

**THURSLEY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of Meeting**  
**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 7.00 pm**  
**at Thursley Village Hall**

**Attendees:** Cllr R. Owen (Chair)      Cllr M. de Vries      Cllr J. Luff  
Cllr C. McClements (from 7.40 pm)      Mrs E. Felton (Clerk)

Cllr D. Harmer (SCC – to 7.35 pm)      Cllr J. Staunton (WBC)  
Ms S. Scheffers (from 7.21 – 7.35 pm)

**1.0 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

Apologies had been received from Cllr Mendelssohn, Cllr Flavell, Cllr Dailly and Cllr Munro. These apologies were accepted. Cllr Owen agreed to act as Chair for the meeting.

It was noted that Cllr McClements would arrive in due course.

**2.0 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.

It was noted that Cllr McClements may wish to disclose an interest if he is present at the time at which notice of proposed tree works at his property was heard.

**3.0 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2023 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman.

**4.0 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

(4.1) It was agreed that Cllr Mendelssohn be asked to provide an update on discussions with Katie Stewart (SCC) at the next meeting.

(4.2) The Clerk advised that Mr John Baker (SCC) had responded to concerns regarding BW85.

(4.3) The Clerk provided an update on communications received from Alison Potts (Natural England) regarding signage on the common. It was noted that she had requested a meeting be arranged by a colleague to discuss the matter.

(4.4) It was agreed that Cllr Munro be asked to provide an update regarding BOAT's following his meeting with Surrey Police at the next meeting.

It was noted that SCC are currently testing an ANPR vehicle to allow them to be able to enforce moving traffic offences. Discussion took place about locations within the village where this may help reduce anti-social behaviour and speeding vehicles.

(4.5) Cllr de Vries to provide an update regarding filming in due course.

(4.6) Cllr Owen advised that he would be looking at other options for risk free investment opportunities.

(4.7) Cllr Owen confirmed that he had completed the SCC application form for trees to be planted on the recreation ground.

(4.8) It was confirmed that the Clerk had sent an email in support of the Farnborough Noise Group communication.

Cllr Staunton provided an update on his understanding of current proposals.

(4.9) The Clerk was asked to inform WBC about the location of the van advertising the new homes at Warren Park following removal of the previous signage.

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

(5.1) Cllr Harmer advised that he understood that Thursley parish would be placed in the parliamentary constituency of Godalming and Ash but that he would confirm this in due course.

Ms Sally Scheffers *arrived at 7.20 pm.*

(5.2) Cllr Staunton advised that following a recent incident when Frensham Parish Council had not been informed of a wildfire, the modes of communication were being looked at again.

(5.3) Cllr Harmer made reference to the Western Villages meeting which was due to take place on 12<sup>th</sup> July to discuss the highways and Rights of Way works required using the budgets available.

It was noted that in advance of the meeting, the Clerk needed to provide an updated list of works for consideration. Following discussion it was agreed that in addition to the works already shown, the following works be included:

- Resurfacing of the bridge over the A3 and Dye House Road
- Dye House Road – resolve flooding issues opposite Foldsdown
- Replacement post around Bowlhead Green pond (following damage caused by SCC verge contractors)
- Slow Horse signs on Highfield Lane

Cllr de Vries agreed to attend the meeting to represent Thursley if necessary.

### **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Ms Scheffers raised a concern regarding the recent resurfacing of Highfield Lane which had resulted in areas being missed close to her property. She advised that the contractors had removed the top surface but it had not been replaced even though they had resurfaced other unadopted areas.

Following discussion, it was agreed that this be included on the list of works for consideration at the Western Villages meeting later in the week.

*Cllr Harmer and Ms Scheffers left the meeting at 7.35 pm.*

## 6.0 PLANNING ISSUES AND COMMUNICATIONS

(6.1) WA/2023/01469 – Keffolds Farm, Haslemere, GU27 1AJ  
Erection of an agricultural building following demolition of existing agricultural building

Following discussion and review of the documents it was agreed that the Parish Council had NO COMMENT regarding the application although a request should be made that the bridleway providing access to the property remain open.

(6.2) APP/R3650/W/22/3303482 - WA/2022/00029 – Lake Cottages  
Sub-division of existing dwelling to create two dwellings

Following discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council did not wish to make any further regarding the appeal application.

*Cllr McClements arrived at 7.40 pm.*

It was noted that the following discussion point related to Cllr McClements property.

(6.3) The Clerk reported that a notice of proposed tree works at Boxalls had been received but that no action was required.

## 7.0 FINANCE

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

Voucher Reference	Payee		Amount
0025	ROSPA Play Safety	Annual inspection	£111.00
0026	E. Felton	Salary & expenses	£329.60
0027	HMRC	July payment	£207.20
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£647.80</b>

(7.2) Discussion took place regarding the recent Play Area Inspection report and associated costs. It was agreed that the Clerk make arrangements for repairs as required.

(7.3) The Budget Review document for 2023-24 showing actuals for Apr – Jun was discussed. It was noted that sufficient funds exist for projects during the course of the year.

## 8.0 HIGHWAYS/VAS

(8.1) Cllr Owen advised that although it has not yet been moved, the plan is to relocate the VAS unit to Highfield Lane.

(8.2) Cllr McClements provided an update on his communications with Katie Stewart and her colleagues regarding highways issues and particularly the condition of the bridge over the A3. It was noted that there had been no response to his enquiries. Discussion took place regarding the frustrations associated with the website and lack of communication/feedback.

Cllr McClements agreed to continue communications with Katie Stewart (SCC) regarding the problems so that he could hopefully report back in due course.

(8.3) Cllr Owen agreed to remind people of the need for problems to be reported.

## **9.0 THURSLEY CLIMATE & SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE**

The Clerk agreed to contact Mr John Swift to see if he had received permission to share information from the Inter-parish group with the Parish Council.

## **10.0 NEW PARISHIONERS**

It was noted that Councillors were not aware of any new parishioners at this time.

## **11.0 CORRESPONDENCE**

(11.1) Following discussion regarding ownership of BW03, Cllr de Vries agreed to enquire with local residents.

(11.2) A query was raised about whether landowners are responsible for clearing overgrowth from footpaths and bridleways,

(11.3) Cllr de Vries agreed to contact Mr John Swift regarding the arrangements for monitoring the defibrillator at Bowlhead Green.

(11.4) Cllr Luff reported that Hammer Pond was filling up following completion of the works.

## **12.0 MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT NEXT MEETING**

- Items carried forward from above
- Rob Brian and Cllr Dailly to present at the September meeting
- A Planning Committee meeting may be required in August

The meeting closed at 8.05 pm. The date of the next meeting is **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00 pm.**

Signed ..... **5<sup>th</sup> September 2023**