THURSLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Meeting
Tuesday 16th June 2026 at 7.00 pm
at Thursley Village Hall

Attendees:	Cllr J. Mendelssohn (Chair)	Cllr M. de Vries	Cllr S. O'Brien
	Cllr P. Sullivan	Cllr. Taylor-Mathews	
	Mrs E. Felton (Clerk)		
Also present:	Cllr. K. Buchanan	Cllr D. Harmer	Cllr D. Munro
	Mr M. Spencer (7.11- 7.35 pm)	Parishioners x 6	Mr & Mrs Brown
	Project Managers x 2	Planning Consultant	Mr Rowntree (from 8.29 pm)

1.0 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Cllr McClements and Cllr Flavell. These apologies were accepted.

2.0 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Mendelssohn declared an interest in agenda item 6) – planning application reference WA/2026/00959. Cllr Sullivan asked that it be noted that she sits on the WBC Planning Committee.

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 meetings held on 5th May 2026 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman.

4.0 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

(4.1) Councillors were reminded to pass their pecuniary interest forms to the Clerk asap.

(4.2) Cllr Mendelssohn advised that following the meeting with Sir Jeremy Hunt MP, the Parish Council now had named contacts at National Highways and Surrey Highways. It was suggested that Cllr Mc Clements arrange a follow-up meeting with them in September.

(4.3) It was agreed that discussion about the SFRS bike take place once it is returned. It was noted that Cllr Mendelssohn had made contact again to make arrangements.

(4.4) It was noted that following discussion at the previous meeting, work to fill additional potholes had been completed. Discussion took place regarding French Lane. Cllr Mc Clements was asked to follow-up on road markings which do not appear to have been completed.

Mike Spencer arrived at 7.11 pm.

5.0 COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLOR REPORTS

(5.1) Cllr Harmer advised that the main objective was to ensure a smooth transition by working closely with the shadow council. He referred to discussions regarding proposed structures and funding.

(5.2) Cllr Munro advised that WBC were also looking at structures as part of a consultative process. He advised that a Section 24 would shortly be in place to control expenditure.

(5.3) Cllr Buchanan reported that several local authorities who have already reorganised, have a local committee structure.

(5.4) Discussion took place regarding local planning issues and the impact on the planning department.

(5.5) Cllr Munro raised the on-going issue of conflicting messages regarding dogs on the common. It was noted that initial meets with the new Natural England Senior Reserves Manager had been positive.

Six Bowlhead Green parishioners and the applicants and planning/consultation representatives joined the meeting at 7.29 pm.

Cllr Mendelssohn asked that Mr Mike Spencer provide a quick update on the cricket pavilion activities as he needed to leave the meeting. This was agreed.

9.0 CRICKET PAVILION

(9.1) Mr Spencer advised that following a comprehensive consultation process, the planning and Section 38 applications should both be submitted by the end of the month. He advised that feedback regarding the layout etc had been taken into account and incorporated into the design. It was noted that the intention was now to rebuild the pavilion, rather than refurbish it with an aspiration to build an asset to the community. Mr Spencer explained that following a successful fund raising campaign and allocation of CIL funds from WBC, an additional £150k was required to finish the project. Discussion took place regarding fund-raising opportunities.

Mr Spencer left the meeting at 7.35 pm.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Cllr Mendelssohn explained that although the planning application for Uplands Park had not yet appeared on the WBC planning portal, the applicants, planning consultant and project managers had been invited to attend in order to outline the proposal and respond to initial questions. He summarised the planning process and the Parish Council's role, noting that formal consideration and any decision by the Council would take place once the application was available on the portal.

Cllr Mendelssohn advised that councillors had reviewed a summarised Design and Access Statement for the proposed development in advance of the meeting. The planning consultant also provided hard copies for councillors and members of the public present.

The planning consultant outlined the proposed development and the pre-application discussions undertaken to date. Members were advised that the proposal sought to deliver a building of exceptional design, with improved landscaping and a significant reduction in overall floor area; existing buildings would be demolished, except for the water tower, and the proposed car storage building was confirmed as non-commercial.

Discussion took place regarding the proposed diversion of the right of way. Mrs Brown explained that the proposed route would provide improved views and a more stable walking surface, and parishioners confirmed that the current footpath was not considered fit for purpose. It was noted that the footpath diversion would be the subject of a separate planning application and that parishioners and councillors may wish to walk the existing route to better understand the proposed improvements.

A parishioner commented that the proposed footpath route may not provide the same views of the lakes and suggested that consideration be given to enhancing the visual aspects of the route.

Cllr Mendelssohn raised traffic management as a likely concern, particularly in relation to the increased number of large vehicles that would access the site during demolition and construction, given the narrow roads and farm traffic in the area. Cllr de Vries also raised concerns about vehicular access and referred to the previous loss of broadband in the area for six weeks during lockdown after overhead cabling on the site was brought down by trees. It was suggested that overhead cabling should be considered as part of the landscaping proposals. The Project Manager confirmed that traffic management had been carefully considered and would remain a focus throughout the project in order to minimise potential disruption.

In response to a question about water supply to neighbouring properties, it was noted that pipework was being considered as part of the project and that rerouting may be required. It was confirmed that affected parties would be kept updated.

It was noted that, subject to planning approval, demolition was anticipated to commence in autumn, with building works expected to begin in spring 2027 and continue for approximately two years.

The Project Manager was asked to provide contact details to the Clerk so that these could be shared with interested parties so that dialogue on relevant matters could continue.

Cllr Mendelssohn thanked all those present for their attendance and contributions, noting that the discussion had been helpful at this stage.

He confirmed that, once the planning application was available, councillors would consider the proposal formally and submit their comments. It was agreed that continued open dialogue would help to avoid potential issues, and Mr and Mrs Brown were welcomed as new parishioners.

Cllr Sullivan, Mr & Mrs Brown, parishioners, the planning consultant and project managers left at 8.10 pm.

6.0 PLANNING ISSUES AND COMMUNICATIONS

(6.1) WA/2026/00847 – Oakenhurst, Pitch Place, GU8 6QW
Certificate of lawfulness under section 192 for erection of single storey extension; alterations to elevation and installation of a rooflight

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

(6.2) WA/2026/00959 – The Three Horseshoes, Dye House Road, GU8 6QD
Construction of decking area and pergola for outdoor seating

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 June had been presented to Councillors in advance of the meeting. These had been authorised and approved for payment as follows:

011	Lester Aldridge	Cricket Pavilion	£1,950.00
	TOTAL		**£1,950.00**
012	Chris McClements	Materials	£160.40
013	Hepburn Studio Ltd	Application stage 2	£2,557.75
014	Derek Hazlewood	Cricket ground works	£510.00
015	Zurich Insurance	Annual renewal	£1,155.34
016	Satswana	DPO renewal	£90.00
017	Martin Hlavacek	Grass cutting BHG	£40.00
018	Julian Clarke	Cricket ground rolling	£500.00
019	E. Felton	June payment	£423.42
020	HMRC	June payment	£261.31
	TOTAL		**£5,698.22**

(7.2) The Clerk reported that the internal audit of accounts for 2025-26 had been completed (*copies of the Annual Internal Audit Report had been distributed to members in advance of the meeting*). The audit report and recommendations were noted.

(7.3) The Statement of Internal Control document was approved and adopted by Councillors.

(7.4) The Review Effectiveness of Internal Audit document was reviewed and discussed by Councillors. The document was approved by Councillors and signed by the Clerk.

(7.5) Following discussion It was agreed that Maxwell & Co. be reappointed as internal auditors for the 2026-27 reporting period.

(7.6) The Annual Governance Statement 2025-26 (Section 1) was considered by members. It was resolved that the Annual Governance Statement 2025-26 be approved and signed by the Chair and Clerk.

(7.7) The Accounting Statement 2025-26 (Section 2) was considered by members. It was resolved that the Accounting Statement 2025-26 be approved and signed by the Chair and RFO.

8.0 HIGHWAYS/VAS

See 4.4 above.

9.0 CRICKET PAVILION

(9.2) Cllr Mendelssohn made reference to the report earlier in the meeting (see 9.1 above). Discussion took place regarding funding opportunities for the additional amount needed to ensure a high quality, fit for purpose building for the future.

(9.3) A concern was raised regarding use of and arrangements for the outside toilet facilities. Cllr de Vries agreed to speak to Mr Spencer on the matter.

(9.4) It was noted that the Parish Council are currently incurring costs for some restorative work to the green to bring the pitch up to match standard.

10.0 NEW PARISHIONERS

Cllr de Vries agreed to update the welcome pack.

11.0 CORRESPONDENCE

(11.1) It was noted that communications had been provided at the time of receipt.

(11.2) The Clerk advised that following receipt of the annual tree report, she had contacted a tree surgeon to obtain a quote for works to remove dead branches in the play area.

(11.3) The Clerk was asked to contact James Goble to see if he could cut the recreation ground and strim the play area.

(11.4) Discussion took place regarding the dog waste in the churchyard with possible suggestions put forward for consideration at the next PCC meeting.

12.0 MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT NEXT MEETING

- Items carried forward from above

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

The date of the next meeting is **Tuesday 14th July 2026 at 7.00 pm**.

Signed …… 14th July 2026