

THRUXTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 3 June 2009

Present: Cllr C Milner-Williams Chairman, Cllr R Mallock, Cllr R Pennells, Cllr J Davis, Cllr D Foynes, Cllr R Bradbury & Cllr K Phillipson

In attendance: HCC Pat West.

TVB Cllr E Charnley

Mrs H Bournier -Clerk

Mr J McKenzie -Thrupton Times and Village Correspondent

Mr R Vessey- contractor for Village Green maintenance.

Apologies for Absence

285 Apologies for absence were received from Cllr R Bradbury, TVBC Lashbrook and HCC Pat West.

Public Participation

286 There were no members of the public present.

Acceptance of Office Declarations

287 Cllr Milner-Williams and Cllr Mallock signed the necessary Declaration of Office documents.

Declarations Of Interest

288 Cllr Milner-Williams declared an interest in the PCC who had applied for a grant.

MINUTES

289 **Resolved:** that the minutes of the meetings held on 7 May 2009 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Grit Bins

290 Information regarding this issue was still awaited from Cllr Lashbrook who was not present. As this matter was not considered urgent it was agreed to defer discussion to the next meeting.

Affordable Housing

291 Cllr Milner-Williams was able to report that the field at the top of Stanbury Road which had been discussed at the last meeting as a potential site for affordable housing was in fact in the parish of Fyfield. The matter was therefore for Fyfield Parish Council to deal with. Given that the field in question bordered on Thrupton Parish any future development would be of interest to the Parish Council and proposals should be closely monitored.

New Notice Board

292 The village hall committee had offered the use of a large wooden notice board to the Parish Council to replace that at the bus stop on Stanbury Road which was considered too small. All present were in favour. Cllr Milner-Williams agreed to discuss the matter with the hall committee and offer them the use of the small notice board if they would like to have it.

Traffic Calming

293 The subject of traffic calming measures such as sleeping policemen was discussed. It had been impossible to have these installed in the past as the road width did not meet EU regulations. Cllr Milner-Williams agreed to write again to Hampshire Highways department at TVBC. A full reply had been received from Cllr Lashbrook on concerns expressed by a parishioner.

Traffic problems on race meeting dates were also discussed as a resident had complained that several motor bikes had been in the village on the day of the Super Bikes meeting.

It transpired that there had been an accident which had closed the main road which was undoubtedly the cause. All agreed that generally the traffic situation on race days was very much better handled than in earlier years however it could be improved if the signs on the A 303 were clearer which could be easily achieved by the current signs including a picture of a racing car and aeroplane to signify the circuit and airfield. Cllr Milner-Williams agreed to discuss the issue with Cllr Lashbrook.

Post Box Lambourne Way

294 A rumour was circulating that the post box on Lambourne Way was to be removed, or possibly replaced with a small sized box. All present felt the large box should be retained and all residents should be encouraged to use it. Cllr Milner-Williams agreed to write to the post office to establish facts.

Maintenance of Village Green

295 There had been some comment in the village that the village green was not as kept as it should be. The contractor engaged explained how much work he had carried out so far. He said it could not be an exact science cutting the grass at precise intervals, as the weather conditions changed the rate at which the grass grew and the need to cut. He also said it may not be possible to maintain the high level requested with the volume of cuts suggested. After some discussion Cllr Mallock said he felt that the problem lay with the terms of the contract and this needed to be addressed. All present agreed and it was eventually decided that if it became apparent that more than 12 cuts were required the contractor would receive the support of the Parish Councillors.

Annual Village Service

296 The Annual Village service will be on Saturday 20th June at 6pm. The Chairman proposed "Thou whose Almighty Word" as an appropriate choice for the Parish Council and this was agreed.

Proposals from War Memorial Hall

297 The village hall committee had asked the Parish Council if they could use the Parish Council Data Protection registration in connection with a database they wished to set up. All present agreed this was not acceptable. They further asked if the Parish Council would participate in quarterly village meetings of all village organisations, the aim to ensure different organisation events were not staged on the same dates. Those present did not consider the Parish Council would benefit from such meetings, and felt the village web site could and should be used as a diary to produce the desired outcome.

Planning

297 The following decisions by TVBC were noted:

09/00525/FULLN single story rear extension Wendover Dauntsey lane- permission granted

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

09/00882/FULLN erection of single story rear extension to provide bathroom - Kwetu Village Street- no objection.

08/00716/FULLN revised planning double story extension Twilight Stanbury Road- no objection comment on upper storey window.

Cllr Davis also reported on the planning permission for the new garden centre and post office at Weyhill which included inappropriate conditions. He agreed to pass the views of the Parish Councilors to Cllr Lashbrook.

The Chairman commented that the permission sought in respect of cutting back hedges for the new car park on the sports field Stanbury Road was still awaited.

A discussion regarding responsibilities for the moving of the current gate and installation of height restriction barriers concluded that the Sports Trust was ultimately responsible for this. Cllr Milner-Williams agreed to speak to Earthline to see if they would be prepared to offer further help in this respect. Cllr Mallock suggested the villages of Fyfield and Kimpton should also be asked to contribute if necessary.

FINANCE

299 The bank balances as at 13 May 2009 were as follows:

Lloyds TSB £6131.87

Bank of Ireland £10,286.61

Payments

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

J McKenzie	£19.20
Thrupton WMH	£16.00
H Bourner May salary	£227.66
H Bourner May exp.	£32.52
Came & Co	£570.25
PCC grant	£380.00
Chairman travel	£9.60

Attendance at Events

301 Cllr Davis reported on the TVAPC meeting held on 28 May 2009.

He confirmed that there are to be changes in the manner in which householders appeal against planning decisions. This would result in the Parish Council having to ensure full and specific reasons were given to TVBC in the initial response as under the new rules no new arguments against a proposal would be allowed at appeal. He further reported the need for Parish Councils to submit a wish list to TVBC for items that could be purchased from any S106 funds received by both TVBC and the parish. Cllr Foyne agreed to prepare a list based on the needs of the Play Area for which she would use the template to be supplied by TVBC who had set a deadline of 4th July.

Cllr Davis also confirmed that TVBC are reviewing village boundaries as they are under pressure to build more homes in the area. All Councillors were concerned about the potential impact on the village. He agreed to establish if the Parish Council should respond to the recently released public document or whether the time to do this will be during the following review period. The clerk agreed to ensure all Councillors received a copy of the public document.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

302 Cllr Pennells expressed his disappointment that nothing had been done to remove the trees and ivy growing at the base of the wall surrounding the village green. All present agreed to organise a working party to deal with this. The Chairman accepted that he had failed to pursue this as vigorously as he should. One of the reasons was the hazardous location.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would take place at 7.30 pm on Wednesday July 1st 2009.