

THURSLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday 5th January 2022 at 7.00 pm
At Thursley Village Hall

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

1.0 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Cllr Luff, Cllr Owen and Cllr Harmer due to personal and business commitments. These apologies were accepted.

2.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Mendelssohn and Cllr Flavell declared an interest in agenda item 6) WA/2021/02996 due to knowing the applicant well. It was agreed that they would not participate in the discussions.

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

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 7th December 2021 were approved by the Council to be signed by the Chairman.

4.0 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

(4.1) Cllr Sellars confirmed that he had spoken to a Planning department customer service representative at WBC regarding the planning documents. He advised that a new option to 'download all' documents for a particular application was now available on the online portal. It was noted that there are on-going discussions about the quality of planning documents and that WBC had asked that they be informed if the online documents were not of sufficient quality to allow for an informed decision making process.

It was agreed that this matter would be raised with Mr Zac Ellwood at the meeting arranged to take place on 24th January 2022.

(4.2) Cllr Sellars reported that the intention was to discuss the solar panels for the VAS unit once the weather had improved and in advance of relocating it to its previous location.

(4.3) It was noted that the owner of Tilhurst had removed the skip in front of his property in advance of the Christmas break as requested but that a pile of rubbish remains on Parish Council land. **It was agreed that the issue be revisited in due course if the rubbish remains on site.**

(4.4) **Cllr Swift advised that he would seek clarification from Cllr Harmer about the services which SCC no longer provide.**

(4.5) **Cllr Swift advised that he would provide the Clerk with the works required to be uploaded onto the SCC portal.**

(4.6) It was confirmed that the Precept form had been returned to WBC before the deadline.

(4.7) The Clerk confirmed that a second application for funding from the Members Allocation fund for the new seating had been submitted.

5.0 COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND BOROUGH COUNCILLOR REPORTS

(5.1) The Chair advised that in his absence Cllr Harmer had that there would be a couple of consultations opening in mid-January:

- From Waverley, a review of the structure of the Town and Parish Councils within Waverley;
- From SCC, a Highways strategy and/or plan document.

Discussion took place regarding possible changes to the Western Village arrangements. It was agreed that any new arrangements were unlikely to affect the existing good working relationships with the neighbouring parishes. It was agreed that the consultations would be considered once received.

(5.2) Cllr Swift advised that he had acquired a number of saplings from SCC through the Treescapes initiative.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No members of the public were in attendance. However, two councillors had been approached by parishioners to mention their concerns regarding the height of the close board fencing that had been erected at Tilhurst. Following discussion about whether the fence required planning permission, **it was agreed that investigations take place to see if this is the case prior to taking further action on the matter.**

6.0 PLANNING ISSUES AND COMMUNICATIONS

(6.1) WA/2021/02916 & 2917 – Shepherds Cottage, The Lane, GU8 6QB
Erection of extensions and alterations, and erection of detached garage following demolition of existing extension and garage (revision of WA/2021/0469) and Listed Building Consent

Following discussion and review of the documents online, it was agreed that the Parish Council had NO COMMENT regarding the application but that it be noted that the appeal referred to in the documentation had been refused.

(6.2) WA/2021/02968 – Mulberry, Pitch Place, GU8 6QW
Creation of dormer window and additional/replacement roof lights.

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

(6.3) WA/2021/02996 – Hedge Farm, Highfield Lane, GU8 6QJ
Conversion of existing barn/stables to a dwelling

Cllr Mendelssohn and Cllr Flavell did not participate or make a judgement of this application due to a declared interest.

Following discussion, it was agreed that the Parish Council OBJECTED to the application due to a number of concerns including:

- The proposed property being visible from a public right of way
- The property would look like a new build in a rural location rather than a converted barn
- A risk would exist that if permission were granted for a barn conversion, it would be replaced by a complete new build as a way of introducing new dwellings into the Green Belt/AONB.
- Planning permission may be sought for garaging at a future date (as there is no proposed garage included in the application)
- The proposed style of the barn conversion would increase light pollution compared with the original barn which should be resisted in AONB rural locations
- The number of cars relating to a four bedroom property would result in an increase in traffic on an already busy single track lane.
- The location is not suitable for an increase in residential dwelling provision for Waverley Borough.

(6.4) WA/2021/03025 – The Briary, Highfield Lane, GU8 6QQ
Construction of pitched roof with rooflights over existing flat roof.

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

(6.5) WA/2021/03187 – Heath Hall, Bowlhead Green, GU8 6NW
Erection of a detached summerhouse.

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

(6.6) It was noted that the Clerk had not received a response from WBC Planning department regarding concerns raised about not receiving notifications when new planning documents are uploaded to existing applications.

7.0 FINANCE

(7.1) The list of payments for January were authorised and approved for payment as follows:

Voucher Reference	Payee		Amount
0054	Thursley History Society	Booklets	£280.00
0055	John Swift	Expenses	£797.50
0056	E. Felton	Salary & Expenses	£400.99
0057	HMRC	December payment	£95.40
	TOTAL		£1,573.89

(7.2) It was noted that payment voucher reference 0054 had been approved electronically in December to meet the deadline of payments for the Armed Forces Covenant funding.

8.0 HIGHWAYS/VAS

(8.1) In his absence, Cllr Owen had asked that a concern be raised about the bend in Pitch Place which continues to be a problem following some remedial work by a SCC contractor. **The Clerk was asked to alert Cllr Harmer to the on-going safety concerns.**

(8.2) Cllr Swift reported that there had been some gulley clearing and leaf sweeping in Bowlhead Green although it had been advised that these services were no longer available.

(8.3) Cllr Mendelsohn advised that following discussion with the homeowner of a property at the junction of Old Portsmouth Road and Dye House Road, the leaves had been cleared. He advised that the junction was due to have new white lining but that this had not happened as yet. He advised that he had written to WBC to enquire about the possibility of applying for CIL funding to support a safety audit of the junction.

(8.4) Cllr de Vries highlighted a pothole on the slip road off of the A3 into Thursley. Cllr Swift advised that the colour coding around the pothole indicated and it had been reported and would be filled.

(8.5) Cllr Swift advised that he had reported an issue involving large are holes/craters at the side of Rutton Hill Road and that he had been informed that SCC would fix the problem.

9.0 CLIMATE & SUSTAINABILITY

(9.1) Cllr Swift reported that one hundred and ninety trees had been planted as a result of good support from parishioners.

(9.2) Cllr Swift advised that a long legal agreement for the ten saplings from SCC had been received with some points that might need consideration prior to signing. **Cllr Swift and Cllr Mendelsohn agreed to look at the agreement and respond with their queries.**

(9.3) Cllr Swift advised that at the recent Inter Parish Climate Group, a meeting had been arranged on the afternoon of 24th March 2022 which would be open to all Parish Council members to provide them with an opportunity to see what the group and individual councils have been working on. He advised that it was an inspiring and supportive group to work with. **He agreed to provide an update in due course.**

10.0 COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

Discussion took place regarding the allocation of Parish Councillors and the suggestion about sub-wards within a parish. It was agreed that the hope is that all of the areas within the parish can be represented on the council within the allocation of seven officers but that if this were not possible, there would still be communication channels open to allow for representation. **The Clerk was asked to feedback the comments.**

11.0 FARNBOROUGH AIRPORT NOISE

Discussion took place regarding the CAA Post Implementation Review (PIR) for Farnborough Airport and the concerns that this had raised. **It was agreed that Cllr Mendelsohn would prepare a letter to be sent to Jeremy Hunt MP to highlight these concerns.**

12.0 QUEEN'S JUBILEE ACTIVITIES

Cllr de Vries reported that the first meeting of the working group had taken place and been very well attended. She advised that initial ideas had been discussed including a week of activities (open gardens, history tour, free classes, circus tricks, telescope night, etc.) in advance of a church service on the Sunday morning followed by a village lunch. It was suggested that Mr James Giles might be approached to see if he could arrange a night safari.

Cllr de Vries advised that the group would be looking at the funding opportunities available to them following a second meeting of the group due to take place the following week so that discussions could take place about how best to spend the funds available.

She advised that once arrangements have been agreed, the group will issue announcements and prepare a project plan for the lunch. It was noted that she intended to speak to Michelle at the Three Horseshoes to get her input as she was not available to attend the meetings.

Cllr de Vries agreed to provide an update at the next meeting.

13.0 RECREATION GROUND FOR FILMING

Cllr Mendelsohn advised that immediately following the December meeting, he had received a request for the recreation ground to be used for facilities for filming which is taking place in the area in February over a 4-5 day period. It was noted that Councillors had been contacted and were aware of the arrangements.

Cllr Mendelsohn advised that along with Mr Barry Rapley, he had met with a representative from the filming company and it had been agreed that the cricket field could be used for the purpose of parking vehicles and changing facilities with appropriate ground protectors in place etc. It was noted that the filming company would make a significant financial contribution, with the funds being used to support the Queen's Jubilee celebrations and investment in the cricket club.

Cllr Mendelsohn advised that he would be speaking to the properties close to the recreation ground to confirm dates, arrangements etc.

14.0 CRICKET CLUB UPDATE

Cllr Mendelsohn advised that Cllr Flavell had prepared a draft lease to include comments made previously regarding arrangements with the cricket club which will be discussed with Mr Rapley. It was noted that the issue of having BBQ's may be resolved by the cricket club purchasing a gas BBQ or similar so that there are no live flames.

15.0 ANNUAL RISK ASSESSMENT 2022

The annual risk assessment document which had been available to councillors in advance of the meeting was agreed.

16.0 MEETING DATES 2022

Following review of the list of suggested meeting dates for 2022, it was agreed that the July meeting take place on either 12th or 19th and that the decision be made closer to the time. It was noted that the April meeting will take place on Tuesday 29th March.

It was agreed that the Annual Assembly meeting take place on Thursday 28th April and that it be included as an agenda item for the February meeting. The Clerk was asked to book the main hall of the village hall for the event.

17.0 CORRESPONDENCE

(17.1) It was noted that correspondence is provided to councillors at the time of receipt.

(17.2) Cllr Sellars advised that he had booked a training event for new councillors following receipt of the training schedule. **Cllr de Vries agreed to consider whether she might also be able to attend.**

18.0 MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT NEXT MEETING

- Items carried forward from above

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

The date of the next meeting is Tuesday 1st February 2022 at 7.00 pm.

Signed

5th January 2022