

THRUXTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 1st JUNE 2022

Present: Cllr P Christie (Chairman), Cllr J Davis (Vice Chairman), Cllr R Munday, Cllr Mrs J Graham & Cllr Mrs P Harris.

In attendance:

Mrs H Bournier – Clerk
0 members of the public

1) Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr J Durant. It was also noted that Cllr L McDevitt has resigned. He was thanked for all the work he carried out on behalf of the parish. The vacancy will be advertised.

Public Participation

2) No members of public were present.

Declarations of Interest

3) There were no declarations of interest.

Minutes

4) **Resolved:** The minutes of the meeting held on 4th May were confirmed as a correct record and will be signed by the Chairman. Proposer Cllr Davis seconded Cllr Graham. All in favour.

Overflowing rubbish bins

5) The Clerk reported that she had received complaints from members of the public about overflowing bins at the corner of Amesbury Road and Wiremead Lane and on the Sports field. In both cases the bins had not been secured to the stanchion making it easy for large bags of waste to be stuffed in the bins. Additional bags had also been left next to the bins. A villager had very kindly cleared the excess waste at the sports field and concluded someone had decided to clear their car out while parked in the carpark. The bin at the corner of Mullins Pond was reported to TBC as fly tipping. They agreed to clear and have been asked to ensure the bin is locked back to the stand in future.

Update on St Johns Lane

6) Cllr Davis reported on an email from SSE regarding a proposal to pay £5000 to the Parish Council as a one-off donation toward repairing St Johns Lane. The legalities of who could work on the un adopted lane meant that SSE were unwilling to engage a contractor to carry out the work. SSE have no legal obligation to make repairs and are offering this as a goodwill gesture.

After some discussion it was agreed the Parish Council would accept the offer of a donation and then engage with the residents to discuss what work was required and how this would be carried out.

Specific Reports

7)

Cllr Munday- (environment) reported the environment agency currently grade the village as at moderate risk for ground water flooding, however the current position is low. The road works at Airplane corner appear to have helped alleviate flooding from sudden rainfall. Some pot-holes on Thruxton Down Road have been filled and Cllr Munday has registered others for priority work. Cllr Munday will discuss the sluice gates and flood protection at Thruxton Airfield with Simon Bowder. Finally, he said he is now exploring ways to improve wildlife and the environment and is seeking advice from Hampshire & Isle of Wight Trust.

Cllr Christie (Roads & footpaths) confirmed that HCC Donnelly is attempting to get the A303 slip road resurfaced. Cllr Munday is communicating with Chris Donnelly and Phil Lashbrook to attempt to get improved road signage at Thruxton Down to assist with speed reduction through that part of the Parish.

The clerk had established the reason for the closure on Stanbury Road on 10th June is for Openreach to replace a damaged telegraph pole. It is unlikely the road will be closed all day.

Cllr Durant – was absent.

Cllr Harris (social concerns) reported that a village resident has suggested running small tea parties in homes of elderly villagers. Cllr Davis said consideration was being given to resurrecting the community club and suggested the villager be put in touch with the community club group.

Cllr Graham (Children & Mandy Garden) – confirmed Mandy's Garden is looking lovely and continues to work on this. Strimming work has been carried out along with fence painting and cleaning down the library box.

The Clerk was asked to contact Ray Welch to carry out an additional cut of the Village Green before the Jubilee big lunch.

Play area safety checks – Cllr McDevitt has circulated the completed reports for the safety checks of the play equipment. Although he has resigned his position as a Councillor, he has agreed to continue to review the play equipment on a monthly basis and ensure reports are passed to the Clerk along with any details of repairs required.

8) Support for Village Hall

Cllr Christie reported the Village Hall needed to purchase a new oven. Given that the hall would be a centre in an emergency and the Parish Council were leading on a resilience plan he asked those present if they felt the Parish Council could support this purchase financially. In principle the Parish Council are happy to support this and will explore ways of gathering finance to help with the project

Southern Water Update

9) Cllr Christie reported the tankers at Mullins Pond are there to assist with establishing breakages and the repairs of sewage pipes. Householders can expect letters shortly regarding the scrutiny of private laterals which Southern Water will repair at no cost to householders.

Problems are occurring particularly at Abbots Ann where items that should not have been flushed into drains, such as cleansing wipes, are blocking valves.

Potential speed signs around the village

10) Cllr Durant was absent and this subject will be revisited at the July meeting.

Lains solar farm proposal

11) Cllr Christie confirmed the planning application for the solar farm has now been submitted and the TVBC decision is awaited.

The final document of agreement in relation to the community benefit has now been prepared. All Councillors gave Cllr Christie authority to sign this on behalf of the Parish Council. This will not happen until the planning application is agreed by TVBC.

County and Borough Councillors' Report

12) HCC Cllr Chris Donnelly was not present.

TVBC Cllr Phil Lashbrook was not present.

Resilience Plan

13) Cllr Christie said he had been working on a revised document to support community resilience and hoped to present this at the July meeting.

14) The bank balance as 31/05/22 was as follows:

HSBC £22867.39

United Trust Reserve £13723.83

Payments

Resolved: that the following payments be approved, and online transactions authorised:

H Bournier salary	£468.00
H Bournier exp.	£18.00
Thrupton Memorial Hall	£26.00
Taits	£49.00
Southern Electric DD	£57.54

HSBC charges	£8.00
Ray Welch	£141.00

The Clerk confirmed she has started an application to open a Lloyds bank account and hoped to complete this before the July meeting.

Planning

15) The following decisions by TVBC were noted: None

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

22/0199/CLPN- certificate of lawfulness single storey extension 2 Lovell Close- no objections

22/01082/FULLN- side extension, porch and changes to internal layout, Flora Villa- no objections

22/01301/TREEN-tree works 15 Beech Close- no objections

22/01379/FULLN-change of use hanger 2 from storage to distribution, Thruxton Ind estate- no objections

22/01306/FULLN- erect a garden shed, 1 Racedown Cottages, Thruxton Down- no objections

Cllr Christie confirmed the application to build 26 affordable homes on land behind Stanbury Close had been withdrawn. Cllr Christie thanked all parishioners who had sent objections to this application. It was agreed these made a significant difference.

Cllr Christie reported a decision was awaited on application number 22/00728/OUTN for the erection of 9 self-build properties on land behind 11 Lambourne Close.

Attendance at Events

16) None

Community Thanks

17) Thanks were expressed to: - Edward Chamberlain for repairing railings around the stream near the entrance to the village green, Graham Harris for cleaning the phone box library and painting the map board, Roger Oliver who has been carrying out weed killing on pavements and footpaths and Keith Edwards & Keith Saxby for building a bridge across the stream for the Queen's Jubilee Street Party celebrations.

Correspondence

18)The Clerk highlighted correspondence as follows: -

Email from a parishioner to the Chairman asking for guidance on getting trees on the A303 cut back

Email regarding Crime Summit to be attended by Cllr Munday.

Email regarding training- Cllr Harris will attend the planning training if a space is available.

Items for next agenda

19) Speed awareness cameras

Resilience

New bank account

Any Other Business

20) None

Date of next meeting

21) The next meeting will take place at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 27th July.