

**Parish Council 2.6.10.** Charles Milner-Williams in the Chair ; Councillors Foynes Phillipson ,Saunders, Davis, and Windsor in attendance. No Borough or County representation.

From the floor Alan Leslie again urged the importance of getting a **PARISH PLAN** in place. He had understood that a special speaker was coming to deal with the subject. Charles explained that there had been a mix up about this, and regretted that this was not happening. An alteration to the existing **Village Design Statement** might be the way forward, and this would, of course, involve full consultation with the residents at Thrupton Down.

Also from the floor, Council's attention was drawn to **Circus Posters** which festooned the area at this time of year ; were put up without much regard to local sensitivities, and were never ever removed after the event by those who put them up. There were legalities involved, including, we understand, needing to get Local Authority specific permission. The Clerk will follow this up.

Council had been asked to consider whether, at Borough level an **elected Mayor**, rather than the Leader plus Cabinet which currently pertains, would be better. It was noted that an elected mayor is given a 4 year tenure, and cannot be removed. It was clear that Councillors preferred to keep the *status quo* , and this view will be duly conveyed.

The School had been asked to give ideas on future use of **The Phone Box**. John Davis said that they had laid on an impressive "presentation" showing various ideas. The idea of a **Paper-back Exchange** in the Box has come to the fore. **The Council would welcome people's reactions to this idea. Please speak to John Davis 772711, or any other of the Councillors a.s.a.p.** Shelving could be added to accommodate the books.

There was concern that our much valued **mobile library service** could be hit by the present culture of "cuts". A pre-emptive letter will be sent expressing how much we value this fortnightly service ( and the tea & cakes! )

It was noted that Mr.Terry Thorne, in poor health, has withdrawn from the grass cutting job in Lambourne Way. A young man has offered to do it for "pocket money ", and the Council favour this, if a veritable thicket of legal and insurance hazards can be got over.

The **play area equipment** offered by the Circuit generated more debate. Debi Foynes talked of costs of £8 - £10,000 being involved It was decided to study costs in all detail and try to reach a decision in July or September.

The **Sports Trust** had requested financial support, and this will be topped up to £400, some aid having already been given. The **Air Ambulance Service** would also be supported, as had been done last year. On **Planning**, John Davis had just received a proposal for a large extension at 7 Halcyon Drive. Neighbours will be informed as usual.

Councillors Saunders and Windsor were urged to establish themselves as **signatories** as quickly as possible, otherwise there could soon be problems getting cheques signed.

Charles said that he had been on to the **Pot-hole people** about one conspicuously bad one on Stanbury Rd. and one or two others. He regretted that he would not be here for the **Village Service** on the 19<sup>th</sup>, but a chosen hymn would be submitted, and he trusted that the Council would be suitably represented.

There was satisfaction that the School had indicated willingness to contribute up to £100 per year towards upkeep of the new **car park**

There was indignation that, once again, the special commemorative **bench** at the Field had been vandalised. Police to be informed. Next meeting is on **7<sup>th</sup> July**. Charles will not be there, and John Davis may also be away.

**Red Cross** Sue King would like to thank all who contributed to the British Red Cross collection last month. The total raised in Thrupton was £270. Sincere thanks to the collectors themselves, who gave up their time to support the Red Cross and collect in their areas of the Village.

This next announcement sits interestingly with the Parish Council's news about the **Library Service**, but here it is "Andover Library can arrange to deliver books/tapes to those who find it difficult to get here. If you are interested in this service please ring 01264 353063"

Could it possibly be a fig leaf to cover embarrassment at reduction or withdrawal of the Mobile Library. One hopes not !

**June 1985** Chairman Tony Read wished to stand down, and sought nominations for his successor. Mrs.Gillson made an eloquent plea for him to continue. Finally he relented and agreed to do " one more year". 100 Club first prize went to Mrs. Blackmore of Lambourne Way ; other winners included Mrs.Fox , Mrs.Gerrish, and Mrs.Last.

**Back to Now ! Its the Fête weekend.**  
**Stuff to the Hall Saturday morning**  
**Everyone to the Green Sunday pm.**