs near the holes that had been dug as he was concerned injury may occur.

### **Kimpton School PTA**

688. The clerk said she had been approached by the school PTA chairman and asked if it were permissible for the PTA to erect a basket ball hoop at the play area on the sports field. All Cllrs present thought this was an excellent idea and agreed it should be allowed subject to confirmation of the exact site, that the equipment was of satisfactory safety standards per ROSPA, and that the PTA would pay any maintenance costs as necessary. The clerk agreed to contact the PTA.

### **Play Area and Telephone Box Inspections.**

689 The clerk produced a new list including all new Parish Councillors in order that inspections could be carried out and recorded as done. Cllr Davis asked for permission to fit some flooring in the telephone box, probably heavy duty rubber matting. Agreement to spend up to £30 was given

### **Statutory Forms.**

690 The clerk confirmed all forms had been returned to her and in turn sent those required by the legal department at TVBC to them.

### **Grant Requests**

691 Grant requests had been received from the Three Villages Sports Trust and Thruxton War Memorial Trustees. All present agreed grants of £400 to each as had been set aside in the annual budget plan.

### **Hedge Cutting Letters**

692 The clerk read out a letter she had written to post to any householder with a hedge that bordered either, a road, footpath or pavement. Those present agreed the letter should be distributed as necessary.

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

693 There were no County or Borough Councillors present.

### **Planning**

694 The following decisions by TVBC were noted: Inspectorate decision to dismiss the appeal against planning permission for the showman site at Thruxton Down.

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

11/01166/TREEN tree works Goslings –support

### **FINANCE**

696 The bank balance as at 06 May 2011 was as follows:

Lloyds TSB £7343.12

Lloyds reserve £11000

### **Payments**

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

Anton DO Supp April	£24.80
Thruxton WMH	£16.00
H Bourner May salary	£240.57
H Bourner May exp.	£34.41
Cllr Milner-Williams	£14.40
Mr R Welch	£95.68
Cllr Davis	£10.00
Mrs H Bourner back pay	£26.38

The clerk was asked to obtain the necessary form from the bank to enable newly appointed Cllr Mrs Janet Graham to become a cheque signatory.

The clerk reported receipt of a VAT refund amounting to £222.16

The clerk asked the Parish Council to consider which auditor they would like to appoint to audit the 2010/11 records. Cllr Davis said provided the PC were able to appoint themselves he felt we should ask Mr. Eaglesham who had audited the books last year. All present agreed but asked the clerk to check with HALC that it was still acceptable for Parish Councils to appoint their own auditor.

Agreement was given by all present that the clerk should be given an incremental pay rise in line with council pay scales. Back pay of £26.38 was agreed.

#### **Attendance at Events**

698 Cllr Milner-Williams and Cllr Davis attended the TVAPC meeting on 26 May. There was little to note except much interest in the Thruxton Village Appraisal from other parish councils. Copies of the document have been provided to three parishes so far.

#### **Correspondence**

699 Cllr Milner-Williams was able to report he had by negotiation been able to secure the 14.35 to 15.05hrs slot for the visiting library van rather than the earlier slot suggested. Cllr Davis agreed to pass details to the WI who serve tea and cake at the time of these visits.

#### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

700 Cllr Davis asked the clerk to establish if she held the pack constructed for new councillors containing the code of conduct, financial regulations, standing orders and planning guidelines. A copy should be given to all parish councillors.

The Chairman said he had been approached regarding the sorry state of the garden of number 13 Halcyon Drive which had been sold some while ago but was not yet occupied. He said he had approached the estate agent who sold the house and ask the new owners to tidy up.

The clerk said she had been approached and asked if the Parish Council could cut the overgrown footpath between the old Amesbury Road and Fyfield Church. Cllr Milner-Williams said the field belonged to the Dunnings family and he would write to them.

Cllr Milner-Williams asked to record thanks to Cllr Mrs Graham who had cut down the foliage surrounding the 30mph signs on village street, and also spent many hours on the renovation of the telephone box. She agreed she would move on to the village notice boards once the telephone box was finished. Also thanks to Cllr & Mrs Davis for the many hours spent on renovating the telephone box into a splendid library which was to be photographed by the Andover Advertiser this week.

#### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting would take place at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 6 July 2011.