

**THRUXTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7 SEPTEMBER 2011**

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

In attendance: Mrs H Bourner –Clerk  
Mr J McKenzie -Thruyton Times and Village Correspondent  
HCC Mrs Pat West  
One member of public

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

726 Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mrs J Saunders, TVBC Phil Iashbrook, and TVBC Ellie Charnley.

**Public Participation**

727 Sue Hulme expressed her dismay regarding the much reduced bus service. She was very concerned about the impact of the reduced service on villagers who rely on this. She said that if she now visited Andover by bus she either had only 20 minutes before a return bus or a two hour wait. On occasions such as Easter there would be no bus at all for four days. Other concerns were the lack of an early morning bus during school holidays, and the last bus returning to the village in the afternoon being too early for connecting services for students travelling from college in Winchester or Basingstoke. Sue also said she had details of a taxi share service to serve Kimpton and Fyfield but Thruyton was not included. Furthermore this service had to be booked a day in advance which was no use if a sudden doctor appointment was required. The cost of calling a normal taxi service for this trip was approximately £10 each way and could be cost prohibitive to some residents. HCC Pat West in attendance said she had received much correspondence regarding this matter, some regarding the withdrawal of funding by HCC, and would really like to know what exactly villages wanted so she could open discussions with stagecoach. HCC West also reminded those present of the hospital car service available for villagers needing to get to a hospital appointment with no alternative transport. Cllr Milner-Williams advised that Katrina Saville parish clerk of Monxton had been corresponding with Stagecoach and he would be writing to HCC on behalf of all affected parishes, and she was now in correspondence with TVBC regarding Section 106 funding to support rural bus services. HCC Pat West agreed to establish details of any taxi share service for Thruyton and share these with the clerk.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

728 Cllr Milner-Williams expressed an interest in the contract for cutting grass on the village green as his wife also employed the gentleman on a private basis.

**MINUTES**

729 **Resolved:** that the minutes of the meetings held on 7 July 2011 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**Post Box Painting**

730 The clerk confirmed she had contacted the Post Office and asked them to arrange for all letter boxes in the parish to receive a coat of paint. The reply had been positive however this work would not be immediate.

**Height Barrier to Car Park on Sports Field**

731 The clerk said she had been in correspondence with the sports trust who had confirmed the barrier was under construction. Cllr Milner-Williams said that metal plates for the erection of the barrier had now been installed in the holes at the car park entrance.

**Damage to Verge**

732 Cllr Milner-Williams confirmed the complaint regarding the mess made to the grass verge next to Yew Tree Cottage had resulted in a complete and satisfactory repair.

### **Painting of Map board and Rail fencing**

733 Cllr Milner-Williams thanked Cllrs Graham and Davis for the splendid job they had carried out painting the map board and rail fencing by the village green. Cllr Graham confirmed they would now turn their attentions to the bus stop at the top of Stanbury Road.

### **Sports Field litter bin.**

734 The clerk reported she had received an e-mail from TVBC regarding a dog mess bin for the sports field. Her reply asking not for a dog bin but to be allowed to move a normal litter bin had yet to receive a response.

### **Councillor Pack**

735 Cllr Davis said he had started work on updating this pack and will publish this in due course. HCC Pat West agreed to send Cllr Davis some details on the HCC code of conduct for reference purposes.

### **Street Lighting.**

736 The clerk confirmed she had written to Southern Electric to request the street lights be switched off at midnight and back on at 5am. A quote of over £600 for the required work to clear trees and change timers had been provided however the costs were so great to recover these in reduced electricity costs would take several years. It was unanimously agreed not to proceed as this was a non cost effective exercise.

### **Quality Parish Councils and CiLCA.**

737 Following the previous meeting the clerk had circulated details of how a parish council could obtain quality status, including the clerk undertaking CiLCA training, and the benefits this would bring. It was still unclear whether the new localism bill would increase powers to parish councils, and if the interaction between this and quality parish council status was essential. Given the costs the parish council would incur, and the general view that this status would add no value at present it was agreed to set aside the discussion for now. The clerk agreed she would be happy to revisit the possibilities of further training at a later date if the Parish Council felt this would be of benefit.

### **Grit Bins**

738 Cllr Milner-Williams said he had received a request for a grit bin to be sited at the west end of the parish near Doric Boarding Kennels. The clerk confirmed a previous request to place a bin at the entrance at Stanbury Close had also to be actioned, and a further request was made at the meeting to site a bin at church corner. HCC Pat West asked the clerk to write to her giving details of where bins were to be sited and she would establish if further blue bins were available.

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

739 HCC Pat West said that much of her time recently had been taken up with discussions and correspondence regarding the reduction in rural bus services. She again asked that parishes and communities write to her to confirm what service they would like. Improvements have been made to the broadband services in Hampshire following investment by HCC, and HCC Pat West agreed to provide details to the parish council. Finally she reported the merger between Winchester & Eastleigh and Basingstoke health authorities was almost complete and the general view was this would see a better service at Andover Hospital.

### **Planning**

740 The following decisions by TVBC were noted: None

741 **Resolved:** that the Planning advisory committees recommendations on the following applications be endorsed: 11/01777/TREEN – reduce tree by 40% Flora Villa- support

Cllr Davis confirmed the decision to refuse retrospective permission for the gates erected at 24 Stanbury Road had been referred to the Secretary of State. The original comments made by the Parish Council would be taken into account by this review.

Cllr Milner-Williams said he had spoken to the new owners of the field just outside the parish at the end of Stanbury Road housing and been told the land was to be used for animals. Sturdy fencing had been erected and possibly some stabling would follow. The caravans on the site currently were only a temporary feature. The situation would be monitored.

Cllr Milner-Williams reported that the application to erect 21 houses on former MOD land in Dautsey Drove had met with strong opposition from Appleshaw Parish Council.

## **FINANCE**

742 The bank balance as at 12 August 2011 was as follows:

Lloyds TSB 3485.38  
Lloyds reserve £11000

## **Payments**

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

Anton DO Supp	£24.80
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Thrupton WMH	£16.00
H Bourner Aug salary	£249.36
H Bourner Aug exp.	£32.22
Mr. R Welch Aug	£71.76
Mr. R Welch Sep	£71.76
Cllr Davis	£19.98
Cllr Mrs. Graham	£8.49

These payments included a further £3.69 to Cllr Graham for materials for repair and renovation of fences and £19.99 to Cllr Davis for paint to refurbish the bus stop, which had not been included on the agenda. The supplementary payment to Anton DO Supplies had been for a third page to "Thrupton Times" which had been authorized by the Chairman and was approved by all present.

The clerk had obtained the necessary form from the bank to enable newly appointed Cllr Mrs. Janet Graham to become a cheque signatory. She had completed this and asked all present to add their signatures so Cllr Mrs. Graham could take the form to the bank to complete the process.

The clerk confirmed the second installment of the annual precept had now been received.

## **Attendance at Events**

744 Cllr Milner-Williams reported that approximately 30 people had attended the Decision Making Seminar on 10 August at Nursling & Rowhams Parish Hall which had not met with universal approval. He also highlighted an Emergency Services Forum to be held on 6 October in Winchester from 7 to 9pm.

## **Correspondence**

745 The clerk noted several items of correspondence recently received: - a thank you letter from Hampshire Air Ambulance, a thank you letter from the Three Villages Sports Trust, and information regarding a Jubilee Woods Project about which the clerk agreed to obtain further information.

The Chairman also asked the clerk to write formally to the Bailey family from Stanbury Road for the continued work they carried out maintaining the grass areas along the grass strip, and around the bus stop on Stanbury Road.

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

746 Cllr Davis highlighted the volume of books within the village library. Villagers are asked to continue to borrow books but not to leave any more until further notice. Those present agreed Cllr Davis could arrange for a further shelf to be fitted at a cost of up to £40.

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Cllr Milner-Williams reported that the WI had presented two splendid benches to the village for the village green from the proceeds of the sale of their recipe book. All present wished to express thanks to the WI. The Clerk confirmed that these were on the Register of Assets and were insured at value, £600. No additional costs had been incurred.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting would take place at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 5 October 2011.

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