

THURSLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Meeting
Tuesday 2nd December 2025 at 7.00 pm
at Thursley Village Hall

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

Also present: Cllr D. Harmer (to 7.35 pm)

1.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Cllr Flavell, Cllr de Vries, Cllr Sullivan and Cllr Munro. 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 meetings held on 4th November 2025 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman.

4.0 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

(4.1) Cllr Mendelssohn advised that he had had a long conversation with a member of the CIL team at Waverley BC who had been most helpful explaining the application process and supporting documentation. It was noted that an application will be submitted before the deadline date.

(4.2) Cllr Harmer advised that he would remind the local MP's about arranging a highways meeting.

(4.3) Cllr Mendelssohn confirmed that he had included details of the pothole initiative which had been discussed at the previous meeting, in his magazine report.

5.0 BOROUGH COUNCILLOR REPORT

(5.1) Cllr Harmer advised that during the next period, the focus would be on the elections in May 2026 and making sure that the shadow council has sufficient resources to act effectively. Discussion took place regarding the operational aspects during the transition period.

It was agreed that the Cricket Pavilion agenda item be moved to this point in the meeting.

9.0 CRICKET CLUB/PAVILION

Cllr Mendelsohn provided an update on activities relating to the plans for the cricket pavilion. It was noted that the meeting which had been arranged had been well attended and had resulted in some good ideas and suggestions to move the project forward. Cllr Mendelsohn advised that there had been lots of offers of support for the proposal with financial contributions to date exceeding the initial estimate, which may reduce the amount needing to be borrowed.

Cllr Mendelsohn advised that he had completed the necessary grant application form for a charitable donation and plans were in place for further funding applications to be completed. It was noted that once formalised, there would be a need for clear governance arrangements and a procurement process to ensure value for money. Discussion took place regarding the estimated cost of borrowing the balance that may be required.

It was noted that the Parish Council would continue to own the building and a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) would manage the project with a robust lease arrangement and rigorous conditions in place to ensure that it is managed appropriately for future generations. Discussion took place regarding the trustee/governance arrangements of the CIO. It was suggested that the lease would need to have conditions included to ensure that the Parish Council are consulted on some aspects.

Following discussion, the Clerk agreed to speak to the bank to ascertain the best account available to allow the pavilion funds to be kept separate from the main Parish Council account. It was noted that the CIO would have their own banking arrangements.

Cllr Mendelsohn highlighted that letters of support for funding applications from Cllrs Harmer and Munro would be needed by Friday 12th December latest.

Cllr Harmer left at 7.35 pm.

6.0 PLANNING ISSUES AND COMMUNICATIONS

There were no new planning applications to consider or planning issues needing to be discussed.

7.0 FINANCE

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

0035	Oxenford Farm Ltd	Christmas tree	£480.00
0036	X-Net	Website hosting	£576.00
0037	RJ Playgrounds Services	Play area repairs	£1,740.00
0038	E. Felton	December payment	£371.82
0039	HMRC	December payment	£260.91
0040	G. Schofield	Refreshments	£120.39
	TOTAL		£3,549.12

- (7.2) Following discussion at the previous meeting and taking into account the budget requirements for 2026-27, Councillors agreed a 25% increase to the Precept. It was noted that the Precept had not been increased for over ten years and it will mean only a small increase to the Council Tax amount for each household. The Clerk was asked to complete the necessary forms for submission to Waverley Borough Council.
- (7.3) Following discussion, it was agreed that the Parish Council would make a contribution of £500 towards new cushions in the church, in line with other donations made to village organisations for the benefit of parishioners. It was noted that it was a Parish Council principle that donations are only made to local organisations.

8.0 HIGHWAYS/VAS

- (8.1) Cllr McClements referred to rescheduled works on French Lane and tree cutting on Highfield Lane.
- (8.2) Discussion took place regarding some minor potholes that are appearing but are not yet large enough to be reported but they will continue to be monitored.
- (8.3) It was noted that the barriers on the Hindhead tunnel had been replaced to support the ability to allow for a contraflow if required. Cllr McClements highlighted the need for the tunnel signage to be cleaned.
- (8.4) Cllr McClements advised that he was investigating solar options for the VAS unit.
- (8.5) It was noted that large trucks associated with filming in the area continue to travel through the village.
- (8.6) In response to a question regarding the installation of a ramp/steps onto the recreation ground parking area, it was noted that it was not Parish Council land.

Cllr O'Brien left the meeting at 7.55 pm. The meeting remained quorate.

10.0 NEW PARISHIONERS

It was noted that some new parishioners had already been welcomed and Cllr Mendelsohn had the contact details of new people in Pitch Place to make an introduction.

11.0 CORRESPONDENCE

Discussion took place regarding a communication received from an Elstead parishioner raising concerns regarding access to Hankley common. It was noted that this had been shared with Cllr de Vries (a previous member of HUG) and she had made contact to discuss this further. It was agreed that the Clerk should respond to show the support of the Parish Council.

12.0 MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT NEXT MEETING

- Items carried forward from above

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm.

The date of the next meeting is **Tuesday 6th January 2026 at 7.00 pm.**

Signed **6th January 2026**