

THURSLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Meeting
Wednesday 11th June 2025 at 7.00 pm
at Thursley Village Hall

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

Also present: Cllr D. Harmer (SCC-to 7.25 pm) Cllr D. Munro (WBC to 8.06 pm)

1.0 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Cllr Mc Clements and Cllr Flavell. 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 CO-OPTION PROCESS

Cllr Mendelssohn reported that there had been two applications received for the Parish Councillor vacancies from Phoebe Sullivan and Sarah O'Brien. It was noted that Ms Sullivan was not able to attend the meeting due to family commitments but she had prepared a statement which had been shared with Councillors in advance of the meeting. Ms O'Brien provided an overview of her skills and experience as a long standing member of the village.

Ms Sullivan and Ms O'Brien were duly appointed as co-opted Parish Councillors. Cllr O'Brien joined the meeting in her new capacity.

4.0 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6th May 2025 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman.

5.0 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

(5.1) The Clerk was asked to send the Pecuniary Interest forms to those Councillors who were yet to submit their form.

(5.2) Cllr Mendelssohn provided an update on recent discussions with the cricket club regarding the condition of the pavilion and outside areas. It was agreed that as the Cricket Club representative was not present, this matter be an agenda item for the July meeting.

(5.3) It was noted that the SCC Countryside team were in communication with the landowner regarding BW 105 to enable it to reopen.

6.0 COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND BOROUGH COUNCILLOR REPORTS

(6.1) Cllr Harmer provided an update on discussions regarding delegated powers to Town and Parish Council as part of the devolution and Local Government reorganisation plan.

Cllr Harmer left at 7.25 pm.

(6.2) Cllr Munro advised that WBC are continuing enforcement action for removal of the vehicle at the entrance of Warren Park on the A3.

(6.3) Cllr Munro advised that WBC are reviewing householder applications with regards to CIL payments.

(6.4) It was noted the Cllr Munro had been elected as Deputy Mayor.

7.0 PLANNING ISSUES AND COMMUNICATIONS

(7.1) It was noted that comments had been submitted to WBC for planning application references WA/2025/0847 (Cowdray Cross) and WA/2025/0843 (Stone Barn), following agreement of Councillors electronically, in order to comply with the deadline date.

(7.2) WA/2025/0933 – Medlar Farmhouse/Kestrel Wood Stables, Highfield Lane, GU8 6QJ
Erection of extension and alterations to existing outbuilding to provide a garage.

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

(7.3) WA/2025/1094 – Oakenhurst, Pitch Place, GU8 6QW
Application under section 73 to remove condition 2 of WA/2013/1250 (restrictions on permitted development rights) to allow permitted development rights under classes A/B/C/D

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

(7.4) WA/2025/01123 – Heath Hall, Lower House Road, Bowlhead Green, GU8 6FJ
Certificate of lawfulness under section 191 in order to confirm implementation of planning permission WA/2023/01514 by excavation and formation of foundation pads

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

(7.5) Cllr Munro advised that arrangements for Councillors to call in applications to the full Planning Committee are changing.

(7.6) Cllr Munro provided details of an application for which the Planning Inspectorate had overturned the WBC Planning Committee's decision to refuse, involving eighty three homes being built in Farnham.

(7.7) Discussion took place regarding a previous suggestion regarding development of community housing in the village. It was noted that there is information regarding

Neighbourhood Development Orders on the WBC website. Cllr Munro was asked to report back on the WBC's current views on housing schemes.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No members of the public were present and no comments had been received in advance of the meeting.

Cllr Munro left at 8.06 pm.

8.0 FINANCE

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

011	N. Millard-Evans	Grass cutting	£100.00
012	Kimcell Ltd	Thursley domain	£150.00
013	Satswana	DPO service	£90.00
014	R. Knight	Tree survey	£35.00
015	J. Mendelssohn	Padlocks	£6.79
016	E. Felton	May payment	£360.67
017	HMRC	May payment	£251.42
	TOTAL		£993.88

(8.2) The Clerk reported that the internal audit of accounts for 2024-25 had been completed (*copies of the Annual Internal Audit Report had been distributed to members in advance of the meeting*). The audit report was noted.

(8.3) The Statement of Internal Control document was approved and adopted by Councillors.

(8.4) The Review Effectiveness of Internal Audit document was reviewed and discussed by Councillors. The document was approved by Councillors and signed by the Clerk.

(8.5) Following discussion It was agreed that Maxwell & Co. be reappointed as internal auditors for the 2025-26 reporting period.

(8.6) The Certificate of Exemption Certificate for 2024-25 was approved by members and signed by the RFO and Chair.

(8.7) The Annual Governance Statement 2024-25 was considered by members. It was resolved that the Annual Governance Statement 2024-25 be approved and signed by the Chair and Clerk.

(8.8) The Accounting Statement 2024-25 was considered by members. It was resolved that the Accounting Statement 2024-25 be approved and signed by the Chair and RFO.

9.0 HIGHWAYS/VAS/BW105

It was noted that the MOD had apologised for the recent movement of vehicles in the village following photographic evidence that it is still happening.

10.0 GRASS CUTTING IN BOWLHEAD GREEN

Discussion took place regarding the grass cutting arrangements around the pond in Bowlhead Green following recent communication from a parishioner. It was agreed that the current contractor who undertakes the grass cutting in areas of the village not maintained by residents, be extended to include the pond area.

11.0 CRICKET CLUB

Deferred to the July meeting to ensure a cricket club representative is in attendance.

12.0 NEW PARISHIONERS

Discussion took place regarding new parishioners.

13.0 CORRESPONDENCE

- The Clerk was asked to provide details of the Wealden Heath launch invite.
- It was noted that the annual tree survey on the recreation ground had been completed with a request made to Natural England to cut back some overgrowth into the play area.
- Cllr Mendelssohn agreed to include an article in his report for the parish magazine regarding cutting back of overgrown areas in the village.

14.0 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 15th July 2025 at 7.00 pm.**

Signed **15th July 2025**