

## THRUXTON PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 4<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2024

Present: Cllr P Christie (Chair), Cllr R Munday (Vice Chair), Cllr S Cotterill,  
Cllr R Earp, Cllr H Liechti, Cllr R Sherlock.  
TVBC Cllr P Lashbrook

In attendance: Ms W Turkington, Clerk  
35 members of the public

#### 1. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr W. Odling, and Steve Carrington from Foreman Homes

#### 2. Public Participation

Members of the public wished to speak about items on the agenda under item 3, Foreman Homes Development. Comments are noted under item 3.

#### 3. Foreman Homes Development

Steve Carrington from Foreman Homes had sent his apologies for being unable to attend and give a presentation on the proposed development on the field to the east of Lambourne Way.

In his absence, Cllr PC explained the background to the presentation in respect of the meetings held with Foreman Homes earlier in the year, and the fact that the development is not yet at the point where an application has been submitted. Several people expressed their disappointment that Foreman Homes had been unable to send another representative to give the presentation.

Members of the public raised the following questions.

1. Why is the Parish Council not objecting to the plans?  
Cllr PC advised that they had not yet seen the full, revised, plans and so as yet had not put forward any comments.
2. This was at least the thirteenth planning application and asked why Foreman Homes had been turned down to date?  
Cllr PC advised that previous applications had included affordable houses, but the refusal had primarily been because the development would be in the countryside/outside the settlement boundary.
3. A member of the public noted that Foreman Homes have previously submitted planning applications 'with matters still reserved.'  
Cllr PC advised that if Foreman Homes put another application forward, the Parish Council would ask it should be 'without matters reserved'.

Concerns were also raised about the potential amount of building traffic and the impact of added weight of traffic through the village. Members of the public requested that the Parish Council should include these concerns to TVBC, including the need for better infrastructure for any wider development initiatives. The Parish Council is in discussion with Highways and Cllr Donnelly is also pursuing this.

Cllr SC noted the results of the recent Housing Needs Survey and asked if this could bring an influence on any decision taken by TVBC. Cllr PC noted that the community did not want a development of larger houses, outside the parish boundary and that 54% of responders did not want any developments in the Parish.

### **3. Foreman Homes Development, cont.**

The development is planned outside the settlement boundary and the design runs counter to the policies set out in the Thruxton Neighbourhood Development Plan.

Cllr PC advised that TVBC would be advised of these concerns, and it was noted that the general reaction from members of the public at the meeting was negative and that they wanted a robust response to Foreman Homes in respect of the non-attendance of its representative.

Cllr PC advised that it had been Foreman Homes that had requested an opportunity to give a presentation, it had not been an invitation from the Parish Council.

Members of the public who wanted to receive copies of the presentation documents, were asked to provide their names and email addresses so these could be sent to them.

### **4. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest. All Councillors present confirmed that no changes to register of interest forms were required.

### **5. Minutes**

**Resolved.** The Minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> October were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair. Proposer Cllr Munday, seconded Cllr Cotterill. All in favour.

### **6. Specific Reports**

#### **6.1 Biodiversity and Flooding**

Cllr Munday had circulated a detailed report to the Parish Councillors. Water levels are higher than normal at this time of year and the village stream was running early but flowing well. The Pilhill Pan Parish Forum noted that sewerage tankering is unlikely to be required as Southern Water had re-lined local public and private sewers, which had been very successful. The Forum aims to identify flooding hotspots and to monitor the health of the brook, bearing in mind the potential impact on insurance premiums.

#### **6.2 Roads and footpaths**

The Parish Council is following up with Cllr Donnelly the need for improved signage and restriction of HGVs. Cllr Lashbrook thanked the Parish for clearing the path from Dauntsey Lane to Fyfield.

#### **6.3 Thruxton Circuit**

Cllr PC had attended a meeting with BARC and Alex Thistlethwayte, the owner of the Circuit, as a member of the Thruxton and District Protection Society's (TDPS) annual meeting. In addition to discussing the 2025 race calendar, the meeting raised the issue of increased noise levels from various aircraft, including an aerobatic display, over the village. Mr Thistlethwayte had apologised and advised that in future the Parish Council and TDPS would be notified in advance of any displays. BARC had been asked to monitor and control the noise more effectively.

Concerns were raised about the size of aeroplanes and the flight paths in use at the airfield. Cllr Lashbrook advised that he would check on current legislation on aircraft sizes and on the regulations that state air traffic should not fly over houses. He advised the Parish Council to notify Air Traffic Control at the Circuit, should this happen again and contact Alex Thistlethwayte, the owner of Thruxton Circuit.

#### **6.4 Environmental, Village Green, Electricity sub-station – screening**

Cllr SC advised that the proposed planting of shrubs to screen the electricity sub-station was being organised and that she has been in contact with SSE to ask for permission to undertake the above.

#### **6.5 Play area safety checks**

In the absence of Cllr WO, who had organised four new signs for the Play Area, the Clerk reported that these had been ordered from ProSigns

#### **6.6 Speed Awareness and Community Speed Watch**

Cllr SC advised that the Police will not provide training for the above unless there are five members of the community who undertake it. Currently, four volunteers have stepped forward.

#### **6.7. Clerks Report**

The Clerk advised she had met Ray Welch (RW), the Lengthsman and responsible for cutting the grass on the Village Green and Sports Field, to advise him that the latter is no longer the responsibility of the Parish Council. The Clerk had also asked about the bus shelter and RW advised he had cleared the ivy and was willing to paint/creosote it in the Spring.

The Clerk had been in correspondence with Hampshire Forest Partnership (HFP) and had circulated details to the Parish Councillors of the offer of free trees. The caveat was that any trees taken needed to be planted on public land, for the benefit of the community. A decision on which types of trees and where they could be planted needed to be made by the end of November latest.

#### **7. Parish Archive**

An Open Day had been held in October to display the materials so far collected for the Archive and to request more. It had been an excellent display and Mr Steven Counsel was now leading the group to look after it. The issue had arisen, however, on where to store the materials and the Parish Council had offered to provide some funds to help with storage and to develop the archive. This initiative had been agreed by all the Parish Councillors, dependent on costs, which were still to be determined.

Cllr PC reported that he was in discussion with Ben Taylor, MD of BARC, in respect of the proposed extension to one of the BARC buildings. AT had offered to provide space for the Parish Archive in the new extension. This would be needed as it was hoped that more archive materials would be collected in future. The Parish Council now has overall responsibility for securing and development of the archive.

Mr Counsell advised a bid had been put forward to the Fete funds and that he also contacted the Records Officer at HCC to ask for advice as HCC provide training courses for people in how to develop and manage an archive. Mr Counsell asked for the Parish Council to provide funds to three people (as required by HCC). The nominees for training were Steven Counsell, Louisa Chamberlain and Bill Brewer.

#### **8. County and Borough Councillors' Reports**

Cllr Donnelly was not present. Cllr Lashbrook advised that part of the Levelling Up Funds have now been released and TVBC are looking at where these will be used.

In respect of BARC, Cllr Lashbrook has a watching brief over traffic for BARC and noted that there had been some improvements this year. He advised a new traffic plan is being prepared for 2025 and asked for comments from the Parish Council to be submitted to him by January.

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### 9. Finance

The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) has now been received, in respect of the two dwellings built in Dauntsey Lane.

The Clerk has purchased a laptop for Thruxton Parish Council (TPC), as agreed, making a saving of some £70 on the original purchase price.

Lloyds Bank, with whom TPC holds a current account, had sent a letter advising there would now be charges for managing it.

A draft Budget Plan was discussed and will be finalised for the next meeting.

### 10. Planning

Cllr Munday gave an update on the current and latest Planning Applications.

**24/01880/FULLN – Thruxton Down Farm, Application.** Objections have been lodged by the EA and Hampshire Highways. Cllr Lashbrook proposed that it should go to the Northern Area Planning Committee if TVBC Planning propose to approve the application. Cllr RM voiced the Parish Council's concern that it could go to appeal if it is refused, by putting forward substantial alterations.

**24/02527/FULLN – BARC Ltd: proposed extension to Thruxton Centre for office and training space, Application** The Parish Council were in favour of supporting the Planning Application and Cllr Lashbrook advised he would also write a letter of support.

**23/03026/OUTN – Land adjacent to Stanbury Close, erection of 14 dwellings, Planning Appeal.** A public enquiry will be held, date tbc. Cllr Lashbrook advised that concerns over access points needed to be raised with Cllr Donnelly. The Parish Council would also put forward the objections raised previously, and additional comments were encouraged from residents. These should be sent to the Planning Inspectorate by 29<sup>th</sup> November 2024, at [www.acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk](http://www.acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk)

### **24/01986/TREEN ; 24/02141/TREEN; 24/02435/TREEN**

Three Applications had been forward in respect of cutting back/trimming hedges and trees around the village. There were no objections raised.

### 11. Attendance at Events

Cllr RM had attended the Pilhill Pan-Parish Forum and reported that it was looking into the health of the brook and proposed producing a map of flooding 'hot spots'. Cllr PC noted that there were four 'hot spots' in Thruxton Village: Harcourt Road; the junction of Amesbury and Wiremead Roads; the entrance to Halcyon Drive; and in Lambourne Way.

### 12. Community Thanks

None on this occasion

### 13. Correspondence

The Clerk reported that Hampshire Forest Partnership, working with HCC, currently has a scheme offering free trees to communities for planting in public/community areas. Details had been circulated to all the Parish Councillors for consideration. It was agreed that there was no need for more trees on the village green. Cllr RM advised that a tree by the sub-station was leaning over, and Cllr SC advised she would check it.

### 14. Items for next Agenda

It was agreed to continue to hold the Parish Council meetings on the first Monday of each month, except for January and August, when no meetings would take place.

**The AGM would be held on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2025.**

**Date of next meeting:** Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2024, 7.30pm, Thruxton Memorial Hall

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**Actions to be taken in respect of items discussed during meeting.**

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Cllr/Clerk</b>	<b>Action/s Agreed</b>
3	Cllr PC	<b>Foreman Homes Development</b> : Liaise with Mr Carrington of Foreman Homes to arrange another date for him to give the presentation.
6.5	Cllr WO Cllr RE	<b>Play area safety checks</b> : Put up the four signs when received.
6.6	Cllr PC	<b>Speed Awareness and Community Speed Watch</b> : Promotion of the above in the next Thruxton Times and request more volunteers.
6.7	(1) Cllrs (2) Clerk	<b>Clerk's Report</b> : (1) Advise on whether they wished to request any trees, and if so, which ones. Also, to propose location(s) for the trees. (2) Contact RW and ask him and to undertake the work on the bus shelter as soon as possible .
7	Steve Counsell	<b>Parish Archive:</b> Arrange training and provide more details.
9	Clerk	<b>Finance</b> : Prepare a revised Budget Plan 2025 for the Parish Councillors, incorporating those items and costs discussed at the meeting.
11	Cllr RM	<b>Attendance at Events</b> : A meeting had been arranged this month to review the above.
13	Clerk	<b>Correspondence:</b> Liaise with Cllr SC in respect of types and sizes of trees to see if any would be suitable to plant behind the post box near the electricity sub-station. Decision on whether to ask for any trees, to be taken at next meeting.