

THRUXTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 5th FEBRUARY 2024

Present: Cllr P Christie (Chairman), Cllr Mrs P Harris & Cllr W Odling.

In attendance:

Mrs H Bournier – Clerk
Steve Counsel-Neighbourhood Plan steering group
10 members of the public

1) Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for absence had been received from HCC Chris Donnelly, Cllr S Cotterill & Cllr R Munday.

Co-Option new Councillor.

2) Becky Sherlock had expressed an interest in becoming a Parish Councillor. She had provided a summary of her skills and knowledge which had been circulated to all Councillors. Cllr Christie proposed she be co-opted and this was seconded by Cllr Harris. All agreed. The necessary acceptance of office document was signed.

Public Participation

3) A member of public present noted thanks to the Parish Council and the group of villagers both of who had significant time and effort creating the Neighbourhood Plan which had been invaluable when assessing a recent planning application in the village.

The same parishioner noted the new road signs installed at the entrance to the village by the allotments. Sadly, these did not include any 30mph speed limit signs or the no HGV signs which had been in place before.

Finally, he also raised concern that the wall to the stream by the village green had not been repaired. He had twice spoken to engineers visiting to establish what work was required but still no repairs had taken place.

Separately a resident raised concerns regarding the flood on Village Street. While this has been cleared it is apparent the drains are still blocked and need to be cleared before further rainfall sees a return of standing water.

Declarations of Interest

4) Cllr Odling declared an interest in a planning application for tree works at his property. There were no other declarations of interest. All councillors present confirmed that no changes to register of interest forms were required.

Minutes

5) **Resolved:** The minutes of the meeting held on the 4th December were confirmed as a correct record and will be signed by the Chairman. Proposer Cllr Harris, seconded Cllr Odling. All in favour.

Specific Reports

6)

Cllr Munday- (Environment & Biodiversity) – had sent apologies. Cllr Christie noted the ground water levels have now significantly reduced.

Cllr Christie (Roads & footpaths) – confirmed work in the village by Southern Water has been completed however the promised tidy up of verges needs to be re visited.

Cllr Harris (social concerns) is organising a plaque to fit by the tree to be planted in memory of Cllr Davis

Village Green & Mandy Garden –Cllr Cotterill had sent apologies.

Cllr Odling (Play area safety checks) – had circulated his recent report. He expressed thanks

to those who have been litter picking at the sports field. He will organise moving the table tennis table once the weather improves.

Speed awareness- The Clerk reported data from both machines continues to be monitored. The Clerk will organise the sign on Stanbury Road to be turned round.

The Clerk reported: -

She had collected prices for a globe maple tree to be planted on the Village Green in memory of Cllr John Davis. The prices were discussed and it was agreed that a tree of more than 2m high was required. The Clerk had identified one at a cost of £390.00. All Councillors agreed to the purchase of such a tree. The Clerk will organise.

The price to empty the newly installed dog waste bin on the footpath from Amesbury Road to Fyfield in 2024 is £236.65.

She has negotiated the best price available for street light electricity with SSE. Because these are unmetered supplies it is very difficult to find any other company to take the contract on.

Finally, she reported on a successful first aid event attended by 11 people, 9 of which were villagers and four of those actively involved in the community. It was suggested a list of important contacts for villagers be published and could include details of first aiders if individuals were happy to be contacted.

Southern Water Update

7) Cllr Christie reported the required work in Thruxton is now complete and Southern Water has now moved to Kimpton Village to complete the necessary relining.

As part of the work with the Pan Parish Forum an initiative to test water on the Pilhill Brook is growing. Led By Janet Wright secretary to the Pan Parish Forum testing kits are to be purchased for use in the communities through which the stream flows. Southern Water have agreed to help with costs along with two local businesses. The balance is sought from Parish Councils and equates to £92.14 each. Cllr Christie proposed the Parish Council meet this expenditure and this was seconded by Cllr Odling. All agreed. The Clerk will arrange for payment to be made.

It was suggesting testing should take place in the village but should include areas where run off from roads filters into the stream, particularly near Mullins Pond.

Thruxton Times Newsletter

8) Cllr Christie explained that he is seeking volunteers to help with producing the village newsletter. Currently he produces the content and would be very happy for others to be involved with this. In addition, a volunteer is sought who is able to use Publisher and is happy to spend time putting together the document.

20 Mile per hour zones

9) Cllr Christie explained that HCC have proposed that any community in Hampshire can apply for a 20mph zone but there must be strong community support for the proposal and this can only apply to unclassified roads. Any initiative would have to be funded by the Parish Council.

The view from the Parish Council was anything that could help reduce speeds was a good idea and a 20mph zone on Village Street and Stanbury Road was suggested. Another suggestion was that the proposal needs to be more ambitious and include traffic calming in particular restricting traffic flow to one vehicle at entry points to the village. It was noted that at every Annual Parish meeting residents raise concerns with speeding traffic and that any change to the speed limits need to be enforced.

It was agreed an article in the newsletter would seek villagers' views.

Upkeep of Sports Field.

10) The Clerk confirmed she had received agreement from Kimpton & Fyfield Parish Councils that each will grant £500 in 2024 toward the cost of maintenance at the Three Villages Sports Field. She had also obtained a quote for mowing and strimming all grass areas which was discussed. With a £500 grant from Thruxton Parish Council the Sports Trust would need to

provide the balance of the funds required. The Parish Council would have to administer funds and the Clerk agreed to talk to the Sports Trust about how this can be achieved.

TVBC Draft local plan consultation.

11) The draft plan had been published and the consultation opens on 6th February. There are several opportunities to see public exhibitions but anyone interested was encouraged to read the document and comment as necessary.

The draft plan sets out some proposals to develop the industrial area at Thruxton Circuit and Cllr Christie plans to meet the owner to discuss this and invite him to talk to the Parish Council in March. Interested residents and other Parish Councils close by will be invited to attend.

Significant housing developments in Ludgershall and Perham Down included in the draft plan could have a detrimental effect on Thruxton if additional traffic drives through the village.

The Clerk confirmed speakers from TVBC will be attending the next meeting of TVAPTC on 7th March. It was suggested TVBC should be asked how they will consult with Parish Councils on the draft plan.

Housing Needs Survey

12) The Clerk explained she had contacted TVBC about carrying out a Housing Needs Survey and details had been circulated. Some suggested amendments had been made however TVBC are only able to accept small changes if they are to carry out the work on behalf of the Parish Council. If the Parish Council want to develop their own survey all the costs of creating, printing, delivering, collecting and collating the information will fall to them. If they accept the TVBC survey then the only task the Parish Council will need to undertake is hand delivering envelopes to each address in the parish.

The original idea behind the survey was to gather more accurate data that could be presented should a planning application for affordable housing arise. Concerns were raised about some of the intrusive questions in the survey and also that it concentrated solely on affordable housing not the overall housing needs of the parish. It was suggested a parish survey would be useful for the required review of the NDP. After some discussion Steve Counsell agreed to discuss the matter with the informal village planning group to try and get some volunteers to carry out such a survey.

County and Borough Councillors' Report

13) HCC Chris Donnelly had sent apologies

TVBC Cllr Phil Lashbrook was not present

14) Finance

To note the bank balances as at 29/01/2024

Lloyds £16805.33

United Trust Reserve £14761.50

ii) To approve the following payments and authorise online transactions: -

H Bournier salary	£624.20
HMRC	£5.80
H Bournier exp.	£41.84
Thruxton Memorial Hall	£28.00
Taits	£52.00
Safelincs defib battery	£239.51

Retrospective

Cllr Christie	£39.04
Thruxton memorial Hall	£36.00
SSE (DD)	£55.43
H Bournier salary	£624.20
HMRC	£5.80
Enerveo	£121.30
Thruxton Memorial Hall	£144.00

First Response training	£582.00
SSE (DD)	£53.61

Planning

15) The following decisions by TVBC were noted:

23/03100/LBWN- staircase to attic space, George Cottage-consent

23/03205/TREEN- tree works, The Post House- no objection

Resolved: that the planning advisory committee's approval on the following applications were endorsed:

23/03026/OUTN- outline for erection 14 dwellings on land behind Stanbury Close- a robust objection has been submitted. A parishioner has established the deadline for comments has been extended to 14th February because TVBC had not posted the correct notice at the correct time, which had happened with the last application at this site. The Clerk confirmed she had not been notified of this.

24/00094/FULLN replace conservatory roof and glazing, 2 Lambourne Way- no objection

24/00101/TREEN- crown reduce Cherry, April Cottage, Village Street – no objection

24/00151/TREEN- reduce height of 3 field maples--George House, Village Street- no objections.

The Clerk confirmed the application for change of use from agricultural to commercial at Thruxton Down has been refused. Details of enforcement which will end the current illegal use are awaited.

Attendance at Events

16) The Clerk had attended the Parish Council, first aid event.

The next TVAPTC meeting will be held at Longstock Village Hall on Thursday 7th March.

Community Thanks

17) Thanks were expressed to Jason Bailey for digging out culverts to try and alleviate flooding and helping to cut down a fallen tree on Stanbury Road.

Correspondence

18)The Clerk highlighted correspondence as follows: -

A brochure regarding street furniture

Items for next agenda

19) Councillor responsibilities

Moving defibrillator

Community News

20) Thanks were expressed to Cllr Mrs P Harris who had resigned her position as a councillor, this being her final meeting.

Date of next meeting

21) The next meeting will take place at 7.30 pm on Monday 4th March 2024.