

**THURSLEY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of Meeting**  
**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 7.00 pm**  
**at Thursley Village Hall**

**Attendees:** Cllr J. Mendelssohn (Chair)      Cllr C. Dailly      Cllr M. de Vries  
Cllr R. Owen      Cllr. Taylor-Mathews  
Mrs E. Felton (Clerk)

Also present: Cllr D. Harmer (SCC-to 7.20 pm)      Ms S. Scheffers (from 7.08 pm)      Mr K. Buchanan  
Ms A. Emersic (from 7.30 – 7.55 pm)

**1.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies had been received from Cllr Flavell, Cllr Mc Clements and Cllr Munro. These apologies were accepted. It was agreed that the agenda order would change to accommodate Cllr Harmer having to leave early.

**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 4<sup>th</sup> February 2025 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman.

**4.0 COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND BOROUGH COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

(4.1) Discussion took place regarding SCC's mowing arrangements and the need for improved lines of communication regarding areas to be mowed and use of appropriate machinery. Cllr Harmer noted the need to amend the appropriate strategy regarding mowing around the Church during services.

*Ms Scheffers arrived at 7.08 pm.*

Following discussion, it was agreed that the arrangements made locally for grass cutting would continue.

(4.2) Following recent traffic issues in Bowlhead Green, Cllr Harmer advised that a letter had been drafted to National Highways, highlighting the signage issues that need to be addressed during diversions to avoid such an issues.

(4.3) Discussion took place regarding the flooding issues on French Lane which have been a problem for a long time. It was noted that SCC had sent someone out to investigate soon after it had been reported.

(4.4) Cllr Harmer advised that SCC are keen to be involved in the first phase of the delegation of powers programme, therefore the intend is that there are unlikely to be county council elections this year but this continues to be discussed.

*Cllr Harmer left at 7.20 pm.*

## **5.0 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

(5.1) Cllr de Vries agreed to provide the exact location of the fence panels so that John Baker could be provided with the information.

(5.2) Cllr Mendelsohn advised that the Goble family had offered to supply and install free of charge a replacement post for the Thor sign on the Clump so quotes are no longer needed.

## **6.0 PLANNING ISSUES AND COMMUNICATIONS**

(6.1) WA/2025/00223 – Shepherds Cottage, The Lane, GU8 6QB  
Certificate of lawfulness under section 1919 for siting of a Shepherd's hut (caravan) for uses ancillary to Shepherds Cottage

Following discussion and review of the documents it was agreed that the Parish Council OBJECTED to the application. Cllr Mendelsohn agreed to draft a response for the Clerk to submit.

Planning to be continued following public question time.

*Ms A. Emersic arrived at 7.30 pm.*

### **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Cllr Mendelsohn advised that the recent communications received from Ms Emersic regarding the activity/works on the common had been shared with councillors in advance of the meeting.

Ms Emersic highlighted the issues with the materials currently being used to repair the bridleways not being suitable for equestrians, the increased mowing, digging up of heather and large trenches on the common. She suggested that the area looks more agricultural than a common. Councillors agreed that they had also received similar complaints from parishioners upset at the state of the bridleways and damage during the nesting season.

Cllr Mendelsohn advised that he had invited James Giles to the meeting but as he was not able to attend, he had spoken to him on the phone to raise the issues regarding the materials used on the bridleways, mess along the path from Foldsdown, large vehicles with their lights/beepers and the confusing messages regarding control of dogs. It was noted that Cllr Munro had raised the same concerns with Natural England and received an identical response to that which had been received by Cllr Mendelsohn previously.

Following discussion, it was agreed that improved communication to keep people updated may help. Cllr de Vries suggested a group consisting of Thursley and Elstead representatives meeting with Natural England – similar to the HUG user group, may be beneficial.

Cllr Mendelsohn agree to write to Steve Rudd regarding the points raised at the meeting and following up the suggestion of a user group.

Discussion took place regarding the possibility of the area now attracting illegal motorised activity.

*Ms Emersic left at 7.55 pm.*

Cllr Mendelsohn agreed to speak to parishioners who may remember VE Day regarding the lighting of the beacon outside the pub

It was suggested that a litter pick be arranged for Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April. Councillor Dailly agreed to coordinate this.

## 6.0 PLANNING ISSUES AND COMMUNICATIONS

(6.2) WA/2025/00254 –Cowdray Farm, Highfield Lane, GU8 6QJ  
Certificate of Lawfulness under Section 191 for resurfacing along Upper Highfield Lane to property known as Cowdray Cross, the access has been in place in excess of 10 years.

Following discussion and review of the documents it was agreed that the Parish Council had NO COMMENT regarding the application but asked that the Clerk highlight concerns regarding the proposal with regards to the track not ever being tarmacked, safety concerns, adherence to the village design statement and it currently being in the best condition it had ever been in.

(6.3) WA/2025/00305 –Hill House Farm, Highfield Lane, GU8 6QJ  
Certificate of lawfulness under section 192 for construction of incidental 'pool house' structure

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

(6.4) NMA/2025/00327 – Hammer Pond, Dye House Road, Thursley

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

## 7.0 FINANCE

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

0055	Tamsin Taylor Mathews	Christmas party entertainer	£180.00
0056	Mrs A. Diaz	VE day band deposit	£195.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£375.00</b>

0057	Thursley Village Hall	Room hire	£208.50
0058	The Cadettes	VE band	£850.00

0059	J. Mendelssohn	Flag purchase	£44.80
0060	J. Swift	Printing costs	£3.00
0061	E. Felton	March payment	£361.07
0062	HMRC	March payment	£228.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£1,695.37</b>

(7.2) The Fixed Assets list was approved.

## 8.0 POLICY APPROVAL

The Sexual Harassment policy, which had been available to Councillors in advance of the meeting, was approved.

## 9.0 HIGHWAYS/VAS/BW105

(9.1) Cllr Owen advised that Cllr McClements has the VAS equipment in hand.

(9.2) Following discussion, Cllr de Vries agreed to speak to the landowner to obtain an update regarding BW105.

## 10.0 FILMING UPDATE

Cllr Mendelssohn advised that he had attended the recent meeting to discuss local filming arrangements. It was noted that discussion had taken place regarding a filming licence rather than individual planning applications and a traffic management scheme.

## 11.0 CHURCHYARD PROJECT UPDATE

(11.1) It was agreed that Cllr Dailly would request that this be an agenda item at the appropriate time.

(11.2) Discussion took place regarding possible funding options for new pew cushions including a contribution from the Parish Council. It was suggested that Your Fund Surrey should be explored.

Cllr Dailly explained that the church group are looking at new ways of involving the community through activities such as concerts, talks etc.

Discussion took place regarding parking in the area around the church.

## 12.0 ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

(12.1) It was agreed that the format of the meeting be similar to previous years. The list of organisations to be invited to speak was agreed.

(12.2) Cllr Dailly agreed to arrange the refreshments.

(12.3) Discussion took place regarding catering arrangements for the VE event. It was agreed that Cllr Dailly and Cllr de Vries provide an update at the next meeting.

**13.0 NEW PARISHIONERS**

No new parishioners were known at the time of the meeting although it was noted that there may be several new residents by the end of the month.

**14.0 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

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

The date of the next meeting is **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025 at 7.00 pm.**

**Signed .....** **1<sup>st</sup> April 2025**