

THURSLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday 1st March 2022 at 7.00 pm
At Thursley Village Hall

Attendees: Cllr J. Mendelssohn (Chair) Cllr H. Flavell Cllr J. Luff
Cllr R. Owen (from 7.53 pm) Cllr D. Sellars Cllr J. Swift
Mrs E. Felton (Clerk)

Also attending were: Cllr D. Harmer (SCC)

1.0 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Cllr de Vries, Cllr Jenny Else and Cllr David Else due to personal and business commitments. These apologies were accepted. It was noted that Cllr Owen may arrive late. It was further noted that a written report had been received from Cllrs Jenny and David Else for sharing with members.

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 1st February 2022 were approved by the Council to be signed by the Chairman.

4.0 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

(4.1) The Clerk reported that Mr Adrian Selby had advised that if the school sign was redundant, the Parish Council could make arrangements for it to be removed if they wished to do so. **The Clerk was asked to contact Elstead Parish Council to see if they would be interested in obtaining the sign.**

(4.2) It was noted that Peter Hunter had suggested it may be appropriate to wait until the better weather before installing the solar panels for the VAS unit.

(4.3) It was confirmed that Cllr Owen had provided cycle route options.

(4.4) As it was not known whether Cllr de Vries had spoken to WBC regarding art based options for the Platinum Jubilee celebrations, **the matter remains outstanding.**

(4.5) It was confirmed that the Clerk had written to WBC to confirm that the Parish Council had given their permission for Bamboo Bakery to operate on the recreation ground.

- (4.6) Cllr Mendelsohn reported that the day after the February Parish Council meeting, following discussion with a parishioner, the holes on the recreation ground had been filled.
- (4.7) Cllr Mendelsohn confirmed that he had spoken to Richard Bates regarding the moving and wild flowering arrangements.
- (4.8) It was confirmed that the Armed Forces Covenant end of term grant report had been uploaded to the Parish Council website. It was confirmed that a letter had been sent to the History Society to thank them for their work on this matter.

5.0 COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND BOROUGH COUNCILLOR REPORTS

- (5.1) Cllr Harmer advised that the Cabinet had passed a resolution to make changes to the way in which highways works are determined. It was noted that the paper would still need to go before the Select Committee and Full Council prior to implementation. He explained that the intention was to move away from capital decisions being made at Local Committee level. It was noted that maintenance arrangements would remain the same.
- (5.2) In response to a question from Cllr Harmer, it was confirmed that the Parish Council had responded to the recent WBC consultation.

Following receipt of a written report from Cllrs Else, the following points were noted:

- (5.3) It is believed that Waverley's latest housing supply is 4.01 years as opposed to the required five years.
- (5.4) The BT Openreach Digital Voice Internet Protocol which will involve the removal of the copper wire system will impact the local area due to frequent power outages and poor mobile phone coverage. Cllr Mendelsohn advised that Help in Thursley are in contact with Mr Jeremy Hunt MP on this matter.

Discussion took place about how this plan would affect not just the vulnerable people in the community.

Cllr Mendelsohn asked the Clerk to update the Parish Emergency plan and submit the amended version to WBC. He advised that he had received a telephone call from WBC following the recent storms.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No members of the public were in attendance.

6.0 PLANNING ISSUES AND COMMUNICATIONS

- (6.1) WA/2022/00449 – Hole Farm, Bedford Lane, GU8 6NN
Erection of extensions and alterations

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

(6.2) WA/2022/00688 & 00689 – Old Parsonage, Highfield Lane, GU8 6QQ
Installation of a flue and internal alterations to a curtilage listed outbuilding (revision of WA/2021/02175 and WA/2021/02176)

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

(6.3) It was noted that following refusal of a previous application to site one additional unit at Warren Park, there was some evidence that the area was being prepared for possible installation. **The Clerk was asked to write to the WBC Enforcement team to alert them to this matter.**

(6.4) Discussion took place regarding evidence of letting of an annexe to the main property even though the homeowner had informed WBC that it was no longer being let. **The Clerk was asked to write to the WBC Enforcement team to alert them to this matter and ask them about their policy about AirBnB lets.**

(6.5) It was noted that the WBC Planning team had advised that the validation of planning applications is now taking place within the required timeframe.

7.0 FINANCE

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

Voucher Reference	Payee		Amount
0064	Secure-a-field	Gate purchase	373.62
0065	John Swift	Expenses	6.79
0066	E. Felton	Salary & Expenses	£546.15
0067	HMRC	March payment	£95.60
	TOTAL		£1,022.16

(7.2) The Budget Review document showing actuals to end January 2022 had been provided to members in advance of the meeting. Following discussion it was agreed that the bank balance remains healthy.

(7.3) **The Clerk was asked to contact Jackbarn Construction** to request an invoice for installation of the bench on the recreation ground so that it can be paid in the current financial year.

(7.4) **Cllr Mendelssohn agreed to confirm the wording for the new plaque for the new seating area.**

8.0 HIGHWAYS/VAS

(8.1) **The Clerk was asked to obtain an update from Surrey Highways regarding the flooding on French Lane.**

(8.2) **The Clerk was asked to report the low lying telephone cable on Dye House Road.**

(8.3) It was noted that Cllr de Vries had provided information into the WBC Active Travel initiative and that this had been shared with Thomas Lankester. Discussion took place regarding the difficulties associated with the different users of the footpaths and byways.

(8.4) Discussion took place regarding the improved diversion arrangements put in place following a recent emergency tunnel closure of the southbound Hindhead tunnel.

9.0 GLOVER LANDSCAPES REVIEW

(9.1) **Following receipt of a communication regarding the Government consultation on the response to the Glover Landscapes review, it was agreed that Cllr Flavell would complete a draft response to be shared with Councillors to allow for comments to be sent to her by 15th March 2022 latest so that she can submit the agreed response within the deadline.**

(9.2) **Cllr Flavell agreed to forward the communication to Cllr Harmer.**

10.0 CLIMATE & SUSTAINABILITY

(10.1) Cllr Swift made reference to a communication he had sent to all Councillors regarding the meeting due to take place in Wonersh to which all were invited.

(10.2) Cllr Swift advised that an article had been included in the parish magazine regarding the planting of ten trees provided by SCC under their Surrey Treescapes scheme. It was noted that Peter Hanauer and Richard Bates had helped Cllr Swift with planting.

(10.3) It was suggested, following receipt of a communication earlier in the day, that a response to the delayed review of the PIR at Farnborough airport be discussed further to agree whether further communication is required after 27th March 2022.

11.0 RESPONSE TO STORM EUNICE

(11.1) Cllr Mendelssohn advised that as agreed earlier in the meeting, the parish emergency contact list would be updated. It was noted that WBC had called him the day following Storm Eunice. Following discussion **it was agreed that Cllr Mendelssohn would set up a Parish Council WhatsApp group** to ensure that in such events, contact between the different areas of the parish can be maintained.

(11.2) Following a point raised by Cllr Swift with regards to landowners being responsible for fallen trees on their land blocking roads etc, **he was asked to provide Cllr Harmer with details of such an incident on Park Lane so that he could check the status of the land with the Highways Information team.**

12.0 QUEEN'S JUBILEE ACTIVITIES

It was noted that a programme of events for the activities had been included in the March edition of the parish magazine.

13.0 FEEDBACK FROM SURREY POLICE MEETING

It was noted that Cllr Mendelssohn, Cllr Swift and the Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator for the village had attended a meeting with Surrey Police the previous week. Discussion took place regarding the procedure for investigating burglaries and the low success rate for a conviction for such crime.

Cllr Mendelssohn advised that he had been encouraged about the increased number of officers but that the service still appears to be under-resourced.

It was noted again that the public should report all incidents as part of the intelligence gathering process to inform future policing decisions.

14.0 NEW PARISHIONERS

It was confirmed that two new parishioners in Bedford Farm House had been provided with the welcome pack.

15.0 CORRESPONDENCE

(15.1) Cllr Owen reported that following receipt of an email, he had put the broken post on the recreation ground back in.

(15.2) It was noted the correspondence is shared with councillors on an on-going basis at the time of receipt.

(15.3) **The Clerk was asked to arrange for Richard Knight to replace the broken latch on the back gate into the play area.**

16.0 MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT NEXT MEETING

- Items carried forward from above

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

The date of the next meeting is **Tuesday 29th March 2022** at 7.00 pm.

Signed

29th March 2022