

THURSLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday 5th October 2021 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
Mrs E. Felton (Clerk)

Also attending were: Cllr D. Harmer (SCC) Cllr J. Else (WBC) Cllr D. Else (WBC)
Ms A. Olejnik

1.0 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Cllr Swift due to personal commitments. It was noted that Cllrs Jenny and David Else may arrive during the course of the meeting.

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 September 2021 were approved by the Council to be signed by the Chairman.

4.0 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

(4.1) Cllr Flavell confirmed that there were on-going discussions with PC Kat Farmer and Jeremy Hunt MP regarding concerns regarding BOAT's.

(4.2) It was noted that Mr Barry Rapley had arranged a working party to remove the rubbish at the cricket club.

(4.3) Cllr Mendelssohn reported that Mr Richard Bates had mowed the Clump as agreed at the previous meeting and a parishioner had agreed to feed the grass area.

(4.4) Cllr Mendelssohn reported that he would be making arrangements for the leaflets from SFRS to be made available for distribution in the spring.

(4.5) Cllr Owen confirmed that a litter pick had been arranged to take place during October half term.

(4.6) Cllr de Vries confirmed that she had drafted an article for the parish magazine regarding Hankley Common but was awaiting further information before passing it for inclusion.

(4.7) Cllr Mendelsohn provided an update on recent communication with representatives from Natural England regarding Hammer Pond. He reported that the work had been delayed and would not start this year as previously advised. Discussion took place regarding the assurances that had been received from the Natural England CEO and George Eustice, Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs that the work would commence on time.

Discussion took place regarding the amount of public money that had been spent since the initial flood almost nine years ago and possible implications of diesel fumes over a prolonged period.

Cllrs Jenny & David Else joined the meeting.

Cllr Mendelsohn advised that following the latest update about the work not starting, he had written again to Jeremy Hunt MP as he had previously spoken to the Secretary of State for the Environment on the matter and he was awaiting a response. **Cllr Mendelsohn agreed to provide Cllr Harmer with copies of the communications.**

(4.8) Cllr Mendelsohn advised that unfortunately the replacement bench to be installed around the oak tree on the recreation ground had been returned as it did not fit due to visible tree roots making installation difficult. It was noted that a quote was in the process of being prepared for a bespoke bench. It was agreed that the funds received from the Local Allocation Grant fund should be retained until a decision is made with regards the seating to be installed.

(4.9) It was noted that additional planning documentation had been received earlier in the day to allow for more informed discussion to take place regarding the two planning applications which it had not been possible to comment on at the previous meeting.

5.0 COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND BOROUGH COUNCILLOR REPORTS

(5.1) Cllr David Else reported that the pre-submission public consultation on the addendum to Local Plan Part 2: Site Allocations and Development Management Policies is now live and runs for six weeks until 11.59pm on Friday 12 November 2021.

(5.2) It was noted that as part of the WBC collaboration with Guildford Borough Council, there are plans to appoint a joint CEO in order to progress the merger plans.

(5.3) Cllr David Else advised that Dunsfold Park had been purchased and that WBC would be working with the new owner to discuss the planning permission for a garden village.

(5.4) It was noted that WBC intended to increase car parking charges.

(5.5) In response to a question about WBC services, Cllr Jenny Else confirmed that a total of approx. one hundred and ten services are provided by the Borough Council but the two main areas of public interest were refuse collections and planning services.

(5.6) Cllr Jenny Else advised that there was a lot of activity currently which should result in good outcomes for residents.

(5.7) Cllr Harmer advised that the WBC Enforcement team had reacted quickly to a traveller incursion in Frensham.

(5.8) Cllr Harmer advised his role on the SCC Pension Committee had required him to be in Leeds the previous week as the function of the committee was to consider how best to invest the pension funds. He provided an explanation for the location of the meeting.

(5.9) Cllr Harmer advised that staff were settling in well to the new office in Reigate although there were still people working from home.

(5.10) Cllr Harmer advised that historically this is a quiet period for the county council due to party political conferences. It was noted that there are a high number of new councillors than usual at the current time.

(5.11) Cllr Harmer advised that the Local Allocation Grant fund deadline for receipt of applications would be shortly after Christmas. It was noted that once a decision is made regarding purchase of a replacement seating area for the recreation ground, a supplemental application may be appropriate.

(5.12) Cllr de Vries raised a question about the SCC Climate Action group working with the local Parish Council Climate Change group. She made reference to the University of Surrey looking for project work for their students in this area. **Cllr Harmer agreed that following some further work on the subject, he would respond to the suggestion.**

(5.13) Cllr Mendelsohn provided an overview of the proposed Boundary Review changes which would result in a reduction of seven ward councillors within the borough. He highlighted that the proposal was for Thursley to join a ward consisting of Churt, Frensham, Tilford and Dockenfield with a suggestion that the ward be called 'Churt and Frensham'.

Cllr Mendelsohn made reference to the feedback which Cllr Swift had provided in his absence. Discussion took place regarding the shared common and close working relationship that exists with Elstead but it was suggested that even if the two villages were not in the same ward, they could continue to work together. Discussion also took place regarding that the five-village ward covering a large area but would only be covered by two ward councillors so a local perspective may be lost.

Following discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council understood and accepted the reasons for the proposed change but that they would like Thursley included in the title of the revised ward. **The Clerk was asked to respond accordingly.**

(5.14) Cllr Luff raised a question about the rainbow pedestrian crossing that had appeared in Godalming. Following discussion, it was noted that Godalming Town Council had made arrangements for it to be installed.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No public questions were raised.

6.0 PLANNING ISSUES AND COMMUNICATIONS

(6.1) WA/2021/01802 – Tilhurst, Dye House Road, GU8 6QD

Application under Section 73 to vary Condition 1 of WA/2020/1454 (approved plan numbers) to allow (alterations to elevations; roof overhang; garage roofline; conservatory fascia height and removal of skylight.

Following discussion and review of the documents Thursley Parish Council agreed to OBJECT to this application. It was agreed that a comment be prepared to show that the Parish Council were supportive of the majority of the proposed changes but the objection is due to the increased height of the garage abutting the neighbouring property on the west elevation. It was noted that if the plans for the increased height were adjusted to the original plans, the Parish Council would withdraw their objection.

(6.2) WA/2021/01375 – Tilhurst, Dye House Road, GU8 6QD
Erection of a shed for the storage of pool equipment - amendment

Following discussion and review of the documents it was agreed that the Parish Council continued to OBJECT to the application and the comments recorded to the original application remain valid. The Clerk was asked to repeat the object comments.

(6.3) WA/2021/02175 & 02176 – Old Parsonage, Highfield Lane, GU8 6QQ
Listed Building Consent for installation of a flue and internal alterations to a curtilage listed outbuilding.

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

(6.4) WA/2021/02246 – Hole Farm, Bedford Lane, GU8 6NN
Certificate of Lawfulness under Section 192 for erection of an orangery; erection of a garage/outbuilding and associated works to drive.

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

(6.5) WA/2021/02276 – Upper Ridgeway Farm, Hyde Lane, GU8 6QR
Change of use of land from agricultural to enclosed dog exercise area.

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

(6.6) WA/2021/02347 – Land adjacent to Warren Park
Construction of a replacement access bridge adjoining Warren Park

Following discussion and review of the documents online, it was agreed that the Parish Council SUPPORTED the application.

(6.7) WA/2021/01200 – Rose Cottage, The Lane, GU8 6QB
Erection of extensions and alterations following demolition of existing extension (as amplified by bat reports received 14/06/2021 and as amplified by email and amended plans received 05/07/2021)

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

(6.8) It was noted that the appeal for the Grooms House at Haybarn had been dismissed. Discussion took place regarding the enforcement process that would apply. **Cllr Mendelsohn agreed to send Cllrs Jenny and David Else a link to the inspectorate's report.**

(6.9) **The Clerk was asked to arrange a meeting with Zac Ellwood and Beth Howland-Smith to meet with the Western Villages to discuss planning matters.**

(6.10) Cllr Mendelsohn reminded Councillors of their role to advise the Planning Team of local information to allow the Borough Council to make informed decisions.

7.0 FINANCE

(7.1) It was noted that the list of payments for September and October had been authorised and approved for payment as follows:

Voucher Reference	Payee		Amount
0035	Jati Ltd	Tree bench	£1,020.00

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0036	R. Bates	Mowing Expenses	£500.00
0037	HMRC	August payment	£95.60
0038	E. Felton	Salary & Expenses	£400.79
	TOTAL		£996.39

8.0 HIGHWAYS/VAS

Cllr Sellars confirmed that the intention was to obtain feedback from parishioners regarding relocation of the VAS unit and that a leaflet drop inviting comment would take place shortly. It was noted that if there were no objections the unit could be moved later in the month.

9.0 VE COMMEMORATION ACTIVITIES

Cllr Mendelsohn advised that Mr Richard Knight had prepared the base for the new bench to be installed in front of the church in advance of its imminent delivery. He advised that the plan for the weekend of 14th November was that following a service at the war memorial he would make reference to the bench and how it was funded as appropriate. It was noted that there was also an exhibition and dinner planned in the village hall for the same weekend.

Cllrs Jenny and David Else and Ms Olejnik left the meeting at 8.46 pm.

10.0 QUEENS JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

It was noted that the Clerk had contacted the National Trust regarding lighting of a beacon but had not yet received a response.

Cllr Mendelsohn suggested that the village may want to arrange a celebration for the long weekend. Following discussion, Cllr de Vries agreed to arrange a meeting with a village hall representative and Michelle from the Three Horseshoes to discuss what may be appropriate. **Cllr Mendelsohn agreed to provide Cllr de Vries with contact details and attend the initial meeting.**

11.0 AIRCRAFT NOISE

Cllr Mendelsohn advised that the matter had been mentioned at the Western Villages meeting earlier in the day and that the Chair of Churt Parish Council had suggested a co-ordinated response. **The Clerk was asked to contact the Clerks of Frensham and Churt Parish Councils to obtain an update with regards the suggestion.**

The Clerk was asked to provide Cllr Owen with a link to the information.

The Clerk was asked to upload information regarding the airport noise and Boundary Commission consultations to the Parish Council website.

12.0 BW113 PROPOSED DIVERSION

It was noted that only a short section of BW113 was in Thursley Parish. Cllr de Vries advised that she had shared the information with the equestrian community and had received no responses.

13.0 WESTERN VILLAGES FEEDBACK

Cllr Mendelsohn and Cllr Harmer agreed that the meeting earlier in the day had been very encouraging with the majority of works requested already scheduled to take place.

14.0 CORRESPONDENCE

- Training opportunities available with Mulberry & Co
- Availability of Scam Champion training sessions

15.0 MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT NEXT MEETING

- Items carried forward from above
- Fly-tipping on Boundless – **Cllr Harmer agreed to investigate ownership of the land**

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

The date of the next meeting is **Tuesday 2nd November 2021** at 7.00 pm.

Signed

2nd November 2021