

THRUXTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11 May 2011

Present: Cllr C Milner-Williams Chairman, Cllr J Davis, Cllr M Windsor, Cllr R Bradbury, Cllr Mrs J Saunders, & Cllr Mrs J Graham

In attendance: Mrs H Bourner -Clerk
Mr J McKenzie – village correspondent

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

663 Apologies for absence were received from TVBC Cllr Mrs E Charnley.

Election of Chairman

664 Cllr Windsor proposed Cllr Milner-Williams be returned as chairman, this was seconded by Cllr Mrs J Saunders. All in favour. Cllr Milner-Williams accepted and signed the necessary declaration.

Election of Vice Chairman

665 Cllr Milner-Williams proposed Cllr Davis be returned as vice chairman, this was seconded by Cllr Mrs J Saunders. All in favour. Cllr Davis accepted and signed the necessary declaration.

Changes in membership

666 It was noted that neither Cllr Mrs K Philipson, or Cllr Mrs D Foynes had stood for re election to the Parish Council. Mrs J Graham had stood and been duly elected. All councillors were asked to complete and return to the clerk acceptance of office documents, along with declarations of interest forms.

Committees

667 The following sub committees were agreed:-
Planning, Cllr Davis, Cllr Bradbury, & Cllr Milner-Williams
Youth matters, Cllr Mrs J Saunders, & Cllr Mrs J Graham.
Roads & Flooding, Cllr Bradbury
Tree Warden, Cllr Milner-Williams
Village Green and related contracts, Cllr Windsor

Annual subscriptions, Documents in safe keeping & Meeting dates 2011/12.

668 Lists of all the above were presented to those present. Meeting dates would be circulated with the minutes.

Mileage Rates

669 The clerk confirmed the revised mileage rates as published by local government authorities as newly increased to 45 pence per mile. It was proposed by the Chairman and agreed by all present to restrict any claims to the previous rate of 40 pence per mile.

Play Area Rota

670 The clerk presented a new rota document which was agreed by all present.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

671 Cllr Milner-Williams declared an interest in the War Memorial Hall, the Three Villages Sports Trust and the Parochial Church Council. Cllrs Davis and Bradbury also declared an interest in the War Memorial Hall. Grant requests for both organisations were listed on the agenda.

MINUTES

672 **Resolved:** that the minutes of the meetings held on 6 April 2011 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Village Green

673 A quote to clear the autumn leaf fall and make a final grass cut had been received from Mr Welch. In total the quote was for £113. All present agreed to accept the quote. The clerk agreed to contact Mr Welch.

Love where you live

674 The clerk confirmed she had established this campaign would support local initiatives such as community litter clearance. It was agreed this was a useful initiative however there were no immediate plans for any clearance in the village. The clerk agreed to retain the information for future use.

Financial Update Consultation.

674 This was a lengthy document which Cllr Davis confirmed he had considered. Given the time constraints of the meeting he proposed the matter was carried forward to the June meeting. All present agreed.

Planning

675 The following decisions by TVBC were noted: none.

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

11/00933/FULLN extension 15 Beech Close- support.

FINANCE

677 Accounts for the year ended 31/03/11 were presented and accepted by all.

The bank balances as at 31 March 2011 were as follows:

Lloyds TSB £3875.71

Lloyds deposit £11000.00

The clerk confirmed the insurance renewal documents had been received. A three year agreement carried a premium of £549.81 for the year to 31/03/12. After a short discussion it was agreed to accept the renewal notice.

Payments

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

Anton DO Supp April	£24.80
Thrupton WMH	£32.00
H Bourner Apr salary	£240.57
H Bourner Apr exp.	£43.15
Came & Co Insurance	£549.81
Mr R Welch	£97.52
Village association	£36.00
Village association	£150.00

The Three Villages Sports Trust had submitted a request for a grant to assist with running costs in the forthcoming year. With the exception of Cllr Milner-Williams who abstained, all agreed a grant of £400 was appropriate. The clerk agreed to contact the trust for an amended written request, the original containing a significant typing error, and also to establish when the height barrier was to be installed at the sports field car park entrance.

The possibility of a grant for the War Memorial Hall was discussed and agreed pending the formal written application.

Other matters noted were the receipt of the first half of the precept £4765.00.

Attendance at Events

679 The Chairman reported he and Cllr Davis had attended at short notice a meeting regarding rural policing. This had been an informative meeting where details regarding rural and village policing and farm watch had been discussed in detail. Cllr Milner-Williams asked for retrospective permission to claim mileage of 36 miles at 40p per mile. All present agreed. Cllr Milner-Williams and Cllr Davis also asked for permission to attend the TVAPTC on 26th May. There were no objections.

Correspondence

680 The clerk confirmed the receipt of an invitation to a civic ceremony at Winchester Cathedral on 19/06/11. Cllr Milner-Williams confirmed he would attend.

Details on the recent Village of the Year competition were discussed; there was no enthusiasm to proceed.

The clerk reported a letter of thanks had been received from the Parochial Church Council for the grant given by the Parish Council.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

681 Cllr Milner-Williams reported that the village collection for retiring postman Ernie Atkinson had amounted to approx £650. All agreed this was a pleasing result for a much deserved cause.

Cllr Davis said the new local library in the old telephone box was now operating, although he reported with dismay that someone had already attempted to destroy books by throwing an egg into the box which had dripped all over several of the books within. All agreed this was a real shame, why would anyone wish to be so unpleasant! Cllr Davis said in reality if vandalism became a problem there would be no option but to close the library, which would impact on all residents. Anyone noticing acts like this should report them to the clerk on 773976.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would take place at 7.30 pm on Wednesday June 1st 2011.