

THURSLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Meeting
Wednesday 3rd April 2024 at 7.00 pm
at Thursley Village Hall

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

Also present: Cllr D. Munro (WBC) Cllr D. Harmer (SCC) – to 7.45 pm

1.0 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Cllr Dailly. These apologies were accepted.

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.

3.0 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 5th March 2024 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman.

4.0 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

(4.1) Cllr Mendelssohn confirmed that he had included reference to drone activity in his report in the magazine.

(4.2) There was no feedback from SCC regarding comments made about inefficiencies with regards to highways works. It was noted that an email had been received advising that there was resurfacing works planned on Dye House Road.

(4.3) It was confirmed that an article on Natural England had been included in the parish magazine.

(4.4) Cllr McClements advised that the contraflow at the tunnel is working but there would continue to be full closures during technology and safety testing.

(4.5) Cllr Flavell confirmed that she had submitted a response to the SCC rights of way consultation.

(4.6) Following discussion regarding security on the recreation ground, Cllr Owen agreed to speak to Mr Goble regarding repairing the gate.

(4.7) It was noted that the application to 'Your Fund Surrey' for funds to support the new audio visual equipment had been successful. The Clerk agreed to raise the invoices to the village societies contributing to the cost.

5.0 COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND BOROUGH COUNCILLOR REPORTS

(5.1) Cllr Harmer suggested that it would be appropriate for an explanation to be given to members of the public with regards to the Council Tax allocation for Adult Social Care as the bills may be misleading.

(5.2) In response to a request from Cllr Harmer regarding priority highways works, French Lane and Rutton Hill Road were discussed as well as the far end of Park Lane.

(5.3) In response to a question from a member of the public, Cllr asked about CIL funding. It was noted that no funding had been received. Discussion took place regarding use of the funding for capital projects.

(5.4) Cllr Munro reported that the Bowlhead Green postcode issue appeared to have been resolved satisfactorily.

(5.5) Cllr Munro referred to the signage on Thursley Common regarding walking of dogs – ‘Paws on paths’. It was agreed that these were necessary and noted that they had showed the name of a different nature reserve. Discussion took place regarding the inconsistent nature of the location of the signs.

(5.6) Cllr de Vries mentioned the temporary repair of the fence panels adjacent to the highway and the need for these to be properly repaired to avoid continuing problems.

(5.7) Cllr Munro made reference to the PCC elections taking place in four weeks’ time.

6.0 PLANNING ISSUES AND COMMUNICATIONS

(6.1) WA/2024/00498 & 499 – The Corner, Dye House Road, GU8 6QD
Erection of an extension to existing detached annex.

Following review of the documents, the Parish Council had NO COMMENT regarding these applications.

(6.2) WA/2024/00503– Kestrel Wood Stables, Highfield Lane, GU8 6QJ
Erection of extensions following demolition of two stable blocks and an outbuilding.

Following review of the documents, the Parish Council had NO COMMENT regarding this application.

(6.3) WA/2024/00544 – Oakenhurst, Pitch Place, GU8 6QW
Application under section 73 to remove condition 3 of WA/2023/01891 (restrictions on permitted development rights) to allow permitted development rights under classes a, b, d and e.

Following review of the documents, the Parish Council had NO COMMENT regarding this application.

(6.4) WA/2024/00573 – Holly Tree Cottage, French Lane, GU8 6NW
Erection of an outbuilding following demolition of existing outbuilding

Following review of the documents, the Parish Council had NO COMMENT regarding this application.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No members of the public were present.

It was noted that some questions had been raised by a member of the public via email and all had been answered except for the question discussed earlier in the meeting regarding CIL funding.

Discussion took place regarding a response received from Mr John Baker (SCC) regarding a water logged bridleway that was deemed not to be a priority.

7.0 FINANCE

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

001	GHS Special Projects Ltd	AV equipment	£3,931.92
002	Red Kite Conservation	Clearance works	£492.00
003	Surrey ALC	Annual subscription	£233.69
004	Waverley BC	Election costs	£203.00
005	E. Felton	Salary & expenses	£348.86
006	HMRC	March payment	£220.00
	TOTAL		£5,429.47

(7.2) The updated Fixed Assets register to include the AV equipment was approved and signed by the Chair.

8.0 HIGHWAYS/VAS

(10.1) It was noted that Cllr McClements continued to log pot holes and areas of concerns on the highways system.

(10.2) Cllr Owen agreed to investigate whether the VAS was operational.

(10.3) Cllr McClements reported that Boundless Road had been resurfaced.

(10.4) Discussion took place regarding the continuing degradation of Dye House Road and the repairs that appear to be very temporary. It was noted that having to report defects multiple times before they are deemed bad enough, is a frustrating process. Cllr McClements reported that SCC intend to carry out 'planned targeted patching' on Dye House Road shortly.

Following discussion regarding the speed bumps, Cllr Mendelsohn agreed to include these in his report for the Annual Assembly meeting.

Cllr Harmer left the meeting at 7.45 pm

9.0 THURSLEY CLIMATE & SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE

(9.1) *Cllr McClements agreed to look at arranging another litter pick* in addition to the initiative of the Coffee Pod as per the article of the village Facebook page.

(9.2) It was suggested that there are a number of climate and sustainability activities in the village including articles in the parish magazine, recycling articles, tree planting, wildflower planting etc. It was agreed that parishioners are well informed on the subject.

Following discussion, Cllr de Vries agreed to look at arranging testing of the streams. Cllr Munro suggested that she speak to the River Wey Trust.

10.0 MOWING ARRANGEMENTS 2024

Discussion took place regarding the poor condition of grass areas and debris on the road following recent mowing activity undertaken by SCC. It was noted that the mowing had only been in selected areas. The Clerk was asked to contact SCC to discuss the schedule and arrange a meeting on site to discuss the areas to be cut.

11.0 PARISH EMERGENCY PLAN

Deferred to next meeting.

12.0 VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT SCHEDULE

(12.1) Discussion took place regarding measures to stop further deterioration of the Clump. Cllr McClements offered to investigate options to protect it.

(12.2) Discussion took place regarding wildflower planting. Cllr McClements agreed to order some wildflower turf for planting along the fence adjacent to the play area. It was agreed that bulb planting by Foldsdown be reviewed in autumn.

(12.3) Cllr McClements advised that he was in the process of obtaining quotes to repair the Jubilee bench.

(12.4) Discussion took place regarding the purchase of a couple of A frame signs similar to those located in Brook to provide clear messages such as 'Please drive carefully' etc. Following discussion it was agreed not to pursue this at this time.

13.0 ANNUAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

It was noted that Cllr Owen would oversee refreshments for the event. Cllr Mendelssohn was provided with a list of societies and groups wishing to speak. All were asked to publicise the meeting.

14.0 SCC PARISH & TOWN COUNCIL COMMUNITY EMERGENCY & RESILIENCE SURVEY

It was noted that Cllr Dailly would be looking at this as part of the emergency plan project. No further communication was required at this time.

15.0 SURREY PARISH & TOWN COUNCIL BIODIVERSITY SURVEY

Following discussion, it was agreed that no further action was required at this time.

16.0 PARISH COUNCIL EMAIL ADDRESSES

It was noted that Councillors should divert their existing email address to the new gov.uk addresses and include a note to advise recipients of the change. The Clerk was asked to provide the editor of the parish magazine with an updated list for publication in the next edition.

17.0 NEW PARISHIONERS

It was suggested that there were no new parishioners at this time but some activity in the housing market may result in some new people in due course.

18.0 CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence had already been provided to Councillors at the time of receipt.

19.0 MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT NEXT MEETING

- Items carried forward from above
- Annual Financial Return

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm. The date of the next meeting is **Tuesday 7th May 2024 at 7.00 pm.**

Signed **7th May 2024**