

**Parish Council 5.10.11** Charles Milner – Williams in the Chair ; Councillors Graham Bradbury, and Windsor in attendance. There were no Borough or County Councillors present.

The meeting was attended by **P.C. Roger Kitson**, who is our “beat bobby”.

The burglary last week in STANBURY CLOSE was an unwanted exception to a very quiet, virtually crime-free, year in Thruxton.

The daylight break-in, at the rear of the property while the resident was away, was reported by Councillor Windsor who lives next door. It appears that nothing, or very little, was taken. Mike Windsor was full of praise for the speed and effectiveness of the police response. P.C Kitson said he would be happy to report this back to those who had been involved. He confirmed that he has a laser device for checking on **speeding** at strategic points around the Village, and in response to a question, also confirmed that he has powers to act against **mobile mobile phone users** !

The Government-inspired **Jubilee Woods** scheme was explained by the Clerk. It appears that the smallest pack to be issued is something like 120 trees. Which is quite a lot ! If any reader has ideas where a small copse of trees might go, please phone Heather 773976.

On the currently vexed issue of **transport**, the Chairman confirmed that we would, at least retain our **two bus stops**. The Clerk has been investigating whether the **CANGO** service, available to Fyfield and Kimpton residents, can serve us too. She says “watch this space”.

The apparently simple idea of moving the **wheelie-bin** from the large gate onto the Green up to the sports field, continues to throw up delays and problems. Do we pay £100 for a new stanchion: do we try to dig out the old one. Again “watch this space”. And the same applies to the **Street Lights rescheduling**, where the Electricity Board, following some adverse publicity, seems to be having new ideas ! The Chairman thanked Cllrs. Graham & Davis for their recent work on the top **Bus Shelter**, at which Janet spoke about further work to be done to complete the job.

Charles also spoke about **postal deliveries**, a matter which he had taken up directly with Sir George Young.

**Road Closures:** residents should note that the road under the flyover by The White Horse will be closed from 24<sup>th</sup> Oct to 14<sup>th</sup> Nov. for work on pipes and drainage :**AND** on Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> the part of Stanbury Rd, between Church Lane and Stanbury Close will be closed. But there will be access for residents. The Clerk will make sure

that the School knows about this.

On **Planning**, certain tree work proposed, and work on the old “garage” at Rose Cottage, will be looked at by Councillors Bradbury and Windsor.

In response to a question about the excellent sum raised by Steve Payne in the recent epic bike ride, it is assumed that the **Sports Trust** will put this, with other monies already raised, towards the new SPORTS PAVILION for which plans are already approved.

The Clerk put in a word for the new **Monday evening dance classes**, which she attends, finds very good, but need more people. A contact number for details 07917 292824 The Chairman paid tribute to Jeremy Bally's work, over many years, as **Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator**. This had also been remarked upon by P.C. Kitson.

Jeremy is soon to retire from this job.

Next meeting 2<sup>nd</sup>. November. All welcome.

**PTA coffee-mornings** These are at the School from 9-10am on the dates 21 Oct; 25 Nov. and 16 Dec. Contact Helene Smart PTA secretary.

**Macmillan.** Sue King raised £200 for the cause at her recent coffee-morning. She wishes to thank all who came and contributed.

**Church Opening.** The routine afternoon opening ends this week (Harvest). Big thanks to Jan Lawrence, John Borrett, Gill Bally, Peggy Thorne, Janet Graham and Valerie Bayley who have so faithfully kept this going for another year. The reward is when we see in the Visitors' Book entries from .....*Anne Gerrish's daughter Sue* “married here 1986, wonderful to come back” and people from South Korea, and from the USA, from Ontario, and even from Abbotts Ann and from Stanbury Road. All expressing in different ways their pleasure at finding the Church open and welcoming.

We even had Graham Field of the **Medieval Combat Society**, this week, taking many photos.

It is hoped that come Easter next year we shall be able to do it again; even with the same team ! ?

May we just remind you about the **Jubilee Weekend Questionnaire** which was issued with the September Thruxton Times. A lot of work went into the compiling and distributing of this consultation document. If not already done, please complete and return. Thanks very much.

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