

THURSLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Meeting
Tuesday 4th February 2025 at 7.00 pm
at Thursley Village Hall

Attendees: Cllr R. Owen (Chair) Cllr M. de Vries Cllr. Taylor-Mathews
Mrs E. Felton (Clerk)

Also present: Cllr D. Harmer (SCC) to 7.21pm Cllr D. Munro (WBC) to 7.21 pm
Cllr J. Staunton (WBC) Ms S. Scheffers (from 7.20 pm)

1.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Cllr Dailly, Cllr Mendelssohn, Cllr Flavell and Cllr McClements. These apologies were accepted. Cllr Owen agreed to act as Chair for the meeting. It was agreed that the order of the agenda be amended to allow Cllr Harmer and Cllr Munro to provide their updates prior to leaving.

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 January 2025 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman.

4.0 COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND BOROUGH COUNCILLOR REPORTS

(4.1) Cllr Harmer advised that at a budget meeting earlier in the day at County Hall, the maximum amount of council tax increase had been agreed with 2% allocated to social care.

(4.2) Cllr Harmer asked if the Parish Councillors supported the need for a communication with Jeremy Hunt MP to raise concerns regarding Highways England and their lack of adequate signage/diversion arrangements during closures of the A3/Hindhead tunnel. Following discussion, and in light of recent incidents involving a national express coach getting stuck in Bowlhead Green, it was agreed that the Councillors supported the proposal. The Clerk was asked to email Cllr Mendelssohn and Cllr Harmer to confirm.

(4.3) Cllr Munro advised that the meeting of representatives from the local parishes and WBC had been arranged on 24th February. It was noted that Cllr Mendelssohn was due to attend but a second Parish Councillor is welcome to join him. Cllr de Vries expressed an interest in attending.

(4.4) Cllr Munro advised that WBC are due to hold their budget meeting later in the week.

(4.5) Cllr Munro highlighted the investigation into the housing department at Guildford Borough Council.

(4.6) Cllr Munro highlighted the need for homeowners to apply for an exemption for CIL payments prior to building works/extensions at their property. He advised that WBC has agreed to review this process.

(4.7) Cllr Munro advised that WBC are required to build 1,481 houses per year (over double current number) and have a land bank for five years (currently just over one year is held). He advised that the officers are currently looking at the local plan to identify suitable land to be developed.

Ms Scheffers arrived at 7.20 pm.

Cllr Harmer and Cllr Munro left at 7.21 pm.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Ms Scheffers advised that the VE day poster which had been available to Councillors in advance of the meeting required some minor amendments. There was positive feedback to the poster.

On behalf of Cllr Mendelssohn, Cllr Owen advised that the preference was for the pub to provide the celebratory fish and chips rather than a van if possible. It was noted that this was a possibility that had been discussed if the pub were not able to do it.

Discussion took place regarding payment for the band, erection of the stage and the process whereby people could register their interest in advance to provide an estimate of numbers.

5.0 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

(5.1) Cllr Harmer to provide an update at the next meeting regarding grass cutting following receipt of the correspondence sent to him by Cllr Mendelssohn.

(5.2) The Clerk confirmed that Mr Swift had stored the lights to allow for easy access if required.

(5.3) Cllr de Vries agreed to provide the Clerk with the exact location of the fence panels so that Mr John Baker can follow it up with National Highways.

(5.4) The Clerk confirmed that the village hall committee was sorting the pothole in the driveway.

(5.5) It was noted that the arrangements for raising the flag had been agreed and implemented.

(5.6) It was noted that an application to the Members grant to replace the Thor signpost would require receipt of estimate asap.

(5.7) Cllr McClements to provide an update on clearance of the trenches by Foldstown.

(5.8) It was noted that discussion had already taken place regarding the diversion arrangements on the A3 and action agreed.

6.0 PLANNING ISSUES AND COMMUNICATIONS

There were no new planning applications for consideration or any planning matters to be discussed.

7.0 FINANCE

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

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| 0051 | Mr S.K. Cruickshank | Tree works | £270.00 |
| 0052 | X-Net (Services) Ltd | Website hosting | £576.00 |
| 0053 | E. Felton | February payment | £360.67 |
| 0054 | HMRC | February payment | £228.40 |
| | TOTAL | | £1,435.07 |

8.0 HIGHWAYS/VAS

Discussion had already taken place about the diversion and signage arrangements on the A3 during closures and an action agreed.

9.0 CHURCHYARD PROJECT UPDATE

ClIr Dailly to provide an update at the next meeting.

10.0 NEW PARISHIONERS

No new parishioners were known at the time of the meeting.

11.0 CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence had been shared with Councillors in advance of the meeting.

15.0 MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT NEXT MEETING

- Items carried forward from above
- Policies
- BW 105

The meeting closed at 7.41 pm.

The date of the next meeting is **Tuesday 4th March 2025 at 7.00 pm.**

Signed 4th March 2025