

**Parish Council 3.3.10** Charles Milner - Williams in the Chair; Councillors Foynes, Phillipson, and Davis in attendance. TVBC Councillor Phil Lashbrook, and County Councillor Pat West also present. From the floor, Alan Leslie of Thruxton Down referred to an item from the previous meeting where the idea of a "**Parish Plan**" was discounted on the basis that its potential content was well covered by our Village Design Statement, and Village Appraisal. Alan's point was that his particular area featured very small in these works, hence his idea that a Parish Plan could rectify this. Alan also said that he would like to be considered for the **vacancy** on the Council.

The state of the **footpaths** by the sub-station and the one leading to Beech Close, was noted, and suggestions for a layer of wood-chippings, and /or a layer of suitable small stones will be followed up. There was also an appeal that the use of **staples** on notice-boards be forbidden. The Council agreed. There is still some uncertainty and confusion, as outlined by the Clerk, concerning **The Phone Box**, but at least she now knows where to get the red paint !! Ideas on how we should use the box are being sought from The School, and, it is hoped, will also be forthcoming at the Annual Assembly in May. One question is whether it should be lit ? There was further discussion of **Grit Bins**, and various areas, including the near end of Dauntsey Lane, seemed worthy candidates. Sometimes, as explained by John Davis, it was a problem of finding the precise acceptable and practicable spot in any given area. Debi Foynes needs volunteers for **A Working Party** on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March to convene at 11am on the Sports Field with shovels and wheelbarrows. Please help if you can.

There was good news on the **Stream Bank**. The Chairman announced that work will start on **March 22<sup>nd</sup>**, and take about 5 days. He acknowledged the assistance of Mrs. West in finally getting real action on this.

Councillor Lashbrook spoke about the Circuit Traffic Plan for this year. He said that even more police will be available, and he will again be closely involved. He then discussed an increasing problem of "**fly-tipping**", and rubbish generally, particularly in the vicinity of the A303. It's costing TVBC £100,000 a year.

Do not hesitate to report such anti-social activity.

A 3 part **planning application** relating to Hamble House had brought several interested parties to the meeting. The Chairman decided to suspend the formal business so that

everyone could have their say. Aspects of the application relating to **buildings** did not cause concern but proposals re **Trees** proved highly controversial. Neighbours were convinced that, if this went ahead, their outlook and their privacy would be severely compromised. Mr. Milligan, the applicant, sought to allay these fears; and the Council for their part had hoped that some sense of compromise might be achieved. After an hour of spirited debate this seemed unlikely.

The Chairman then resumed the formal meeting. The Council, by a majority, resolved to support the "buildings" applications, and also to support the "trees" application while registering some "strong reservations" on the details.

On **Sports Field** car park and pavilion plans, suffice to say that this is still ongoing, but is not devoid of questions and complications.

There was general disgust that the special **bench**, dedicated to Trevor Barrett and all his work for the Sports field, had been defaced. A **wheeled bin**, black with brown lid, which had been doing a good job collecting rubbish on the field, seems to have gone. Its return, or any info would be greatly appreciated. Finally Debi Foynes wishes it made clear that **motorised bikes** of any sort are absolutely **not allowed** anywhere on the Sports field.

Next meeting 7<sup>th</sup> April. Public most welcome

**W.I report, postscript** The W.I. Scrapbook and photo albums contain some pictures of residents, some going back to the 1950's, others more recent, and we don't know who they are. We need people's help on this, so the books will be displayed **at Library teas on 17 March**. Do please come and have a look. Thank you.

**Dog mess** a subject which forces itself on to the agenda periodically. It appears that dog poo is being left in blue plastic bags in the vicinity of the Sports field, under hedges, and further down the hill. Responsible dog owners ( the vast majority in this area ) are distressed by this. The problem is also reported in relation to the small ( attractive ) area close to the top bus shelter. It is hoped that by publicising the problem here a major improvement will result. We rely on the goodwill and commonsense of all owners.

**Memory Lane** in our March 1990 issue the Rector was thanking Roger Oliver, Monty Banks and others for remedial work in the Churchyard following the **great storm** in January. Four lime trees had come down.

