

THRUXTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 1st MARCH 2023

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

In attendance:

Mrs H Bourner – Clerk
1 member of the public

1) Apologies for Absence.

There had been no apologies for absence.

Public Participation

2) There were no questions from the member of public present.

Declarations of Interest

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

Minutes

4) **Resolved:** The minutes of the meeting held on the 1st February were confirmed as a correct record and will be signed by the Chairman. Proposer Cllr Munday, seconded Cllr Harris. All in favour.

Specific Reports

5)

Cllr Munday- (environment) reported two volunteers had stepped forward to be flood wardens. Cllr Christie agreed to try and find some volunteers from Village Street. In line with the recently drafted flood plan he confirmed he will organise a review to be carried out in the next couple of months. He said the latest Environment agency update confirmed ground water levels were high but no flood warnings were in place.

He further reported on the biodiversity plan and said he will start gathering data on local birdlife by carrying out a bird survey. Details will be published in the village newsletter encouraging villagers to record data and provide feedback. The aim being to identify all species present and also any gaps where species are expected. Cllr Olding detailed a useful mobile phone app called Merlin which identifies bird type by song when recorded.

Cllr Christie (Roads & footpaths) reported proposals by HCC to reconsider 20MPH zones in the county. Groups would need to request a limit in their area and all councillors agreed there was a need for such a limit within the village including up Stanbury Road past the school. Cllr Munday suggested a survey of villagers was carried out to establish views.

Cllr Munday is also conversing with HCC Donnelley and TVBC Lashbrook for some measures to aid traffic speed reduction in Thrupton Down, such as slow signs in the road, and beware horse triangle signs. The Parish Council fully support this initiative.

Finally, he reported a villager had contacted him for advice as to who has the responsibility for clearing pavements in residential areas. He has confirmed this is a homeowner responsibility and that while the Parish Council has no powers in this respect could try and organise a working party to help with this sort of issue if necessary.

Speed awareness-The Clerk confirmed that HCC have now provided the signed licence required for Thrupton Parish Council to erect speed awareness signs. A date for the post fitting is awaited.

Cllr Harris (social concerns) had nothing to report.

Cllr Graham (Children & Mandy Garden) – reported the garden is beginning to come to life, some pruning has taken place and bulbs are now starting to flower.

The Clerk reported that TVBC had agreed the Parish Council could subscribe to the garden

waste scheme for waste produced by the memorial garden. A bin would need to be purchased and a site where the bin would be left for collection agreed. It was agreed the Clerk should arrange to purchase a bin and commit to a subscription. The bin would be placed by the telephone box for collection every fortnight.

Play area safety checks – Cllr Odling had circulated his report of the play area checks. The Clerk agreed to ask Ray Welch to provide a quote now with a view to replace the matting

Tree Removal Quotes

6) The Clerk confirmed she had engaged a tree surgeon to remove the remaining conifer tree by the electricity substation. He hoped to carry out the work in early March.

St Johns Lane ground work

7) Cllr Odling confirmed he had contacted Andover Ground Works who had given a verbal quote to carry out work to St Johns Lane. Other contractors had not responded to his enquires, in the same way The Clerk had attempted to obtain quotes from three contractors but had not been successful. The quote was for £5000 plus VAT. As this was the sum received from SEN for this work it was unanimously agreed the quote should be accepted. Cllr Odling will contact the contractor and a letter with details will be sent to all residents.

Update on Southern Water project

8) Cllr Christie had no details or update at present.

Street Light Replacement

9) The Clerk provided details of a quote to replace three street lights. Replacing three or more lights provided the best value and a quote to do this was £1326.81, £442.27 each. After a short discussion when the Clerk confirmed sufficient funds were available to meet the cost Cllr Odling proposed the quote be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr Christie. All Agreed. The Clerk will arrange for the work to be carried out.

County and Borough Councillors' Report

10) HCC Cllr Chris Donnelly was not present

TVBC Cllr Phil Lashbrook was not present.

Local Council Elections May 2023.

11) The Clerk confirmed that local elections will take place on May 4th 2023. Individuals will be responsible for completing nomination papers which have to be hand delivered to TVBC although delivery can be by a third party. Full details, including application forms have been provided by the Clerk. The Clerk confirmed she had an appointment on 29th March to deliver papers on behalf of any current Councillors who wish to stand for election.

Dates for future meetings

12) Cllr Christie explained the background to a proposal to change meeting days from the first Wednesday in the month to the first Monday of the month. After some discussion it was agreed to trial this from June 2023 with a review taking place in December 2023.

Lengthsman Update

13) The Clerk reported that Ray Welch had agreed to complete the HCC training required for Lengthsman to work on highways thus allowing the Parish Council to claim funding of £1000 to pay for things such as footpath clearance.

First Aid & Defibrillator training

13) The Clerk gave details of a first aid training package she had found. It was possible to buy an emergency first aid training package for up to 15 people which could be delivered at the Village Hall. The cost would be £158.00 per person, an individual place on a course was £175.00 so a saving of £17.00 per person.

After some discussion it was agreed the Parish Council would advertise the possibility of running a course to village organisations and see how much interest there was.

14) Finance

To note the bank balances as at 22/02/2023

Lloyds £28944.50
United Trust Reserve £13723.83
HSBC -£16.20

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

H Bourner salary	£468.00
H Bourner exp.	£18.00
Thrupton Memorial Hall	£26.00
Taits	£52.00
Southern Electric DD	£52.85

iii) Change of bank account

The Clerk confirmed she had still not received a full response to her letter of complaint to HSBC and would now follow this up.

Planning

15) The following decisions by TVBC were noted:

22/03161/LBWN & 22/03160/FULLN single storey rear extension, replacement porch & erection of outbuilding-George Cottage, Village Street, PERMISSION
23/00002/TREEN T1 - Apple Tree - Fell -Veronica Cottage, Village Street, Thrupton -no objection

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

23/00318/TREEN-tree works, The Long House, Stanbury Road- no objections

Cllr Christie reported that an objection from Western Air had been submitted against the planning application to build a new solar farm at Lains Farm. Specialists had been asked to write reports and these were now being considered. An outcome is awaited.

Attendance at Events

16) The Clerk had attended a Clerks Forum at TVBC on 22nd February 2023. Details regarding the upcoming elections had been given along with a promise of a guide to completing register of interest forms.

Community Thanks

17) Thanks were expressed to Edward Chamberlain for work cutting back shrubs on the Village Green.

Correspondence

18) The Clerk highlighted correspondence as follows: -

Cost of living support flyers which had been left in the Village Hall for visitors to take as needed.

Cllr Christie reported the Diocese has reached an agreement with the occupants of the cottage near the allotments regarding parking. The Parish Council had received thanks for their support.

The annual parish meeting will take place on Wednesday 10th May. Following a short discussion it was agreed speakers to be invited were- the head of planning TVBC, The Chair of the Village Hall Trustees, Simon Bowder from Western Air, Ben Taylor BARC, the PCSO responsible for Thrupton and Ian Hickman Head of Kimpton, Thrupton & Fyfield School. The Clerk will prepare invitations.

Items for next agenda

18)
Resilience Plan

Community News

19) None

Date of next meeting

20) The next meeting will take place at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 5th April 2023.

