

Parish Council 7.12.11 Charles Milner - Williams in the Chair, with John Davis, Ray Bradbury, Janet Graham, Judy Saunders and Mike Windsor in attendance.

The start of the meeting had been put back to 8pm to allow for Charles and John getting back from Sussex, where, together with Margaret Milner-Williams, they had represented the community at the funeral of **Richard Ward**.

The new Grit Bins have not arrived, and the existing ones are **empty (!)**. This is being chased up as a matter of urgency.

An incident of **fly-tipping** had been speedily cleared up. The Clerk said that the TVBC web-site made it very easy to report, as she had done, and got a prompt response.

Southern Electric had at last been helpful with the Council's ideas for reducing usage. In precise terms the switching off of 13 lights, between the hours of midnight and 5am, would save £170 per annum, and would repay the cost of making this change in a period of approximately 2 3/4 years. Councillors felt that both financially and "being green", this was well worth doing.

The **Mother & Toddler Group** are finding Hall rental bearing very heavily on them. It was decided to provide help to the extent of £300, and the likelihood that the Village Asscn would provide a similar sum. This would leave them a more manageable sum of £300 to provide themselves.

Mike Windsor, and other Councillors, expressed concern about the field at the easterly end of **Lambourne Close**, which is conspicuous at the entrance to the Village. There is also continuing concern about the field where we *join Fyfield*. Mike felt that caravans and storage could easily be "the thin end of the wedge", and the "strategic gap" between the villages could be utterly lost.

There was satisfaction that the **height barrier** is now in place at the entrance to the sports field. However, there was dismay that it is *openable !* A locking device is gettable from TVBC, which would, of course be openable by emergency vehicles. Decided to get this. On PLANNING, there were no worries about a 2 storey extension proposed for 12 Lambourne Way, but there were concerns about work at Ruddle Moor (Mullenspond). This will go before the Northern Area Planning meeting on the 15th.

On FINANCE, the **Budget** had to be finalised, and the Council held to the principle of no increase in the precept. The question of **souvenir mugs** for the Jubilee came up. It would be necessary to provide 100 for the under 16's, with a total outlay of £500. Part of

this would be met by the Village Asscn. and a County awards scheme might contribute, but in principle the Council will be prepared to pay £250. Janet Graham spoke about a **traffic hazard** at the corner of the sports field, where fast moving traffic and mothers with push-chairs are endangered by poor visibility caused by a hedge. Councillors readily agreed that this hedging should be cut back.

Charles **thanked** his fellow-councillors for all their hard work during the year, and extended **seasonal greetings** to all Parishioners. A glass of wine and mince-pies were taken. Next meeting is on Wed. 1st February at 7.30.

Thrupton & District Protection Society

had a meeting with BARC and Western Air on 17th November. Those present included Henry Pelham, Bill Coombs, Dennis Carter, and Pat Hudson from "The Circuit", and Edward Bailey and Jonathan Gray from Kimpton. It was agreed that noise levels, generally, had not been bad, except for **motor cycles** at the end of May meeting. Mr. Carter explained that they had *less control* in that particular area (and the same at other circuits), but they were all exerting pressure for improvement.

Mr. Pelham, responding to complaints about **low flying aircraft**, said that he would be happy to take action given enough information. Mr. Bailey undertook to get more specific details.

A Big ThankYou to our indefatigable deliverers who get the news to you:, that is the Thrupton Times, the Seven Whole Days, and other occasional items : Joan Savage, Jackie Salmon, Pam Alderson, Peggy Thorne, Janet Hopkins, Marion Hoskins, Phyllis Collins, Ken & Pam May, Sue King, Sandra Coward, Doreen & Donald Anderson, Susan Farrar & Family and our Chairman, Charles . We are tremendously grateful for their unfailing reliability, which makes my job worthwhile, and a pleasure (Ed.)

A Bit of Nostalgia..... December 1986.....

"This is the month when Mrs. Gladys Goacher retires as secretary of the School, after a total of 32 years, spanning the final years of Thrupton's own school, and over 20 years at the new one. From a large number of applicants Mrs. Christine Barrett is a popular choice to succeed her. " Still there i'nt she !!
NOW JUST TO SAY, TO ALL READERS, HAVE A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A REALLY GOOD NEW YEAR.

We hope to be sober enough to produce an newsful issue early in January. Thank you.