

*THRUXTON PARISH COUNCIL*  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 5<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2023**

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

In attendance:

Mrs H Bourner – Clerk  
TVBC Phil Lashbrook  
4 members of the public

**1) Apologies for Absence.**

There were no apologies for absence.

**Public Participation**

2) The members of public present all wished to discuss the planning application 23/00957/FULLN-see notes below.

**Co-Option new councillor**

3) Susie Cotterill had expressed an interest in becoming a councillor. Details of her knowledge and skills had been circulated to all councillors. Cllr Christie proposed she was co-opted and this was seconded by Cllr Odling. All agreed.

**Declarations of Interest**

4) There were no 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 10th May were confirmed as a correct record and will be signed by the Chairman. Proposer Cllr Munday, seconded Cllr Harris. All in favour.

The minutes of the annual parish meeting also held on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2023 were also agreed although these will be formally adopted at the annual meeting in 2024.

**Specific Reports**

6)

Cllr Munday- (environment) confirmed the Pillhill Brook is still flowing but there is a large amount of plant growth. He said that once the spring dries up some clearance of invasive species will take place and a channel cut so water can still pass.

He reported that sadly, the birdwatch initiative did not attract a lot of interest so the exercise will be repeated in the summer months to attempt to record what species are present in the parish. He is also considering a bat survey and re wilding will continue in the autumn.

Cllr Christie (Roads & footpaths) reported Southern Water are reporting ground water levels are now beginning to fall. As soon as they are low enough the program to reline main sewers and laterals will recommence. This will mean Village Street will be closed when the work is carried out.

Cllr Harris (social concerns) reported a new delivery person to help with newsletter deliveries was required and Cllr Cotterill agreed to do this.

A discussion about a memorial bench for John Davis took place. Cllr Harris will carry out some research.

Village Green & Mandy Garden – The Clerk confirmed the grass continues to be cut by Ray Welch and he has, as requested left the areas alongside the stream bank and where wild flower seed has been planted. Cllr Cotterill agreed to take on responsibility for monitoring the Village Green

Play area safety checks – Cllr Odling confirmed he had reviewed the Parish Council report alongside the annual ROSPA play report. There are some areas identified that can be easily remedied, he will discuss this with a potential contractor.

Speed awareness-The Clerk reported two machines had been ordered as previously agreed and it is hoped these will be delivered by the 10<sup>th</sup> of June.

Eight villagers have agreed to help with installing and moving the machines and one to download data and the Clerk will organise a meeting with them all once the machines arrive.

### **Re wilding in village**

7) The Clerk reported she had received an email regarding the area by the substation and turning this into a wildlife area. The suggestion was to plant wild flower seeds build a bug house and a log area etc. This could be organised by volunteers and children could be encouraged to participate. The Parish Council agreed this as an excellent idea however the stumps of the felled trees need to be ground out. The Clerk will obtain some quotes. In the mean time the Lengthsman will be asked to tidy the area.

### **Councillor responsibilities and volunteers in village.**

8) Areas of responsibility for Parish Councillors were agreed and discussed as follows

Cllr Christie-chairman, newsletter editor & roads & footpaths

Cllr Munday environment, flooding & biodiversity.

Cllr Odling-planning and play area

Cllr Harris-social concerns, newsletter distribution

Cllr Cotterill- Village green

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The Clerk said there were several volunteers in the village who helped out with tasks such as grass cutting, keeping planters in order, picking up litter etc but there were always jobs that could be done (EG maintaining notice boards) if there were any other volunteers in the village who would like to get involved. A general request will be made via the newsletter.

### **St Johns Lane ground work**

9) Cllr Odling confirmed Andover Ground Works will carry out the work required in St Johns Lane but due to the volume of work they have to complete this is now not likely to take place until early July.

### **Replacing matting at play area**

10) The Clerk confirmed safety matting and fittings have been purchased and Ray Welch intends to fit these very soon.

### **County and Borough Councillors' Report**

12) HCC Cllr Chris Donnelly was not present.

TVBC Cllr Phil Lashbrook reported that he has recently been informed there may be a drought in the summer!

Has witnessed driving in the village by locals far too fast putting wildlife in danger and fully supports the installation of speed awareness signs.

He said the recent elections were successful and 98% of those who voted took the now necessary photographic ID.

Finally, he reported TVBC have been successful in prosecuting individuals for fly tipping including lady who paid un licensed contractor to take away rubbish which was then dumped. He urged anyone engaging a contractor to take away rubbish has the necessary license.

### **First Aid & Defibrillator training**

13) The Clerk said five villagers had responded to the offer of reduced cost first aid training along with three members of Ampport Parish Council. A total of fifteen places were available. Cllr Christie confirmed he had contacted other local parish councils to establish if they would be interested in participating and would send a reminder.

### **14) Finance**

To note the bank balances as at 31/05/2023

Lloyds £32167.84

United Trust Reserve £13723.83

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

H Bourner salary	£600.00
H Bourner exp.	£18.00
Southern Electric DD	£52.85
Thruxton Memorial Hall	£28.00
Taits	£52.00
BHIB insurance	£622.77
Ray Welch	£173.40
Enerveo	£310.48
Play Safety Ltd	£119.40
Taits( riparian owner leaflet)	£90.00
Enerveo	£1592.17

iii) BDO the auditor had requested a signed conflict of interest form. All Councillors confirmed there were no conflicts and the form was completed and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

iv) The investment with the United Trust was about to mature and it was agreed the sum of £249.01 interest should be added to the sum and reinvested for a further year. Following the death of Cllr John Davis, a change of signatories was required and it was agreed the Clerk should be added to these signatories on this account and no changes be made unless two signatories' sign.

### Planning

15) The following decisions by TVBC were noted: None

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

23/01032/OUTN- outline application 14 residential units-land behind Stanbury Close- a full objection had been submitted by the Parish Council

23/01127/FULLN- side & rear extension and double garage, The Haven, Amesbury Road- no objection.

23/01290/TREEN- tree work, St Martins House, Village Street- no objection

23/00957/FULLN- change of use-Thruxton Down Farm-

The members of public present raised concerns that the current operation at Thruxton Down Farm did not meet the requirements of the previously agreed application 2019/02594/FULLN and enforcement should be made aware of this. The permission granted was for an agricultural site when what in fact was present was a much larger site which had been security fenced and is used as storage for numerous vehicles including large lorries. There has been a huge amount of earth movement and concerns were raised that water was being extracted from bore holes. The building on the site appears to be used as an office not an agricultural building. It also appears a commercial vehicle license has been applied for in relation to the site, light pollution is evident and enormous concerns were raised regarding highways safety. Furthermore, the new application was not supported by several policies within the Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Odling has reviewed the application and commented that it is very hard to decipher and seems to be deliberately difficult. He feels this needs to be subject to intense scrutiny by TVBC. The Parish councils of Quarley and Shipton Belinger have been informed of the application and both have expressed concerns. A formal objection will be submitted by Thruxton Parish Council.

### Attendance at Events

16) The Clerk asked permission to attend a Clerks update event to be delivered by TVBC in Ampfield on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June. This was a free event although travel expenses would be incurred. All Councillors agreed the Clerk should attend.

Cllr Munday will try to attend a Greening Campaign Event in Winchester.

### Community Thanks

16) Thanks were expressed to Jason Bailey who continues to maintain the grass areas on

Stanbury Road and to Katrina Vessey for agreeing to look after the planter by the Stanbury Road bus shelter.

### **Correspondence**

17) The Clerk highlighted correspondence as follows: -

An email about increased traffic in the village during a recent race meeting event which had been passed on to organisers

A report from Hampshire and IOW neighbourhood watch highlighting criminal damage in Thruxton.

### **Items for next agenda**

18) New auditor required - Clerk to obtain a quote

### **Community News**

19) Cllr Christies reported a resident has requested use of the Village Green in his role as a personal trainer. All Councillors had no objection to the Village Green being used provided no street furniture, fencing, walls or trees were used as equipment, the individual has their own personal liability insurance and on the understanding the Parish Council can withdraw permission at any point.

Cllr Cotterill noted the footpath along Village Street opposite the allotments was overgrown and restricting the pavement. The Clerk will ask the lengthsman to clear this.

Cllr Odling noted the large beech hedge by the footpath at the entrance to Halcyon Drive was also restricting the footpath. Cllr Christie will contact the householder regarding this.

Finally, Cllr Munday said the Neighbourhood Plan included a Dark Skies Policy however he had noted several properties using uplighters on buildings and even in trees. He will write informally to those households in question.

### **Date of next meeting**

20) The next meeting will take place at 7.30 pm on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2023