

**THURSLEY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of Meeting**

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 7.00 pm**  
**At Thursley Village Hall**

**Attendees:** Cllr J. Mendelssohn (Chair)      Cllr de Vries      Cllr H. Flavell  
Cllr J. Luff      Cllr R. Owen      Cllr D. Sellars  
Cllr J. Swift      Mrs E. Felton (Clerk)

**Also attending were:** Cllr D. Harmer (SCC)      Mr P. Hunter (from 7.16 – 8.00 pm)

**1.0 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

No apologies were necessary.

**2.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Mendelssohn declared a personal interest in the planning agenda item, specifically planning application reference WA/2022/02175 for Bears Barn. It was noted that he would not be involved in this discussion item.

No other 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.

**3.0 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

It was noted that the date of the next meeting shown on the minutes of the meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> July 2022 was incorrect.

Following amendment of the date, the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2022 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman.

It was noted that the motion to support the Twenty is Plenty campaign was a later agenda item.

**4.0 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**(4.1) Cllr Sellars confirmed that he was in the process of further reviewing the options for purchase of a projector and would provide a shortlist in due course.**

**(4.2) Cllr Sellars confirmed that the batteries for the VAS unit had been reconditioned. Cllr Owen advised that he hoped to speak to Mr Peter Hunter regarding the solar panels shortly following a number of missed calls.**

(4.2.1) As Mr Hunter was in attendance later in the meeting, the discussion regarding solar panels took place prior to his departure.

**Mr Hunter advised that he would prepare a list of items to be purchased by the Clerk. It was agreed that he would liaise with Cllr Owen. Mr Hunter was thanked for his support.**

(4.3) It was confirmed that Cllr Swift had provided the link to the WBC Climate and Sustainability Supplementary Planning Document (SPD).

(4.4) It was confirmed that a joint application with Witley Parish Council for a WBC Design Award had been submitted.

(4.5) Cllr Swift advised that there had not been an opportunity to discuss the Twenty is Plenty initiative at the recent Western Villages meeting.

*Mr Peter Hunter arrived at 7.16 pm.*

(4.6) Cllr Harmer provided an update regarding the ownership and use of areas of land within the parish. **He agreed to visit the area of land by Church Cottages and collate information regarding an area on Dye House Road so that further discussion could take place regarding parking arrangements. Cllr Harmer agreed to further investigate ownership/allowed usage of an area of land in Bowlhead Green.**

(4.7) Cllr Swift confirmed that he had provided Instavolt with the contact details of other parties within the village who may have an interest in electric charging points.

(4.8) Cllr Mendelsohn confirmed that a meeting had been arranged to discuss protocols.

(4.9) Cllr de Vries advised that the equestrian community were not familiar with the owners of the vehicles driving aggressively on Highfield Lane and The Street. Following discussion, **Cllr Mendelsohn agreed to speak to some residents who may have workers visiting their properties to see if they can be identified and asked to drive safely.**

## **5.0 COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND BOROUGH COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

(5.1) Discussion took place regarding the poor condition of a BOAT in the parish which is causing problems for a homeowner not easily able to access his property with a vehicle. **Cllr Flavell agreed to write to her contact at SCC regarding the two areas where BOAT's are a safety concern, highlighting ongoing problems as they deteriorate further. Cllr Harmer agreed to investigate ownership.**

(5.2) Cllr Harmer advised that August had stalled some of his investigations due to staff holidays but he would continue to work to obtain required information.

*As Peter Hunter was appearing as a member of the public to discuss the fire on the common, it was agreed to change the order of the agenda and bring this discussion point forward.*

## **6.0 HANKLEY COMMON FIRE MEETING FEEDBACK**

Cllr Mendelsohn provided an overview of the activities following the recent fires that had broken out in the local area with specific reference to the one on Hankley Common.

He made reference to the discussions that had taken place at the public meeting to discuss the fire which Cllrs Jenny and David Else had arranged which had been attended by approx. 100 people including himself, Cllr Owen and Cllr de Vries.

Discussion took place regarding diversions which the Police had put in place, WBC requests from Councillors for information and the perceived lack of coordination.

It was noted that parishioners had collaborated to provide refreshments to those involved in firefighting. Discussion took place about how the local response could be made even more efficient with suggestions for a more formalised, proactive buddy system and improved communications.

Discussion took place about how the community could easily be informed that a major incident has occurred with suggestions involving the ringing of church bells or sirens.

Following discussion it was agreed that following the next public meeting scheduled to take place on 7<sup>th</sup> October at which representatives from the Police, MOD etc. will be present, a small working group consisting of parishioners representing all geographical areas of the parish be formed to discuss the outcomes and way forward. Mr Peter Hunter volunteered to be on the working group.

**Following discussion about reducing the risk of fire, Cllr Mendelssohn agreed to speak to Mr James Giles (Natural England) about the fire breaks and fallen trees by Warren Park.**

*Prior to Mr Hunter's departure from the meeting at 8.00 pm, discussion took place regarding the solar panels (see 4.2.1 above).*

#### **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

No members of the public were present and no questions had been submitted in advance of the meeting.

#### **7.0 PLANNING ISSUES AND COMMUNICATIONS**

*Cllr Mendelssohn did not participate in the following discussion item:*

(7.1) WA/2022/02175 – Bears Barn, Dye House Road, GU8 6QD  
Erection of a shed

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

(7.2) It was noted that there had been communication with WBC Planning regarding outstanding Certificate of Lawfulness applications and that these would be decided shortly.

(7.3) Cllr Mendelssohn reported that work had started on the reinstatement of the boardwalk on the common the previous day with access for the main contractors via Truxford.

(7.4) Cllr Mendelssohn reported that planning permission for the works at Hammer Pond will be confirmed with works due to start shortly.

## 8.0 FINANCE

(8.1) The list of payments for August/September were presented to Councillors. It was noted that the August payments had been authorised electronically. The September payments were authorised and approved for payment as follows:

August:

Voucher Reference	Payee		Amount
0037	ROSPA Play Safety	Annual Inspection	105
0038	E. Felton	Salary & Expenses	£306.73
0039	HMRC	August payment	£194.40
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£606.13</b>

September:

Voucher Reference	Payee		Amount
0040	E. Felton	Salary & Expenses	£306.73
0041	HMRC	August payment	£194.40
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£501.13</b>

(8.2) The Clerk advised that following receipt of the annual play area safety report, she had requested three quotes for the specialised work and Mr Richard Knight would be undertaking the maintenance works that were needed.

(8.3) Discussion took place about whether a CIL application for improvements to the BOAT's would be eligible. **Cllr Flavell agreed to speak to the relevant person at WBC to obtain clarification.**

## 9.0 THURSLEY CLIMATE & SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE

(9.1) Cllr Swift advised that the next meeting of the Climate & Sustainability Parish Group was scheduled to take place in person on 9<sup>th</sup> September when a Twenty is Plenty presentation was due to take place.

(9.2) Cllr Swift advised that although he had received a number of individual and household responses to the Vision 2030 for Thursley questionnaire, he would encourage all parishioners to complete a response before the end of the month.

(9.3) Cllr Swift made reference to a communication regarding a Civil Aviation Airspace review. **It was agreed that this be circulated in advance of the next meeting.**

(9.4) It was noted that following the article in the village parish magazine, there had been interest regarding the installation of solar panels.

## 10.0 HIGHWAYS/VAS

(10.1) Councillors formally adopted the Twenty is Plenty motion. Cllr Swift agreed to write to SCC to advise them that the initiative had been adopted.

(10.2) Discussion took place regarding the Western Villages Highways meeting and the lack of clarity/understanding of the process of reporting and monitoring issues following recent changes. It was noted that there had been email communications with SCC following the meeting asking for further information/clarification from several parishes but no formal responses had been received.

Cllr Harmer advised that he was planning to arrange a Western Villages meeting at the end of the month/beginning of October to determine the priorities for next year.

(10.3) It was noted that the highway works at the junction of Dye House Road/Old Portsmouth Road were very satisfactory. Cllr Mendelsohn advised that he would remove a branch partially overhanging a road sign.

(10.4) It was noted that SCC were now responsible for verge cutting after taking the responsibility from WBC.

#### **11.0 COFFEE POD ARRANGEMENTS**

(11.1) Cllr Mendelsohn advised that Camilla Daubeney had confirmed that she would like to continue to operate the Coffee Pod from the recreation ground next year. It was agreed that her licence to operate be extended.

It was noted that she had requested if it would be possible to move the location of the pod to nearer the oak tree as a safety measure. This was agreed.

Following discussion it was agreed that no payment for rent would be required this year but that this would be reviewed in a years' time.

Cllr Mendelsohn agreed to inform Ms Daubeney of the above.

(11.2) Cllr Owen raised an issue with regards the wooden posts along the road on the recreation ground. **Following discussion it was agreed to review these and discuss whether permanent posts should be installed at the next meeting**

#### **12.0 WBC MEMBERS PROTOCOL – EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS**

It was acknowledged that the updated WBC Members Protocol had been received and would be considered as part of any local arrangements.

#### **13.0 NALC SHORT TERM HOLIDAY LET ACCOMMODATION**

Following discussion, it was agreed that a response to the consultation was not required.

#### **14.0 SALC ANNUAL MEETING**

Cllr Swift advised that he planned to attend the SALC meeting but not the AGM and **he would report back at the next meeting.**

**15.0 CIVILITY AND RESPECT PLEDGE**

Following discussion it was agreed that Councillors were happy to adopt the Civility and Respect Pledge.

**16.0 NEW PARISHIONERS**

It was noted that there was an empty property but that new occupants had not yet arrived. Cllr Owen advised that there were new parishioners in Pitch Place and he would welcome them.

**Cllr de Vries agreed to update the Welcome Pack if necessary prior to distribution and uploading to the website.**

**16.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

(16.1) In response to an enquiry from Frensham Parish Council, it was agreed that Councillors would be happy to support collaborative communications with WBC regarding their support for unauthorised encampments.

(16.2) Cllr Flavell was thanked for her efforts and hard work which had resulted in improvements to bridleways.

**17.0 MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT NEXT MEETING**

- Items carried forward from above

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

The date of the next meeting is **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2022** at 6.45 pm. It was noted that a presentation on affordable housing would take place prior to the meeting.

Signed .....

**4<sup>th</sup> October 2022**