

THURSLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Meeting
Tuesday 14th July 2026 at 7.00 pm
at Thursley Village Hall

Attendees: Cllr J. Mendelssohn (Chair) Cllr H. Flavell Cllr C. Mc Clements
Cllr S. O'Brien Cllr. Taylor-Mathews
Mrs E. Felton (Clerk)

Also present: Cllr D. Harmer Cllr D. Munro Parishioners x 12
Mr D. Jobbins (Planning Consultant) Mr B. Mackett (Project Manager)

1.0 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Cllr de Vries and Cllr Sullivan. These apologies were accepted.

2.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declaration of interest were made.

3.0 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 16th June 2026 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman.

4.0 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

(4.1) Cllr McClements agreed to arrange a meeting with representatives in September to discuss highways issues.

(4.2) It was noted that the SFRS bike had been returned.

(4.3) It was also noted that the road markings on French Lane had been completed.

5.0 COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLOR REPORTS

(5.1) Cllr Harmer advised that the final SCC AGM had taken place earlier in the day. He outlined the on-going work with the Shadow Board to support the transition.

(5.2) Cllr Munro confirmed that WBC were being co-operative to allow for a seamless transition to the new authority arrangements.

(5.3) Cllr Munro provided an overview of the current housing targets in the Borough. It was noted that consultation will take place as part of the land assessment process.

6.0 PLANNING ISSUES AND COMMUNICATIONS

Cllr Mendelssohn explained that although he understood that parishioners were in attendance as the Uplands Park application was due to be considered; he asked that Councillors discuss the matter first and then those present could speak. This was agreed.

Following discussion, it was noted that Councillors were largely in favour of the proposed development but further consideration was needed to some elements of the application including traffic management and the solar array.

Members of the public present were then asked to raise any matters relating to the application. It was noted that the Planning Consultant and Project Manager for the site were in attendance to answer any questions raised.

Members of the public raised a number of concerns relating to the proposed location of the solar array, traffic management arrangements during demolition and construction, and the impact of the development on neighbouring properties and local infrastructure. It was noted that these concerns were strongly held by local residents. The Planning Consultant and Project Manager provided responses to the matters raised including reference to the pre-app advice and AONB comments available on the planning portal. Following a comprehensive discussion, they agreed to give further consideration to the points raised.

Members of the public, Cllr Munro, the Planning Consultant and Project Manager left the meeting at 8.05 pm.

(6.1) WA/2026/01080 – Uplands Park, GU8 6LA

Erection of dwelling and car pavilion with associated works including a ground mounted solar array following demolition of existing dwellings and outbuildings

Following consideration of the application, the Parish Council resolved that it had no objection to the principle of the development. However, in submitting its response to Waverley Borough Council, it was agreed that particular regard be given to concerns raised by parishioners regarding traffic management during demolition and construction works, the location and potential impact of the proposed solar array, including reflection and visual considerations, and the adequacy of infrastructure to support the development. The Parish Council requested that Waverley Borough Council recognise the strength of local feeling regarding these matters and ensure they are given careful consideration as part of the determination process.

(6.2) WA/2026/01187 – Oakenhurst, Pitch Place, GU8 6QW

Application under section 73 to vary conditions 2 (approved plans) 3 (external finishes) of application WA/2024/01119 to allow alterations to design finish and fenestration and internal layout.

Following review of the plans it was resolved that the Parish Council had NO COMMENT regarding the application.

7.0 FINANCE

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

0021	Maxwell & Co	Internal audit	£570.00
0022	Play Safety Ltd	Annual inspection	£123.60
0023	1st Call Trees	Tree works	£192.00
0024	Castle Water	Water bill	£162.16

0025	Derek Hazlewood	Cricket ground works	£510.00
0026	E. Felton	July payment	£396.81
0027	HMRC	July payment	£260.91
0028	Richard Knight	Tree survey	£36.50
	TOTAL		£2,251.98

(7.2) The Clerk advised that following the recent annual inspection of the play area, RJ Playground Services had been appointed to undertake the required works as soon as possible. Discussion took place regarding on-going expenditure relating to the zip-wire. It was agreed that although the required repairs go ahead, further discussion take place prior to incurring further costs.

8.0 HIGHWAYS/VAS

Cllr Mc Clements agreed to report the damaged speed tables. He advised that he planned to clean the road signs in the near future.

9.0 CRICKET PAVILION

(9.1) Cllr Mendelssohn reported that the cricket pavilion had been damaged the previous evening. Following discussion, Cllr Taylor-Mathews agreed to look at repairing the damage as a temporary measure.

(9.2) The CIO have successfully opened a bank account and are therefore now able to explore the option of recovering Gift Aid from certain eligible pledges. This has the potential to generate significant additional funds.

(9.3) It was noted that the planning application was due to be submitted to WBC in early August.

(9.4) Discussion took place regarding recent communications from the cricket club regarding the condition of the cricket pitch. Cllr Mendelssohn explained that since the lease had been surrendered by them, the Parish Council had implemented a two year plan to restore the square and outfield to a good condition.

10.0 THURSLEY COMMON – CATTLE GRAZING

Cllr Mendelssohn advised that he and Cllr de Vries had met and had a constructive discussion with Tom Hawkins (Natural England) regarding the cattle grazing arrangements on the common. It was noted that Cllr de Vries was in communication with the equestrian community on this matter.

11.0 PEACOCKS

Discussion took place regarding the number of peacocks in the village which parishioners are concerned about due to them causing a nuisance and being a hazard. It was noted that although Cllr Mendelssohn had been in communication with the resident believed to be responsible for the birds, no further response had been received. Following discussion it was agreed that the matter be referred to WBC Environment Services.

12.0 NEW PARISHIONERS

No new parishioners were known at this time.

13.0 CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence had been shared with Councillors in advance of the meeting.

14.0 MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT NEXT MEETING

- Items carried forward from above

The meeting closed at 8.26 pm.

The date of the next meeting is **Tuesday 1st September 2026 at 7.00 pm.**

Signed **1st September 2026**