

THRUXTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7 May 2009

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

In attendance: HCC Pat West.
TVB Cllr Phil Lashbrook
Mrs H Bourner -Clerk
Mr J McKenzie -Thrupton Times and Village Correspondent
Three members of the public

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

264 Apologies for absence were received from Cllr R Mallock ,Cllr R Pennells & TVB Cllr Mrs E Charnley.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

265 A request was made to have a larger notice board placed at the bus shelter at the top of Stanbury Road. The current board was used a great deal but could not always accommodate all notices. It was agreed that the clerk would research the price of new boards and a suitable site would be sought to place the smaller board.

Election of Chairman

266 Cllr Foynes proposed Cllr Milner-Williams be returned as chairman, this was seconded by Cllr Davis. All in favour. Cllr Milner-Williams accepted and agreed to sign the necessary declaration of acceptance of office.

Election of Vice Chairman

267 Cllr Milner-Williams proposed Cllr Mallock be returned as vice chairman, this was seconded by Cllr Phillipson. All in favour. Cllr Mallock had already indicated his agreement should this be proposed. The necessary declaration will be sought

Changes in membership

268 It was noted that Cllr Phillipson had been co-opted in the last year.

Committees

269 The following sub committees were agreed:-
Planning, Cllr Davis, Cllr Mallock, & Cllr Milner-Williams
Play area, Cllr Foynes & Cllr Phillipson
Roads & Flooding, Cllr Bradbury

Annual subscriptions, Documents in safe keeping & Meeting dates 2009/10.

270 Lists of all the above were presented to those present. It was noted that any meeting in May 2010 should avoid 6th May as this could be general election voting day.

Play Area report

271 Cllr Foynes reported that the play area was in good repair. The picnic bench needed to be re fixed to the ground. Enhancement would be considered once the car park had been built.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

272 There were no declarations of interest.

MINUTES

273 **Resolved:** that the minutes of the meetings held on 1 April 2009 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Grit Bins

274 As this matter was not considered urgent it was agreed to defer discussion to the next meeting.

Village Green

275 It was agreed that a working party would deal with the saplings and ivy on the boundary wall of the village green before the village fete. The busy nature of the road at that point dictated a higher degree of safety awareness.

Planning

276 The following decisions by TVBC were noted: none.

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

09/00626/FULLN amended plan re Fiddlesticks, Stanbury Rd. Inclusion of fireplace and chimney- support

09/00720/CAWN and 0700719/FULLN demolition of old and rebuild of new double garage, Harcourt Village St- support

Also noted were the Three Villages Sports Trust plans for pavilion, and the Sports Field Car Park which will be discussed in more detail at the June meeting.

FINANCE

278 Accounts for the year ended 31/03/09 were presented and accepted by all.

The bank balances as at 08 April 2009 were as follows:

Lloyds TSB £2542.78

Bank of Ireland £10,285.90

Payments

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

Anton DO Supp April	£19.20
Thrupton WMH	£39.00
H Bourner Apr salary	£225.16
H Bourner Apr exp.	£32.02
Southern Electric	£128.01

Attendance at Events

280 Cllr Milner-Williams noted that when attending the meeting of the Test valley Strategic Partnership the group had really begun to consider the current economic climate.

Renaming of Thrupton Down

281 Cllr Milner-Williams reported that his e-mail poll of the Thrupton Down residents had established their preference of no new road name at Thrupton Down, however if a name was really necessary it should be Thrupton Down Road. HCC West reiterated the importance of a road name to the emergency services. It was agreed the Parish Council would put forward the name Thrupton Down Road. This need not affect those who wish to ignore the nomenclature.

Grant request.

282 A request had been received from Thrupton PCC for a grant toward the up keep of the churchyard. A grant of £380 would be made in line with the agreed budget.

Freedom of Information

283 It was noted that Thrupton Parish Council were fully complying with the recent changes to this act.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

284 Cllr Bradbury noted with dismay that two years had passed since the Parish Council had contacted HCC Highways with regard to the necessary repair to the stream bank wall. HCC West commented that she had highlighted this matter to several officers at TVBC and was currently awaiting a report. She agreed to press for assurances that the matter would now receive priority. The Chairman stated that he had written to Kevin Fuller seeking confirmation that the necessary funding was ring-fenced but had failed to get a reply.

TVBC Lashbrook reported that the matter of flooding at the underpass of the A303 was in hand and that a meeting of all those needed to make a decision on how to proceed should take place soon.

Cllr Davis agreed to take training on the current initiative "The Spirit of Wellbeing" should it be considered necessary.

Cllr Phillipson said she would like the matter of traffic calming to be considered since she had noted a very effective scheme at Monxton. The matter would be an agenda item at the next meeting.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would take place at 7.30 pm on Wednesday June 3rd 2009.