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Welcome to all our readers

Thruxton Parish Newsletter - May 2022

Parish Assembly – 2022

We were delighted that the annual Parish Assembly took place on the 4th May, the first time we've been allowed to hold the Assembly since 2019 due to the limitations on meetings caused by the Covid pandemic. Perhaps because it was a Bank Holiday week, there were fewer residents attending than in previous years, but we managed to have a lively discussion on a number of topics.

The Chair opened the meeting with his annual report. Peter Christie thanked his predecessor Charles Milner-Williams for the work and valuable contribution he and his wife made to the village during the time they lived in Thruxton and he went on to thank the various people who had taken over the many roles that Charles used to perform for the community. Special thanks were also recorded for the outstanding contribution to the community from Rick Smart who has done so much over the last 2 years to raise money and raise the spirits of people

Dates for the Diary

25 th May	Gardening Club
27 th May	Film Night - Death on the Nile
31 st May	Memorial Hall AGM
2 nd June	Jubilation Music Concert
3 rd June	Films and Tea Dance
4 th June	Dance
5 th June	Children's Party and Games and Picnic / Church service

through his various events – a truly remarkable example of the sense of community in Thruxton.

Peter went on to thank his colleagues on the Parish Council – John Davis, Jo Durant, Janet Graham, Tricia Harris, Leo McDevitt and Richard Munday – as well as Heather Bournier, our hard-working Clerk without whom the operation of the Council would crumble! He added thanks to Hampshire County Councillor Chris Donnelly and to TVBC Councillor Phil Lashbrook and congratulated Phil on his forthcoming appointment as Deputy Mayor of Test Valley. Peter outlined some of the key areas that the Parish Council – your Parish Council – is focused on, including Planning, speeding traffic, maintaining the children's play area on the Sports Field, the Village Green and the work with Southern Water to address the long-standing issues of sewage drainage.

Following Peter, Cllr. John Davis summarised the work that he and Cllr Tricia Harris have been involved with. He explained that there have been a total of 25 planning applications in the last 12 months, 10 (40%) of which related to tree work in the conservation area. The remaining 15 related to building work of which 2 raised significant issues for the Council – these being the application for a development of 26 social housing units on land off Stanbury Close and an application for 9 self-build houses on land at the end of Lambourne Close.

Our Clerk, Heather Bournier, summarised the financial state of the Council and told the meeting that our Income and Expenditure

Thruxton Memorial Hall



AGM
Tuesday 31
May
7.30pm

You are cordially invited to our Annual General Meeting.

The Hall stands at the heart of the village and its only purpose is to serve as an amenity for Thruxton and our community.

Please join the Trustees and find out what has been happening over the past year and our plans for the future.

After the meeting there will be the chance to have a glass of wine and the odd crisp!

were both below £25,000 in the last year (income was £21,909 and expenditure was £20,105) so we only need to submit summary accounts to the Audit Commission.

Following the reports, the Assembly was addressed by a number of local organisations:

- Our PCSOs – Max Cleary and Conor Hill summarised their work in the community and commented on the low crime statistics in Thruxton. Apart from a spate of break-ins on and around the airfield there has been only 1 incident in the residential area of the Parish, reinforcing what a safe community we are lucky enough to live in. They urged residents to report any suspicious activity to the Police and not to simply post on Facebook.

- Ben Taylor talked about how the racing circuit had survived the pandemic and was pleased to announce a return to a full calendar of events this year - with spectators! He summarised the schedule of major events coming up through the remainder of 2022 and hoped that members of the community would make maximum use of the free passes that are issued to people living within 2 miles of the circuit. Each pass is worth approx. £300 thus demonstrating the support being given to the communities in the area.

- Simon Bowder spoke about his work looking after the land and property interests of Henry Pelham for the last 2 years and how he is aiming to professionalise the running of the business through implementing

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contractual tenancies and lease agreements with the businesses that operate in and around the airfield.

- Kate Christie, Chair of the Trustees for the Memorial Hall, explained the challenging conditions for the Hall over the last 2 years. Due to government grants during the pandemic the Hall was able to carry out a number of major maintenance projects, including decorating the Hall and repairing leaks on the roof; however, it is likely that the whole roof will need replacing in the coming 2 – 3 years so some major fundraising will be required in the future. She encouraged residents to make use of the excellent facilities that the Hall offers and noted an increase in the number of parties being organised.

Cllrs Lashbrook and Donnelly gave brief updates on developments in TVBC and Hampshire respectively, both of which emphasised the challenges faced through budget reductions and labour turnover with the consequent loss of knowledge and expertise.

Following the close of the Assembly, participants enjoyed glasses of wine courtesy of the Parish Council and took the opportunity to mingle with neighbours and speakers.

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Parish Council Meeting - 4th May 2022

The Parish Council held its monthly meeting in the Memorial Hall on Wednesday 4th May ahead of the Parish Assembly. The full minutes will be posted to the website and noticeboard in due course but the key issues discussed included:

- Voting in Officers for the forthcoming year. Cllr. Peter Christie agreed to continue as Chair and Cllr. John Davis was voted in to continue as Vice-Chair.

- The Council approved the continuation of a number of policies and procedures that govern the working of the Council -

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Standing Orders (remember Handforth Parish Council??), Code of Conduct and Finance Procedures. The Register of Assets and Register of Interests were reviewed and approved and the Council voted to increase the mileage rate that can be claimed for personal mileage on Council business from 40p per mile to 45p per mile, the maximum allowable by HMRC.

- Speed warning cameras – Cllr. Durant had circulated her report on recommended sites for speed warning cameras and we now have a list of sites approved by Hampshire Highways. Cllr. Durant will prepare a budget for the purchase of the cameras and the installation for discussion at the next Parish Council meeting.
- Cllr. Harris reported that TVBC have advised dog-walkers to avoid allowing their dogs to swim in Anton Lakes as there has been a case of a dog dying after going into the water. Investigations into the cause of death are on-going.
- Cllr. Christie reported that road re-surfacing works will be taking place on Thruxton Down Road next week (9th to 13th May) and there will be overnight closures of the road around the junction with Aerodrome Road.
- Cllr. Davis reported on the latest Planning issues – see separate item in the newsletter.

The next meeting will be held on Wed. 1st June at 7:30pm in the Memorial Hall.

St. Peter & St. Paul Church, Thruxton

Services for May and the beginning of June

8th May 9.30am

Morning Worship

15th May 9.30am

Parish Communion

22nd May 9.30am

Parish Communion

29th May 10.30am

BENEFICE Communion at Fyfield

5th June 9.30am

Village service of thanksgiving for the Queen's jubilee

Thruxton Jubilee Celebrations

Paint the village royal



THRUXTON JUBILEE GROUP

"Something for everyone"

Don't go away for the weekend, stay and enjoy all the celebrations that Thruxton is offering. A huge Jubilation party on

Thursday, Nostalgia all day on Friday, dance the night away on Saturday and a massive children's party and picnic on Sunday on the village green. Details for all the events and how to join in can be found on the Thruxton Life website under the heading 'Jubilee'.

What about decorating your house for the weekend? Bunting, flags and all things royal, red white and blue will show the world what a great community we live in and make our celebrations really special.

From the Hall

We have had several bookings for children's birthday parties recently. It's great to see the old girl being used this way and lovely to hear the excited sounds of all the 'smalls' having huge amounts of fun. Please consider us if you are thinking of a party whether you're 6 or 60, the Hall will do you proud!

We are hosting several of the village Jubilee events early next month and tickets for all events will be on sale at Thruxton Loves Cake on a Wednesday morning. Pop down and see what's available and while you're there, treat yourself to a cup of tea or coffee and possibly one of our excellent cakes.

Our AGM is planned for 31st May and we hope to see many of you there. We promise to keep the formalities short and mix business with pleasure with the odd glass of wine and possibly a nibble or two.

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**A Service of Thanksgiving
to mark the
Queen's Platinum Jubilee
Sunday 5th June
9.30am**

At St Peter & St Paul Church, Thruxton
Everyone is welcome to attend this short
service of hymns & prayers, a Bible
reading and a brief reflection, led by Revd
Ann McKenzie

Since it is the Feast of Pentecost
(Whitsun), it will be followed by a said
Holy Communion

Planning Matters

You are no doubt aware of the 2 major
planning applications that are proceeding at
the moment.

Stanbury Close – the application for a
development of 26 social houses on land off
Stanbury Close is under consideration by
TVBC. Closing date for comments was 6th
May and we await the Planning
Department's decision. We have been
advised by TVBC Cllr. Lashbrook that if the
Planning Department approve the
application the matter will go to the
Northern Area Planning Committee and we
will closely monitor this matter to ensure
that residents are represented at the
Committee if this is the case.

Lambourne Close – an application for 9
self-build houses on land at the end of
Lambourne Close has been submitted and

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the opportunity to comment closed on 6th
May. While there has not been the volume of
objections that were registered over the
Stanbury Close application, there have been
16 comments from residents (as at
Thursday 5th May) and the Parish Council
will be lodging its objections before the end
of 6th May. The principal point of objection
is the proposal to build on land outside the
current settlement boundary, in
contravention of TVBC Planning policy – we
hope that this is followed and the application
is denied. The planning consultant has
responded to the points raised at the public
meeting and their email is on the Thruxton
Village website (thruxtonvillage.com under
planning applications).

We are not aware of any other significant
planning applications at present but assure
residents that we will alert you to critical
issues as and when they arise and will
continue to represent your views through
the Parish Council's statutory responsibility
to comment on planning matters.

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