

Parish Council 7.7.10 John Davis in the Chair ; Councillors Bradbury, Windsor, Foynes and Phillipson in attendance. No Borough or County representation. On the renewed question of the **Showman site** at Thrupton Down which has now gone to Appeal, it was explained that there will be an informal meeting with TVBC's head of planning, Paul Jackson. It will be his job to advocate the rejection of the appeal. It was noted that the Action Group have issued leaflets round the area strongly advising people to make their views known. Even if they have done so before, this will not count ; it is essential to write again.

The matter of **overgrown hedges** was brought to Council's attention, and residents are asked to trim and cut back where necessary, so as not to impede pavements and foot-paths. Thank you.

The Chairman advised Mr. Alan Leslie that an expert on **Parish Plans** would attend our September meeting to expound on that subject. Mr. Leslie is keenly interested, on the basis that Thrupton Down is not adequately represented in the Village Design Statement.

A letter from TVBC notifies that, in the lead up to the **2011 Census** (on 27.3.11), people will be "knocking on doors" in order to get details right. They will always have verifiable identification.

Debi Foynes, referring again to the offer of **play area equipment** from the Circuit, said that there seemed to be no way of accepting this kind offer without incurring huge costs which simply could not be justified.

On **Planning**, there was no objection to proposed tree work at Well Cottage, but at 24 Stanbury Road certain developments were such as to require *retrospective* permission. Paperwork for the new **Pavilion** had been sent, erroneously, to Kimpton Council, by TVBC, hence less time for Thrupton to consider, said John Davis.

Debi Foynes expressed discomfort with the fact that items sometimes come up on the agenda for which there has not been prior knowledge.

The **Air Ambulance** service had sent a letter of thanks for the recent donation, Residents are reminded that, at the Weyhill Fairground there is a collecting point for **clothing**, which provides funds for this vital service.

The local **Police** have issued a specific warning that there are people in the area **now** who may offer to trim hedges, cut trees etc, simply as a pretext for "exploring" sheds and other private areas. Be very wary, they say.

Kate Phillipson had worked through the mine-field of regulations relating to the Council's employing of a minor on **grass-cutting** duties and it looks as if all caveats will be satisfied and young Luke can get the go-ahead.

John Davis confirmed that he will be attending a briefing meeting on Tuesday at which matters such as the latest views on bus-passes, concessionary fares, senior rail-cards etc will be discussed.

The Council heard about an offer from the **Mullenscote Dog Training Centre at Quarley**. This could be of considerable local interestsee separate paragraph below.

No August meeting ; next one is on Sept 1st.

"Doggy day for Youngsters" The Dog Training Centre at Quarley is holding an event on **Tuesday Aug 10th** between 1pm and 3.30pm where youngsters aged between 8 and 16 will be able to meet dogs, and the people who work with them, in order to gain a greater understanding of the roles dogs play in our everyday lives. Rod Mason, TVBC's dog warden, is helping to organise the event which will be attended by a dog rescue charity, and Hampshire Police. There will be workshop sessions and hands-on demonstrations.

Six places are being offered Free to residents of THRUXTON PARISH.

Names, please, to the Clerk, Heather Bourner, 773976, by July 20th.

If more than six young people are nominated a ballot will be drawn.

"Teaching children about dogs at an early age helps them develop an understanding of dogs and other animals, as well as helping them overcome the natural fear that many experience. They will also understand the responsibility towards others that comes with dog ownership"

Any queries about the Dog Training Centre speak to Annie Buckley on 889178.

For the record July 7th The Thrupton Bourne runneth not.

We had hoped to have a report on the Cricket match between the Villages and the police but there isn't one. Sorry.

Quite a coup on the part of the Fête organisers to get **BBC SOUTH** "stars" Briony Leyland and Roger Finn to attend. Well done!

Your Editor and huge staff get a rest in August. Back with all the news in September. See you then .