

THRUXTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7th SEPTEMBER 2022

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

In attendance:

Mrs H Bourner – Clerk
5 members of the public

1) Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for absence had been received from HCC Cllr Chris Donnelly, TVBC Cllr P Lashbrook, Cllr Mrs J Graham, Cllr Mrs J Durant & Cllr R Munday.

Co-option of new Councillor

2) Will Odling had circulated a statement outlining his skills and experiences with a view to being co-opted to the Parish Council. All Councillors had read the details and agreed unanimously to Co-opt him to the Parish Council. The Clerk provided the necessary documents for completion.

Public Participation

3) A member of public present highlighted two issues with the stream bank the first was the broken railings. He had watched an Earthline lorry turning left on to Stanbury Road, given the narrow roads and tight turn the lorry had driven into, broken the barriers and driven off. The barriers had subsequently been repaired by a volunteer. Cllr Christie said he would approach the company to let them know what had happened and ask them to instruct drivers not to use village roads unless absolutely necessary. Cllr Davis suggested HCC are approached again and asked to fit larger, more visible no HGV signs. Cllr Christie agreed to discuss this again with HCC Cllr Chris Donnelly. A member of public also suggested getting an agreement in place with any local hauliers asking them not to use village roads.

Concern was also expressed regarding the broken brickwork on the side of the bridge that had been damaged several months ago by a lorry. Fear was that the winter weather and a rise in the water table would damage this further and the wall would collapse. The Clerk had reported this to Hampshire Highways for repair but agreed to contact them to establish when the work would be completed.

Finally, he said that brickwork where the temporary bridge had been installed needed to be repaired. Cllr Christie confirmed he knew the location of the missing bricks and would arrange for the repairs to be carried out.

Thanks were expressed to the Parish Council for the work on all events throughout the summer. Cllr Christie said many other villagers had been involved in setting up the many and varied events to celebrate the Jubilee and thanks went to them all.

Declarations of Interest

4) Cllr Christie declared an interest in a planning application at his neighbour's property. There were no other declarations of interest. All councillors present confirmed no changes to register of interest forms were required.

Minutes

5) **Resolved:** The minutes of the meeting held on 27th July were confirmed as a correct record and will be signed by the Chairman. Proposer Cllr Harris seconded Cllr Davis. All in favour.

Update on St Johns Lane

6) The Clerk confirmed SSE had paid the Parish Council £5000.00 to be used for repairs to St Johns Lane. She confirmed that the residents had been notified of the grant and they had asked to meet with the Parish Council in the lane for 10 minutes to discuss proposals. The Clerk will circulate potential dates for a meeting to Councillors. Cllr Christie will write to SSE thanking them for the contribution. Cllr Davis said once any work was completed a photographic record should be kept for future reference.

Specific Reports

7)

Cllr Munday- (environment) was not present but had confirmed he continues to have discussions with Hants & IOW Trust regarding a flora and fauna study. He will present his findings to the Parish Council at the October meeting.

Cllr Christie (Roads & footpaths) confirmed there has been a recent announcement that police presence in the rural team will shortly be increased which may help with traffic issues. Cllr Odling suggested before the HCC 20mph survey closes the Parish Council should engage with villagers encouraging them to complete the survey. Cllr Christie will place an article in the next village newsletter and Cllr Olding will produce a flyer which he will deliver to households speaking to occupants about its importance where possible.

Cllr Durant – See item 10

Cllr Harris (social concerns) reported she has found a replacement volunteer to deliver the newsletters in Stanbury Road. She also noted the small green area next to the substation in Stanbury Close is looking untidy with several branches fallen from the Elder tree on site. A resident of the close volunteered to clear the area.

Cllr Graham (Children & Mandy Garden) – was absent but had sent a report confirming the Mandy Garden is suffering from the dry weather and plants are being watered. She confirmed that after the damaged barrier by the telephone box had been repaired, she had painted this. Finally, she said the benches on the green need some repair work, Cllr Christie confirmed a villager has expressed willingness to help with this and he would organise a meeting to view the benches and agree what work was required.

Play area safety checks – Leo McDevitt continues to circulate the completed reports for the safety checks of the play equipment. The last report showed some parts needed to be replaced. The Clerk will review and purchase as necessary. A broken child's swing had been repaired.

8) Meeting Dates 2023

A schedule of meeting dates for 2023 was discussed. All meetings would be held on the first Wednesday of each month with the exception of January and August when there would be no meetings. On May 4th 2023 an election would take place and the meeting was required after the election but within 14 days. It was agreed the meeting would take place one week later on 10th May.

9) Southern Water Update

Cllr Christie reported he had attended a recent pan parish forum meeting to liaise with Southern Water on the work to line sewers and scan private laterals in the village. Groundwater remains very low but demand for water has been high. The Clerk asked for confirmation as to which Parish Council was to pay for hall hire. Cllr Christie will obtain confirmation.

Potential speed signs around the village

10) Cllr Durant was absent. This matter will be reviewed at the October meeting.

Quotes for tree work

11) The Clerk reported on a quote for tree works at the green area by the post box and to remove one branch from a tree overhanging the Mandy Garden. The total costs for all the work was £1130.00 plus VAT. After some discussion it was agreed to accept the quote. The Clerk will submit the necessary planning permission document regarding the tree on the green which is in the conservation area.

A further quote to remove the tree on the triangle by the milestone is awaited. Road closure and traffic management will be required to carry out the work which will mean the quote will be very expensive.

Cllr Odling said this was a Plane tree and would recover if the ivy was cut back as this was currently strangling the tree. He agreed to carry out work to cut back the ivy and the situation will be monitored.

Countryside Access

12) The Clerk highlighted a service provided by HCC Countryside Access where they provide equipment and training for volunteers to carry out hedge cutting and strimming work. The Parish Council agreed it would be useful to find out more and asked the Clerk to invite a representative to a future Parish Council meeting.

Resilience Planning

13) Cllr Christie is still working on a draft document and hopes to circulate this for discussion at the October meeting.

Hedge Planting-Village Green

14) The Clerk said if new hedging was to be planted at the Village Green this autumn, then a decision about which type was required. She confirmed the types the Woodland Trust would supply for free for this type of project. It was agreed the Clerk should order a hedge pack to include canes and spiral guards

In preparation for the planting a quote to clear the area and spray weeds would be obtained.

Lains Solar Farm

15) Cllr Christie reported the planning application has been withdrawn following an objection raised by an aircraft operator. Further work will be carried out by the developer before any conclusion can be reached.

County and Borough Councillors' Report

15) HCC Cllr Chris Donnelly was not present.

TVBC Cllr Phil Lashbrook was not present however he had sent a report confirming the proposed increase in police presence for rural villages and said he will be encouraging the new Sargent to visit parish councils in due course.

17) Finance

To note the bank balances as at 31/08/2022

HSBC £3127.98

Lloyds £5000

United Trust Reserve £13833.62

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

H Bournier salary	£468.00
H Bournier exp.	£70.63
Thrupton Memorial Hall	£26.00
Taits	£49.00
Southern Electric DD	£56.02
HSBC charges DD	£8.00
Ray Welch	£141.00
One.com (domain)	£92.24
Memorial Hall Grant	£400.00
Thrupton PCC	£400.00
Enervo	£101.69

Retrospective

Aug bank charges	£8.00
Southern Electric DD	£56.02
Site Mirrors	£47.88
Hedgehog signs	£31.92
Defibrillator signs	£52.03
White Horse (Jubilee)	£86.00

iii) Change of bank account

The Clerk confirmed an account with Lloyds had now been opened. As soon as it is clear TVBC have accepted new account details all monies will be transferred from the HSBC account to Lloyds and the HSBC account closed.

iv) Budget 2023-24

A draft budget had been circulated and was discussed. All Councillors will consider likely expenditure in 2023-24 and the matter will be discussed at the next meeting.

Planning

18) The following decisions by TVBC were noted:

22/01719/TREEN- tree works, The Old Rectory -no objection

22/01379/FULLN change of use, Hangar 2, Thruxton Airfield-permission

22/01736/FULLN- single storey rear extension and replacement porch, George Cottage- refused

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

22/01984/TREEN- fell 1 tree, George Cottage- no objection

22/01746/FUULN- replace roof tiles, Brook Lodge, Village Street- no objection

22/02138/TREEN- fell 1 Red Cedar & Silver Birch, Flint House, Village Street- full support, very happy for trees to be removed

22/02090/FULLN, erect double garage, 29 Stanbury Road – no objection

Attendance at Events

19) Cllr Munday had attended a meeting at TVBC regarding solar farm proposals.

Community Thanks

20) Thanks were expressed to: - Edward Chamberlain for repairing the barrier by the telephone box, Graham Harris for repairing the child's swing & Geoff Bourner for repairing the post and site mirror opposite the sports field car park entrance.

Correspondence

21) The Clerk highlighted correspondence as follows: -

Clerks & Councils direct magazine for September 2022

Letter regarding allotments

Items for next agenda

22) Protecting the countryside against large building applications, in particular solar farms.

History Board

Report regarding flora & fauna

Resilience plan

Speed awareness signs

Budget 23-24

Working party autumnal stream clearance

Date of next meeting

23) The next meeting will take place at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 5th October.