

*THRUXTON PARISH COUNCIL*  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024**

Present: Cllr P Christie (Chairman), Cllr R Munday (vice chairman) Cllr W Odling, Cllr S Cotterill, Cllr R Earp & Cllr H Liechti.

In attendance:

Mrs H Bournier – Clerk  
6 members of the public

**1) Apologies for Absence.**

Apologies for absence had been received from TVBC Cllr. Phil Lashbrook

**2) Co-option of new Councillors.**

Richard Earp had expressed an interest in becoming a Parish Councillor. He had provided a summary of his skills and knowledge which had been circulated to all Councillors. Cllr Christie proposed he be co-opted and this was seconded by Cllr Munday. All agreed. The necessary acceptance of office document was signed.

Heidi Liechti 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 Cotterill proposed she be co-opted and this was seconded by Cllr Odling. All agreed. The necessary acceptance of office document was signed.

**Public Participation**

3) Members of public present wished to speak about items on the agenda in specific reports and the item at number 8.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> July were confirmed as a correct record and will be signed by the Chairman. Proposer Cllr Munday, seconded Cllr Christie. All in favour.

**Specific Reports**

6) Cllr Munday- (Flooding & Biodiversity) – reported that water levels in the stream have fallen and it is now possible for the weed in the stream to be cleared. Cllr Munday suggested two dates 15<sup>th</sup> Sep and 5<sup>th</sup> Oct for working parties to carry out the work. Volunteers will be sought via the newsletter.

Cllr Sherlock (Roads & footpaths) – was not present.

Cllr Cotterill (environmental) –expressed thanks to those who cut and cleared grass on the Village Green for fete day and the volunteers who are keeping the Mandy Garden tidy.

Cllr Cotterill – (Circuit liaison) reported details of noise recorded from the Super Bikes meeting. The levels were high and while these are affected by weather there was concern these were higher than the 95 decibels suggested as a limit, although this limit is not recorded in the legal agreement regarding circuit use.

Previously, high levels of sounds of music late in the evening had been recorded however this was reduced at the last meeting.

A member of public present said many villagers would like to see more racing and use of the circuit facilities. The concern was that if not used the land would be built on and become a large housing estate. Cllr Christie explained the recent extension of the lease of the circuit to BARC and the agreement which is in place to limit the volume of meetings. He suggested an increase in number of meetings was unlikely but that use of the area as a racing circuit was likely to continue for several years in the future.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding sound levels, how this was recorded and whether any further details should be obtained.

Finally, Cllr Cotterill noted that there is an intention to increase and repair bunds subject to planning permission.

It was agreed that Cllr Christie as part of the Thruxton and District Protection Society (TDPS) would talk to the circuit about the noise levels. The Parish Council agreed to advertise how those living in the village can obtain passes and finally he will explore with other members of TDPS and nearby parishes the general feeling regarding the increased use of the circuit.

Cllr Odling (Play area safety checks) –had circulated his recent report. Details of the actions required by the Sports Trust had been forwarded to them. Work required to repair the play tower/slide unit and the table tennis table have now been carried out.

It was suggested some new signage is required for the play area confirming users do so at their own risk and an upper age limit of 12. Cllr Cotterill agree to carry out some research relating to these signs for the October meeting.

Cllr Earp raised concerns about the trench around the old football pitch, where it has not been filled completely and the hazard this presents to users of the field. The Clerk will report this to the Sports Field Trust

A villager has agreed to take on the cutting of the play area going forward. He also said while he has cut the visibility splay of the hedge at the entrance to the car park at the Sports Field it is now very thick and needs to be cut back by a tractor. This will also be reported to the Sports Trust.

Speed awareness and community speed watch -Cllr Christie will discuss responsibilities with new Councillors and this area will be re visited at the next meeting. Volunteers for a community speed watch will be sought via the newsletter.

Dog Walking Field- Cllr Christie had agreed to take on the role of selling keys and keeping the information required of those who had access to the dog walking field. The Clerk will ensure details are posted to the website.

Cllr Christie (newsletter) reported a volunteer has stepped forward to organise the distribution of the monthly newsletter. He will continue to be the editor and organise advertising.

Clerks report- The Clerk reported

She has now established the footpath between Village Street and Lambourne Way is the responsibility of HCC. They have agreed to inspect this in particular the crumbling tarmac at the side of the small bridge across the stream.

The missing drain cover at the corner of Village Street and Amesbury Road has been reported to HCC. In the mean time a cone has been placed over the hole.

The second instalment of precept has been received.

## **7) Appointment of new Clerk & final date of employment outgoing Clerk**

Cllr Christie reported that following a full interview process the role had been offered to one of the candidates and while she had originally accepted the position she later withdrew. As a result, he has met for a second time with one of the other candidates who is now considering whether she would be interested in the position.

The current Clerk has agreed to remain in post until the end of September.

## **Green Space by electricity sub-station**

**8)** Cllr Cotterill reported that work to register the green space as a Village Green continues. She has obtained statements from long term residents which will accompany the application form which will be submitted shortly.

A parishioner has highlighted concerns that the dogwood plants planted to screen the sub station have been strimmed down so there is now nothing to screen the metal fencing.

Cllr Cotterill explained the history of the site and a discussion followed about how screening could be replaced. It was suggested a frame be put up covered in mesh to provide instant screening and planting of permanent screening could be considered once the soil is enriched. Cllrs Cotteril and Liechti will research and provide possible solutions with costs.

## 9) Housing Needs Survey

Councillor Christie confirmed the housing needs survey had been delivered to all households with the June newsletter. 140 were returned and have been analysed. Thanks were expressed to Steve Counsell for all the work he has carried out on this matter. A full response to the analysis will be considered at the next meeting.

## County and Borough Councillors' Report

10) HCC Chris Donnelly was not present.

TVBC Cllr Phil Lashbrook had sent his apologies.

## 11) Village Fete

Cllr Christie reported on the success of the fete and gave thanks to all the volunteers who did an excellent job of organising this.

The Clerk reported the income and expenditure figures from the event and highlighted the profit of £4528.71 which will be ringfenced while the fete volunteer group make decisions regarding how this should be spent.

The Clerk also highlighted the lottery return required by TVBC which she had completed. This will be signed and returned.

The Parish Council were asked to consider tree work to cut back those trees on the green now hanging so close to the ground that space is restricted. This would be very helpful before another event on the Village Green.

Cllr Christie has confirmed he will be writing with thanks to Mr & Mrs Rome of Thruxton Manor who have agreed the Parish Council can continue to store items used for the fete in one of their barns.

## 12) Bus Shelter

The ivy has been removed from the bus shelter although there is some re growth and lots of debris around the sides and back of the shelter. Cllr Cotterill proposed the shelter now be painted. The Clerk will look into the possibility of using community pay back workers for this project.

## 13) Finance

i) To note the bank balances as at 23//08/2024

Lloyds £21179.30

United Trust Reserve £14761.78

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

H Bournier salary	£630.00
H Bournier exp.	£54.45
Tait's newsletter	£52.00
Thruxton Mem Hall	£28.00
Peter Fletcher	£625.00
One.com	£159.06
Attwood Electrical	£388.28
Ray Welch Village Green	£200.00
Ray Welch Sports Field	£165.00

## Retrospective

Waterproof padlocks	£25.98
Osmo Oil	£38.08
Sight mirror	£123.00
Memory stick	£4.99
Storage box	£18.79
Weed killer	£69.59
H Bournier Sal	£630.00
Hall Hire -interviews	£42.00

Ray Welch(Village Green)	£200.00
Ray Welch (Sports Field)	£165.00
Taits (Fete newsletter)	£52.00
Taits (Fete raffle tickets	£84.00
Fete generator hire	£556.50
Fete cash floats	£875.00
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### **Planning**

14) The following decisions by TVBC were noted:

24/01014/TPON-tree works Thruxton Manor-part consent, part refusal

24/01725/TREEN- tree works, Robins Roost-no objections

24/01490/FULLN- conversion of loft space and extension-21 Stanbury Close-permission

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

24/01490/FULLN-conversion of loft space and single storey extension-21 Stanbury Close- no objections

24/01725/TREEN- fell 2 x Ash trees-Robins Roost-no objections

24/01880/FULLN- retrospective change of use application, Thruxton Down Farm- Objection to be submitted.

### **Attendance at Events**

15) None.

### **Community Thanks**

16) Thanks were expressed to

Geoff and Heather Bournier and Steve Counsell along with a group of many wielding rakes for cutting back and clearing up the grass on the Village Green for fete day.

To Janet Graham and Heather Bournier for work to tidy the Mandy Garden.

To Jason Bailey for his continued work to keep the grass areas on Stanbury Road neat and tidy.

To Sue King for litter picking in the village, especially on the A303 slip-roads.

And to Janet Graham, Louise Cushine and Katrina Vessy for planting and weeding the village flower tubs,

### **Correspondence**

17)The Clerk highlighted correspondence as follows: -

Emails from Foreman Homes in respect of possible plans to build on land behind Lambourne Close, Cllrs Christie, Odling & Munday will discuss details with the agent and report to the full council at the next meeting.

Letters regarding hedge cutting between Clerk and a householder in Lambourne Close.

An email to Cllr Donnelly to confirm the stream is now dry with a request for the stream bank to be repaired now!

### **New items for next agenda**

18)

### **Community News**

19) None

### **Date of next meeting**

20) The next meeting will take place at 7.30 pm on Monday 7th October