

THURSLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday 4th April 2023 at 7.00 pm
at Thursley Village Hall

Attendees: Cllr J. Mendelssohn (Chair) Cllr M. de Vries Cllr H. Flavell
 Cllr J. Luff Cllr R. Owen Cllr D. Sellars
 Cllr J. Swift Mrs E. Felton (Clerk)

Cllr D. Harmer (SCC)

1.0 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

No apologies were necessary.

Cllr Mendelssohn thanked Cllr Swift for his long service on the Parish Council and Cllr Sellars for his valuable contribution.

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 7th March 2023 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman.

4.0 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

(4.1) **It was agreed that the Clerk would prepare a summary sustainability checklist for reference for future planning considerations.**

(4.2) It was noted that arrangements for the refreshments at the Annual Assembly meeting were in hand. **Cllr Owen agreed to drop the items to Cllr Swift.**

(4.3) It was confirmed that protection to the oak tree had been erected.

(4.4) **The Clerk agreed to check with Richard Knight that the commemorative bench would be installed prior to the coronation weekend.**

(4.5) **It was noted that Cllr Harmer was still in the process of identifying whether SCC or National Highways are responsible for the white lining/potholes on the bridge and slip road junction of the A3.**

(4.6) Cllr Mendelsohn reported that following on-going discussions with the WBC Environmental Health team, they plan to install CCTV cameras on Boundless Road after making contact with the landowner.

(4.7) Following discussion with the Police about the regular anti-social behaviour in the area, **Cllr Mendelsohn agreed to write to the new Borough Commander and invite him to attend a meeting.**

(4.8) The Clerk confirmed that Bamboo Bakery had provided a copy of their insurance certificate for the current year.

(4.9) It was noted that following discussion at the previous meeting regarding a complaint to SCC, the communication had not yet been sent. **The Clerk agreed to send an email to Patrick Giles.**

(4.10) It was noted that Cllr de Vries had sent the photos of the flares direct to Col. M. Ludlow.

5.0 COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND BOROUGH COUNCILLOR REPORTS

(5.1) Cllr Harmer reported that SCC now has the power to enforce motor traffic offences. In response to a question, discussion took place regarding the allocation of the funds received by SCC.

(5.2) Cllr Harmer advised that all issues should be registered on the 'Report It' section of the SCC website but as this facility is currently not available, the information can be sent to the contact centre instead. He advised that the 'Report It' facility should be available again shortly.

(5.3) Cllr Harmer highlighted the resurfacing work taking place on Thursley Road over the next few weeks.

(5.4) Cllr Harmer advised that he was involved in on-going discussions regarding community meetings in the rural areas.

(5.5) Cllr Harmer thanked Cllr Swift for his help and support during his time as a Parish Councillor.

(5.6) **It was agreed that Cllr Mendelsohn would write to Cllrs Jenny and David Else to thank them for their service to the community over the past 8-12 years.**

(5.7) Cllr Mendelsohn advised that he had been approached by two candidates for the Borough Councillor roles up for election next month for the Western Commons area, in order for them to be made aware of the concerns of local parishioners. It was noted that other candidates may be standing for the two Borough Councillor positions available.

(5.8) It was agreed that the opening of the boardwalks the previous weekend had been a success.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Following a recent enquiry on social media, It was confirmed that Hankley Common remains closed to the public and that military activity is still taking place.

Cllr de Vries advised that the equestrian community had asked her to investigate whether 'Slow – Horses' signs could be erected on Highfield Lane. She advised that the response from SCC had been that there were no funds available.

Cllr de Vries advised that she had also asked for the 'No military vehicles' signs to be reinstated and that she had been informed that these would be replaced.

It was suggested that there were funds available for replacement signs but not for new signs. It was agreed that the requests for new signs be discussed at the Western Villages meeting in autumn when funding is allocated.

Cllr Mendelssohn advised that he had been contacted by someone who had felt threatened when approached by two dog walkers and eight dogs. Discussion took place regarding the previous WBC consultation when the Parish Council had suggested that only four dogs should be walked by one person rather than two people with eight. **Cllr Mendelssohn agreed to write to WBC Environmental Health to raise the issue.**

Cllr Mendelssohn advised that he had received a communication requesting that the tree by Forge Cottage/Corner Cottage in Bowlhead Green be removed. He advised that he had contacted the WBC Tree Officer who intended to visit the site and provide a report about what work may be required. It was noted that a gardener and local residents had cleared debris following a recent branch having fallen.

6.0 PLANNING ISSUES AND COMMUNICATIONS

(6.1) WA/2023/00674 – Boxalls, The Street, GU8 6QF
Erection of a single bay garage and log store following demolition of existing single garage.

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

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:

Voucher Reference	Payee		Amount
001	John Swift	Tree initiative/expenses	£149.68
002	Mr & Mrs Ranson	Electricity supply	£100.00
003	Mr A Kostenko	Electricity supply	£100.00
004	E. Felton	Salary & Expenses	£329.60
005	HMRC	April payment	£207.20
	TOTAL		£886.48

(7.2) **The Clerk was asked to arrange for payment for the power supply to the defibrillator units in Highfield Lane and High Button.**

(7.3) It was noted that due to time constraints, the Parish Council had electronically approved the allocation of £20k from the Preserve our Reserve Funds to fund additional boardwalks on Thursley Common. It was noted that there were ongoing discussion regarding additional benches for the site.

(7.4) The purchase of a replacement oak noticeboard was agreed. It was agreed that an application for match funding be made to the SCC Members Allocation Fund as soon as the facility is available. **Cllr Harmer agreed to investigate when the funding round will be open.**

It was agreed that the redundant notice board be delivered to Cllr Swift to see if parts may be available to strengthen the same in Bowlhead Green.

(7.5) Discussion took place regarding costs for mowing in the village.

8.0 HIGHWAYS/VAS

(8.1) It was noted that there do not appear to be any planned closures of the tunnel at this time.

(8.2) Following discussion, **it was agreed that Cllr Sellars would arrange to collect the rails of the ladder used for the VAS from Nicki Bates.** Cllr Sellars advised that he would continue to change the VAS batteries.

9.0 RECREATION GROUND ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS

Discussion took place regarding the ground level in the recreation ground. **Cllr Mendelssohn agreed to speak to Peter Goble about the required works.**

10.0 SALT BIN

Following discussion, it was agreed that the salt bin be placed in High Button. **The Clerk was asked to check with SCC that the proposed location was acceptable.**

It was agreed that the stock of bags of salt be distributed between the areas of the village. **Cllr Swift agreed to make the necessary arrangements.**

11.0 THURSLEY CLIMATE & SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE

(11.1) Cllr Swift advised that following an application, he had not been successful in obtaining funding to support preparation of the Climate & Sustainability website.

(11.2) Cllr Swift advised that the next inter-parish meeting was due to take place from 10.00 am on 18th April at Wonersh Village Hall with all welcome to attend.

(11.3) Cllr Swift advised that using the balance of the tree initiative funding, an order had been placed for additional saplings and that these would be planted this week.

(11.4) Cllr Swift advised that the focus of the group was on how to help improve the local housing stock. He advised that the Petersfield Community Action Support group had lent him a thermal imaging camera and a discounted cost for a renovation expert to prepare a report was available to parishioners.

(11.5) Discussion took place regarding who would take on the Climate and Sustainability role within the Parish Council in the future. Cllr Swift advised that he intended to continue to write his articles and would be happy to submit a report if appropriate. **He agreed to ask the inter-parish group if he could continue to attend as an independent person.**

12.0 ANNUAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

It was noted that the catering arrangements are in hand. **The Clerk agreed to provide the list of organisations attending/speaking to Cllr Mendelssohn. The Clerk was asked to contact Arkadii Kostenko if he, or a Ukrainian visitor, would like to speak at the meeting.**

It was noted that Cllr Sellars would check to make sure that the projector connects to the laptop.

Cllr Mendelssohn agreed to encourage parishioners to inform the Parish Council if they are aware of vulnerable residents at the Assembly meeting and in his article in the Parish magazine. He also agreed to speak to Help in Thursley.

13.0 NEW PARISHIONERS

It was noted that there were no new parishioners at this time.

14.0 CORRESPONDENCE

(14.1) Discussion took place regarding communication methods when fibre broadband to properties is installed and no phone line is available, in light of poor mobile phone signal.

(14.2) **Cllr Owen agreed to ask his wife to be available at 10.00 am on Monday 8th May with a supply of litter picking equipment** for those parishioners wishing to volunteer as part of the coronation activities.

(14.3) In response to a question, it was noted that the planned emergency testing to mobile phones was being heavily publicised.

(14.4) Following discussion it was agreed that no response to the WBC Economic Development Strategy and Action Plan.

15.0 MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT NEXT MEETING

- Items carried forward from above

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm. The date of the next meeting is Tuesday 16th May 2023 at 7.00 pm.

Signed

16th May 2023