

THRUXTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4th MAY 2022

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

In attendance:

Mrs H Bourner – Clerk
HCC C Donnelly
6 members of the public

1) Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr L McDevitt & Cllr Mrs J Durant,

Election of Chairman

2) Cllr Harris nominated Cllr Christie to be Chairman for the forthcoming year. This was seconded by Cllr Graham. All Agreed. Cllr Christie signed an acceptance of office form.

Election of Vice Chairman

3) Cllr Munday nominated Cllr Davis to be Vice Chairman for the forthcoming year. This was seconded by Cllr Christie. All agreed. Cllr Davis signed an acceptance of office form.

Review and agree standing orders, financial regulations & code of conduct

4) All documents had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. These were all based on NALC model documents and the Clerk confirmed no amendments had been published. All documents were re adopted for 2022-23.

All Councillors confirmed there were no revisions required to Register of Interest forms. Mileage rates for claims for travel for all Councillors and the Clerk was agreed at .45p per mile

Declarations of Interest

4) Cllr Christie declared an interest in a planning application at Flint House as a neighbouring property.

Minutes

5) **Resolved:** The minutes of the meeting held on 6th April were confirmed as a correct record and will be signed by the Chairman. Proposer Cllr Harris seconded Cllr Graham. All in favour.

Resolved: The minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on 21st April were confirmed as a correct record and will be signed by the Chairman. Proposer Cllr Davis seconded Cllr Christie All in favour.

Update on St Johns Lane

6) Cllr Davis confirmed SSE are gathering tenders for the work required to upgrade St Johns Lane and awaits dates for the work to begin.

Confirmation of purpose of traffic monitoring camera

7) Cllr Christie said he had established the camera erected on the fingerpost by the village hall along with the speed strips across roads were gathering data for up-to-date traffic surveys in relation to the planning application in Lambourne Close.

Update on visit by safer roads team

8) The Clerk confirmed she had recently received an email report from the safer roads team in relation to the proposed sites for speed awareness cameras. This had been passed to Cllr Durant who will report fully on this at the June meeting.

Update on solar farm community benefit.

9) Cllr Christie said HALC have reviewed the draft contract between the developer and the three Parish Councils. They recommended a few amendments which have now been incorporated into the document which is ready to be signed. The planning application has yet to be considered by TVBC but it is expected that the application will be approved.

10) Specific Reports

Cllr Munday(environment) had nothing to report.

Cllr Christie (Roads & footpaths) noted a debate about the Stanbury Road development and the impact on the right of way should the application gain approval. He noted that roadworks on Thruxton Down have been delayed. The drainage work has been completed and the road surface now needs to be renewed. The work is scheduled to begin on 9th May and will require some overnight road closures.

Cllr Durant - see separate item 8 above

Cllr Harris (social concerns) – highlighted an incident when a dog that had swum in water at Anton Lakes had become very unwell and sadly died. Current advise is not let dogs into the water while tests are carried out to establish if this was the cause.

Cllr Graham (Children & Mandy Garden) – reported the Mandy Garden now coming into life the spring blossom tree is blooming along with various spring plants. There is a plan to paint the fence and gate at the entrance in summer and plant a new hedge in the autumn.

Play area safety checks – Cllr McDevitt has circulated the completed reports for the safety checks of the play equipment.

Finance

11) The bank balance as 30/04/22 was as follows:

HSBC £25883.92

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
H Bournier add hours	£137.28
HMRC	£34.32
Thruxton Memorial Hall	£45.00
Taits	£52.00
Southern Electric DD	£56.02
HSBC charges	£12.50
Ray Welch	£141.00
Amport PC	£75.00
HALC	£292.95

The Clerk confirmed the first half of precept had been received.

Accounts for the financial year to 31st March 2022 had been agreed. The audit return had been completed and was agreed. This will be signed by both the Chairman and the Clerk.

Planning

12) The following decisions by TVBC were noted: None

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

22/01041/LBWN- listed buildings consent to fit stair lift, Yew Tee, Stanbury Road, no objection

2200874/FULLN- removal of conservatory and erection of rear single storey orangery, proposed porch, partial garage conversion and adjustments to windows, Flint House, Village Street- no objection

22/00768/OUTN- access and erection of 9 self-build houses and garages, land to rear of 11 Lambourne Close- objection. Full details of the objection will be posted to the Parish Council website. A response from the agent will be reviewed before a letter is sent to TVBC. This will also be posted to the website for the public to see.

Cllr Davis said the application for 26 houses behind Stanbury Close was still under consideration with TVBC.

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In attendance:

Mrs H Bournier – Clerk
HCC C Donnelly
TVBC Phil Lashbrook
11 members of the public

Apologies were received from Mr Hickman executive headteacher of Thruxton, Kimpton & Fyfield School

Annual Report of the Parish Council

1) Cllr Christie opened by thanking all attendees and noted that the pandemic had prevented an annual meeting from being held in the last two years.

He paid special thanks to all Parish Councillors and the Clerk for all the work they carry out. He also thanked the many volunteers across the parish who support the community all the time but in particular those who worked so tirelessly during the pandemic. Of specific note he thanked Rick Smart who has organised so many community events and raised thousands of pounds for charity. He highlighted the projects the Parish Council are currently working on: - planning applications, Southern Water drainage repairs, speed awareness cameras, the recreation field play area and the village green. A full copy of the report can be seen on the Parish Council website

Planning

2) Annual report on planning applications.

Cllr Davis confirmed there had been 25 applications in the year from April 2021 to March 2022, 10 of which had been applications for tree works.

The two applications of most interest were the application to build 26 affordable houses on land behind Stanbury Close and more recently an application for 9 self-build homes on land behind 11 Lambourne Close. In both cases public meetings had been held and the Parish Council had submitted objections. TVBC are now reviewing the documents in relation to these cases and their decisions are awaited.

Two comments from members of the public expressed dissatisfaction to responses by TVBC in both cases.

Report on Finance

3) The Clerk confirmed the year end accounts to 31/03/22 had been agreed and were available for inspection. She confirmed the requested funds from TVBC for the forthcoming year had been increased by £500 to meet the increase in costs due to inflation. Finally, she confirmed all financial documents are available to review to members of the parish by application to the Clerk.

4) Reports from Local Organisations

PCSO's Cleary and Hill gave details of reported crimes in the parish from May 2021 to May 2022. There had been 67 in total. Reported crime had risen from 29 in 2020 to 55 in 2021 and 8 so far in 2022. Categories of crime from May 2021 were antisocial behavior, business burglaries (at the circuit), criminal damage, 1 drug related offence, public order offences, road traffic collisions, suspicious reports including vehicles and thefts (again at Thruxton Circuit). They asked that any suspicious incidents are reported online as often small items of evidence can add together to form a larger picture. Reports can also be made by calling 101 but waiting times can be lengthy.

They said that they cover a very large rural area which includes 55 villages in total, they believe Thruxton Village very safe place to live.

A member of public asked for help to deal with speeding and large lorries entering the village despite the no HGV signs. The PCSO's will ask a police speed camera unit to visit the village

Ben Taylor-Thruxton Circuit-lead of BARC began by apologizing for the impact on village crime statistics!

He confirmed the circuit like many other businesses had been through a difficult time throughout covid particularly in 2020 when no activity could take place. Things improved in 2021 particularly once spectators were allowed to attend. This season has started, dates have been circulated and are on the Parish Council website, major events finish at the end of August. BARC want to support their local communities and this year have signed the Armed Forces covenant to support the Armed Forces in the area. The community are supported by free passes and this year they are also supporting village Jubilee events.

Finally, he thanked HCC Donnelly and TVBC Lashbrook for their continued efforts to get the required drainage work and road surfacing work done at Aerodrome Corner and at the underpass.

Simon Bowder-Thruxton Circuit reported that he had been responsible for the circuit for the last two years. He is spending time sorting, updating and improving the site. They are trying to modernise the site and use increased revenue to make further improvements thus encouraging new users to move to the area. He said the circuit have traditionally supported local fundraising events by allowing such things as charity bike riding events around the circuit and plan to continue to do so going forward.

Kate Christie -Thruxton Memorial Hall reported the hall had been very fortunate to receive government grants during the pandemic which meant that work to maintain the hall was able to take place. A leak in the hall roof had been repaired however it was clear a new roof would be needed at the hall in a few years and a major fundraising push would be required. Finally, she said Thruxton will be having various Jubilee events some of which will be held at the hall and encouraged all villagers to support these events

County and Borough Councillors' Report

5) HCC Cllr Chris Donnelly said he has been in post for just over a year which has been an interesting time given the pandemic. One of his first tasks was to address the budget constraints caused in the main by rising adult social care costs. He confirmed HCC are working on a project to charge landowners sitting on banked land waiting to be developed to help with some funding constraints.

He said he was very happy with the success in getting the drainage works sorted out at the underpass at the junction of Aerodrome Road. He was also successful in getting the surface on Amesbury Road repaired and will now attempt to get the same done to the slip road off the A303. He is also working to get do not follow sat nav signs installed in the village to help with the problems caused by HGV lorries entering the village.

TVBC Cllr Phil Lashbrook – expressed thanks to the Parish Council and all parishioners in particular for the work carried out during the pandemic. He said Thruxton is an amazing place to live with a fabulous community spirit. He said TVBC have identified an area of grassland in Thruxton Down with some rare qualities and they are working toward gaining some protection for this.

He said TVBC were one of first councils to support communities during the pandemic with grants and ongoing refuse collection. Sadly, a consequence of the crisis has been staff losses which is still causing some concerns and delays. Finally, he confirmed that in 2022 there was a very small percentage increase in council tax but this was essential to keep all services operating.

Public Participation

6) Several members of public present thanked the Parish Council for continuing to work for the benefit of the community.

Some concerns were raised regarding road signs are being left by contractors once their work was completed. Cllr Christie was able to confirm the Pan Parish Forum had identified this issue across the villages and was working to address this.

Finally continuing problems with rubbish were identified in particular the bin at the corner of Amesbury Road and Village Street which is being used by fly tippers. The Clerk will report this.

Date of next meeting

7) The next meeting will take place at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 1st June

