

THURSLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Meeting
Tuesday 5th September 2023 at 7.00 pm
at Thursley Village Hall

Attendees: Cllr J. Mendelssohn (Chair) Cllr H. Flavell Cllr J. Luff
Cllr C. McClements Cllr R. Owen Mrs E. Felton (Clerk)

Cllr D. Munro (WBC) Cllr J. Staunton (WBC)
Cllr D. Harmer – 7.30 pm (SCC)
Rob Brian – Waverley Borough Commander - Surrey Police (to 7.35 pm)

1.0 SURREY POLICE UPDATE

Cllr Mendelssohn welcomed Rob Brian to the meeting. He outlined some of the concerns of parishioners with regards to the illegal use of BOAT's, motorbikes on the common and anti-social behaviour in the village. It was noted that the Parish Council may have received incorrect information relating to Police not being available to attend regular incidents of anti-social behaviour taking place on a Sunday.

Discussion took place regarding a recent fly tipping incident. It was noted that intelligence information regarding the vehicle used had been provided to PC Kat Farmer. Rob Brian advised that in such circumstances, a mark can be attached to such vehicles which would allow Police to take appropriate action.

Discussion also took place regarding the traffic issues experienced in the village during the tunnel closures. Cllr Mendelssohn made reference to the incident the previous evening when a lorry had had to reverse back up to Thursley Road as he was not able to pass over Smallbrook bridge resulting in gridlock.

Rob Brian stressed the need for all intelligence to be reported online so that there is a clear picture formed to support the allocation of resources appropriately. Following discussion regarding the arduous reporting process on the Surrey Police website, Rob Brian agreed to provide a link to a new intelligence reporting portal which people may find easier to use. It was noted that the new system does not cover issues relating to highways.

Cllr Harmer was invited to speak at this time due to him having to leave the meeting early (see below).

6.0 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

(6.1) In response to a query, Cllr McClements advised that it had been Surrey Highways staff that had damaged the posts around the pond in Bowlhead Green whilst they had undertaken verge cutting. Cllr Harmer agreed to discuss this with the Frensham Parish Council Clerk.

(6.2) It was noted that there has not yet been any response received regarding improvement of the road surface on the bridge over the A3.

Cllr Harmer left the meeting at 7.30 pm.

Following conclusion of Cllr Harmer's comments, discussion with Rob Brian continued.

Rob Brian advised that he was happy to respond directly to concerns and activities but he stressed again the need for intelligence reporting.

It was noted that recent contact with PC Archie Ridley regarding BOAT's had been positive and that PC Kat Farmer continues to provide good support to the village. Cllr Mendelssohn thanked Rob Brian for attending the meeting.

Rob Brian left at 7.35 pm.

2.0 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Cllr Dailly. Attempts for Cllr de Vries to attend remotely were not successful. Both apologies were accepted.

3.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No members disclosed any (a) Personal, (b) Prejudicial interests which they are required to disclose by section 94(1) of the Local Government Act 1972 and in accordance with The Parish Council (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2007.

4.0 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10th July 2023 and 7th August 2023 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman.

5.0 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

(5.1) It was noted that Katie Stewart (SCC) had not yet provided a full response but the majority of potholes had been filled. Cllr McClements agreed to contact Katie Stewart again.

(5.2) Cllr Mendelssohn confirmed that a meeting with a representative of Natural England had been arranged to discuss the need for consistent messaging on the common – e.g. regarding dogs on leads etc.

(5.3) Cllr Munro advised that Katie Webb (WBC) was liaising with the Police, National Trust etc. regarding the formation of a JAG to discuss BOAT's. It was noted that the recent visit of interested parties to High Button and the top of Highfield Lane had been beneficial.

(5.4) It was agreed that Cllr de Vries should provide an update on filming licences following discussion with WBC at the next meeting.

(5.5) It was confirmed that the van parked at the entrance of Warren Park had been removed.

(5.6) The Clerk advised that Richard Knight is in the process of reviewing the required works in the play area.

(5.7) The Clerk agreed to speak to John Swift regarding whether the inter-parish group are happy for him to share information with the Parish Council.

(5.8) It was agreed that Cllr de Vries would report back at the next meeting following her investigations about who owns the land at BW03.

(5.9) The Clerk agreed to check with John Swift to see who is monitoring the defibrillator unit in Bowlhead Green.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Cllr McClements advised that several parishioners had enquired about preparation of an improvement plan for the village to include such things as exit/entry signs, removal of weeds, wild flow planting, litter picking events, bench refurbishment etc.

Following discussion it was agreed that Cllr McClements would prepare a list of proposals for consideration at the next meeting. It was noted that it may be necessary to identify where responsibility falls with other agencies as part of the process.

6.0 COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND BOROUGH COUNCILLOR REPORTS

(6.1) It was noted that Cllr Munro and Cllr Luff had had discussions with Biffa regarding the size of the refuse collection vehicle at Warren Park and that a suitable arrangement had been agreed.

(6.2) Cllr Munro highlighted the recent communication regarding Farnborough Airport's expansion proposal. Following discussion, Cllr Munro agreed to update the Parish Council as there are further developments so that appropriate action can be taken. Cllr Staunton highlighted suggestions about amend flight paths to include the A3.

(6.3) Cllr Munro made reference to the forthcoming HUG meeting. It was noted that Cllr de Vries would be attending to represent the Parish Council.

7.0 PLANNING ISSUES AND COMMUNICATIONS

(7.1) WA/2023/01718 – Hammer Pond
Construction of a replacement access bridge adjoining Warren Park

Following discussion and review of the documents it was agreed that the Parish Council had NO COMMENT regarding the application.

(7.2) WA/2023/01891 – Oakenhurst, Pitch Place
Erection of a replacement dwelling and associated works following demolition of existing dwelling and ancillary outbuilding

Following discussion and review of the documents it was agreed that the Parish Council had NO COMMENT regarding the application.

(7.3) Cllr Mendelssohn made reference to discussions with Natural England regarding a planning application they intend to submit shortly to relocate their storage/office facility to Truxford.

(7.4) Following discussion it was agreed that Cllr Mendelsohn would speak to the homeowner regarding siting of shepherds huts on their land.

8.0 FINANCE

(8.1) The list of payments for September had been presented to Councillors in advance of the meeting. The payments were authorised and approved for payment as follows:

Voucher Reference	Payee		Amount
0031	PKF Littlejohn	External Audit	£252.00
0032	E. Felton	Salary & expenses	£329.60
0033	HMRC	September payment	£207.20
0034	Thursley Cricket Club	Mowing of play area	£50.00
	TOTAL		£838.80

(8.2) Following receipt of an email from WBC Democratic Services, it was agreed that Councillors would not be requesting expenses or allowances.

9.0 HIGHWAYS/VAS

(9.1) Cllr Owen confirmed that the VAS unit had been relocated.

(9.2) It was agreed that following the incident the previous evening which had involved Cllr Dailly directing traffic by Smallbrook, John Nicholson had responded quickly to Cllr McClements request to ensure that the signage issue was resolved.

(9.3) Cllr McClements advised that a follow-up workshop to discuss communication with SCC Highways was due to take place the following day.

(9.4) The Clerk was asked to inform the Churt Parish Council Clerk that the salt bin which requires filling is not in Thursley.

10.0 SCC NEW ROAD SAFETY STRATEGY FOR SURREY

In response to a recent communication received regarding the SCC Road Safety Strategy, it was confirmed that the Parish Council had already passed a motion to support the initiative and although the speed limit has not changed, the understanding is that it is being rolled out across the county.

11.0 REFUSE COLLECTIONS – WARREN PARK

See (6.1) above.

12.0 DRAFT SCC RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DIVISION OF BOUNDARIES CONSULTATION

The Clerk was asked to respond to the recent consultation to advise that it is not appropriate for the Western Villages area to be called Frensham, Elstead and Hindhead.

13.0 THURSLEY CLIMATE & SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE

Following discussion, it was agreed that a battery recycling unit is possibly not required at this time as there are several local places at which they can be left.

14.0 PARISH EMERGENCY PLAN

Deferred to the next meeting.

15.0 CHRISTMAS TREE ON THE CLUMP

Following discussion, it was agreed that an amount of £500 be allocated to the erection of a Christmas Tree on the Clump over the festive period.

16.0 NEW PARISHIONERS

It was suggested that there may be several new parishioners. Cllr Mendelssohn agreed to make contact with them.

17.0 CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk made reference to the following correspondence:

- A WBC Planning session online on 25th September
- A SALC meeting for Councillors on 13th September

18.0 MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT NEXT MEETING

- Items carried forward from above
- Village Improvement Plan
- Parish Emergency Plan
- Budget Review

The meeting closed at 8.42 pm. The date of the next meeting is **Tuesday 3rd October at 7.00 pm.**

Signed **3rd October 2023**