

**THRUXTON PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5 NOVEMBER 2008**

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

In attendance: TVBC Cllr Mrs E Charnley

Mr Christopher Rome Chairman of Thruxton War Memorial Hall

trustees

Mrs H Bournier Clerk

Mr J McKenzie Thruxton Times and Village Correspondent

One member of the public

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

160 Apologies for absence were received from Cllr R Pennells, TVBC Cllr Lashbrook and HCC Cllr Mrs West.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

161 No matters were raised by members of the public.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

162 There were no declarations of interest.

**MINUTES**

163 **Resolved:** that the minutes of the meeting held on 1 October 2008 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**Footpaths**

164 The footpath from Old Amesbury Road to Fyfield had still not been cleared, however with the onset of winter the overgrown vegetation would die off. The parish strimmer would be put to use to clear the path next spring if necessary.

**The Green**

165 The barrister engaged by HALC had advised that the restrictive covenant on the Green would be 'neither eroded nor diminished by the registration'. The covenant holders had been approached but had still not responded.

**Village Hall**

166 Mr Rome gave a comprehensive presentation on behalf of the Hall Trustees providing details of all past achievements and aims for the future. All councillors present agreed the hall was a very valuable asset of the village and that the Parish Council should continue to give financial support. The manner in which support could be given was discussed at length and agreement reached that as soon as the financial year commenced any agreed grant would be paid without delay to the Hall Trust. Cllr Davis reminded members that each specific proposal had to be voted through at the appropriate meeting. The Chairman in summing up the discussion stated that whilst due diligence with public funds required that a specific purpose for a grant was a pre-requisite to any grant, the Parish Council should avoid being too prescriptive and acknowledge the professionalism of formally appointed and experienced Trustees.

167 The required repairs to the stream bank were outstanding with no known date for the work to commence.

Cllr Bradbury expressed his strong dissatisfaction that the man hole covers stolen in the summer had still not been replaced and this failure presented a very real danger to pedestrians, especially children. General concern was also raised that John Clark from Hampshire Highways had failed to give this matter urgent attention. TVBC Cllr Charnley agreed to make representations on behalf of the Parish Council. Damaged tarmac surrounding other drain covers in the village, in particular those in Stanbury Close was also of concern and Cllr Charnley agreed to also take this matter forward.

### **Walk the Bounds**

168 This project had been suggested by the absent Cllr Pennels. The general view was this was something to be undertaken during fine weather, the matter would therefore be discussed again at the May 2009 meeting.

### **Freedom of Information**

169 The Clerk outlined a new scheme in respect of FOI which needed to be adopted by the Parish Council. It appeared the scheme was similar to that already in place but some further research would be needed. The Clerk agreed to circulate information to all Councillors.

### **County and Borough Councillors Reports.**

170 TVBC Cllr Mrs Charnley reported as follows that Cllr Lashbrook had attended the last branch meeting of the Hampshire Police Authority and would provide a report at the next Parish meeting.

### **Planning**

171 The following decisions by TVBC were noted:

08/01970/FULLN two storey extension at 7 Stanbury close-permission

08/01908/TREEN reduction of tree limbs Hazlehurst -permission

08/02176/FULLN change of use Robin Hanger- permission

08/01597/FULLN two storey rear and side extension Fiddlesticks- permission.

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

08/02248/FULLN single storey rear extension and new stable block Delrye- no objection.

08/02452/TREEN Tree works Clovelly - no objection

8/02420/TREENTree works The Old Rectory - no objection.

08/02263/LBWN Erection of two storey extension George Cottage-objection to the roof of the extension being tiled.

08/02263/FULLN Erection of extension to Twilight- objection to the size disproportionate to surrounding properties, and also to privacy of neighbouring properties.

08/01296/FULLN construction of car park on recreation ground. Permission had finally been granted but further information would be requested as to the necessity of the seemingly inappropriate conditions set. An explanation of why this application had taken so long to resolve would also be sought.

### **Formal Motion**

173 Cllr Milner-Williams proposed a formal motion to TVAPC as follows:

Thrxuton Parish Council calls upon the National Association of Local Councils to press Her Majesty's Government to ensure that the planning views of Parish Councils are given full and proper recognition as befits the first tier of local democracy.

**Resolved** to forward this motion through Hampshire Association of Local Councils

### **Planning Fees**

174 Details of revised fees were noted. It was proposed that a member of TVBC planning team be asked to come to a meeting in the future to discuss changes.

## **FINANCE**

175 The bank balances as at 29 October 2008 were as follows:

Lloyds TSB £5,273.35

Bank of Ireland £10,164.81

## **STOP Campaign**

176 It was noted that Tesco had reportedly pulled out of the proposed deal with Goodman's in relation to the development of the Andover Airfield site.

## **Payments**

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

951 Thruxton W M Hall hire £15.00

952 Anton Drawing Office Supplies - newsletter £19.20

953 S Beswick - October salary including back pay £291.82

954 S Beswick - October expenses £16.56

## **Draft Budget**

178 In a detailed discussion on the proposed budget it was agreed that reserves had fallen too low and that this should be corrected. Similarly, grants to Parish bodies should be kept at 08/09 levels which would allow a margin for any emergency requests. Specific items were agreed as follows:

Three quotes for grass cutting on the Green to be obtained.

Estimate of interest received to be reduced given current financial climate.

Play equipment amount in budget too small for proposed climbing wall, research into bike

track will be undertaken.

VAT increase sum in draft to £250.

Include election costs £50 as elections to European Parliament were due in 09.

Remove reference to £15 miscellaneous costs.

**Resolved:** to increase precept level to £9250.

## **Attendance at Events**

179 Cllr's Milner Williams and Davis would attend the TV APC meeting on 6 November 2008. Cllr Foyne and Cllr Phillipson will attend the Hampshire Playing Fields Association AGM on 18 November 2008.

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

180 It was agreed that the Parish Council printer which had been bought six years ago was a wasted asset which would be left with the outgoing clerk at her request.

Cllr Milner-Williams agreed to write with objections from the Parish Council regarding the proposed sale of the Weyhill Police Station.

## **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting would take place at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 3 December 2008.