

THURSLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Meeting

Monday 11th July 2022 at 7.00 pm
At Thursley Village Hall

Attendees: Cllr J. Mendelssohn (Chair) Cllr de Vries Cllr H. Flavell
Cllr J. Swift Mrs E. Felton (Clerk)

Also attending were: Cllr D. Harmer (SCC) – to 8.30 pm

1.0 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Cllr Owen, Cllr Sellars and Cllr Luff due to personal and business commitments. These apologies were accepted by members.

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 June 2022 were approved by the Council to be signed by the Chairman.

4.0 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

- (4.1) It was confirmed that all pecuniary interest forms have been received.
- (4.2) **It was noted that Cllr Sellars would be preparing information regarding the purchase of a projector.**
- (4.3) It was confirmed that the plaque for the bench on the recreation ground had been passed to Mr Richard Knight.
- (4.4) It was noted that a welcome pack had been passed to Mr Kostenko.
- (4.5) Cllr Swift advised that he was still awaiting a response from Surrey Highways about the meeting to discuss the flooding on French Lane.
- (4.6) It was noted that Cllr Harmer is investigating ownership of land.
- (4.7) Cllr Mendelssohn confirmed that once Cllr Jenny Else had become involved in discussions about grants, the Ukrainian matter with WBC had been resolved.
- (4.8) The Clerk confirmed that comments regarding Footpath 91 had been passed to SCC and the understanding was that costs would be allocated appropriately.

- (4.9) The Clerk confirmed that WBC had confirmed that they were using the updated version of the Village Design Statement and that they had updated the name of the document.
- (4.10) It was noted that the AGAR had been uploaded to the website.
- (4.11) Cllr Harmer advised that the tunnel closures conformed with the Inspectorate report to the Secretary of State. Discussion took place regarding the changes necessary to any future tunnel development Inspector reports.
- (4.12) **It was noted that Cllr Sellars is still to speak to Mr Peter Hunter regarding the solar panels for the VAS unit.**
- (4.13) It was noted that the Clerk had contacted Cllr David Else regarding the signage at Warren Park.
- (4.14) Cllr Mendelsohn confirmed that he had provided Cllr Luff with a copy of the welcome pack.

5.0 COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND BOROUGH COUNCILLOR REPORTS

- (5.1) Cllr Harmer reported that following approval from the Secretary of State, SCC would shortly have power for moving traffic offences with trial sites being considered. Discussion took place regarding how enforcement would work.
- (5.2) Cllr Harmer advised that SCC are entering the staff holiday period. It was noted that no meetings are scheduled for August and working from home for part of the day has been encouraged during the current hot weather.
- (5.3) Discussion took place regarding the Western Villages meeting which was due to take place on 14th July. Cllr Harmer advised that funding for highways had been impacted by inflation costs of social care for next year. Discussion took place regarding the works required at the junction of Old Portsmouth Road and Dye House Road which were due to be discussed at the Western Villages meeting.
- (5.4) Cllr Harmer highlighted that gas works will be taking place on Thursley Road in Elstead which could impact traffic levels in the village.
- (5.5) Cllr Harmer reported that Mr Adrian Selby and Mr Stuart Copping are still within the organisation.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No members of the public were present.

6.0 PLANNING ISSUES AND COMMUNICATIONS

- (6.1) It was noted that there were no planning applications for consideration.

(6.2) Discussion took place regarding concerns raised by parishioners regarding the works at The Briary. It was noted that the planning aspects were the responsibility of the WBC planning team and that the homeowner had confirmed that burning of any rubbish would be undertaken at an appropriate time and in a controlled manner.

(6.3) Cllr Mendelssohn reported that there had been some discussions regarding the erection of a garage by Church Cottages. Discussion took place regarding land ownership and the process the homeowner should follow regarding planning advice. It was noted that SCC have an agreement with WBC regarding manorial waste land so they may be able to provide the necessary information.

(6.4) Cllr Mendelssohn advised that he had been informed earlier in the day that Mr Matt Larkin was leaving Natural England that day so no further progress had been made with regards to the land swap. It was agreed that when his replacement is appointed, they will be invited to a Parish Council meeting.

(6.5) Cllr Swift provided information regarding the WBC Climate and Sustainability Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) following attendance at a recent briefing. He explained that WBC are consulting on the document and he encouraged Councillors to read it. **He agreed to provide Councillors with a link.**

(6.6) Discussion took place regarding whether Witley Park should be nominated for a WBC Design Award. **Following discussion, the Clerk was asked to contact the Witley Parish Council Clerk to see if they would consider a joint nomination as the majority of the site lies within their parish.**

7.0 FINANCE

(7.1) The list of payments for June/July were authorised and approved for payment as follows:

Voucher Reference	Payee		Amount
0033	Claire Dailly	Jubilee celebrations	645.99
0034	Satswana	GDPR annual renewal	£90.00
0035	E. Felton	Salary & Expenses	£317.08
0036	HMRC	July payment	£194.40
	TOTAL		£1,247.47

(7.2) The Budget Review document for 2022-23 showing actual to end June 2022 was discussed. It was concluded that there were no issues at this time. It was noted that the costs relating to the jubilee celebrations had been prepared and an invoice raised for the balance owed to the Parish Council.

(7.3) It was noted that a CIL application round was currently open. **Following discussion it was agreed that it be included as an agenda item for the September meeting to allow time for Cllr Flavell and Cllr Swift to consider whether applications for works to BOAT's and ROW may be appropriate.**

8.0 APPROVAL OF FIXED ASSETS REGISTER

The updated Fixed Assets register to include the beacon was approved.

9.0 THURSLEY CLIMATE & SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE

(9.1) Cllr Swift reported that although progress had been made with regards to completion of the Vision 2030 for Thursley survey, he would be sending out a reminder to encourage more people to respond. Discussion took place regarding the introduction and ways in which the importance of the survey could be highlighted.

(9.2) Cllr Swift reported that an afternoon tea was due to take place later in the week following the recent SCC Treescapes programme and that he would be attending with Cllr de Vries. It was noted that volunteers had offered to undertake the watering of the trees in Thursley.

10.0 HIGHWAYS/VAS

(10.1) It was noted that discussion had already taken place regarding tunnel closures. Cllr Swift advised that he had been in contact with Mr John Nicholson following the recent closures when the previously used diversion routes had been implemented as the arrangements appeared to have changed. It was noted that further closures are planned to commence on 15th July for works to the swift gates. Further discussion took place regarding the diversion routes during the gas works on Thursley Road. Cllr Swift agreed to continue his regular communications with Mr Nicholson.

(10.2) Discussion took place regarding 20 mph limits and 20 mph zones. **It was agreed Cllr Swift would raise the matter of support for the Twenty Plenty campaign at the Western Villages meeting later in the week.** Discussion took place regarding the communication from Mr Duncan Knox regarding the plans to introduce 20 mph speed limits in rural areas.

(10.3) Following comments received from parishioners regarding parking concerns in the village, discussion took place about the ownership of land on which people are parking. Cllr Harmer advised that parking on common ground is illegal and the Parish Council may want to consider passing a by-law to prohibit such activity. Further discussion took place regarding parking on manorial waste/unregistered land. **Cllr Harmer agreed to continue with his investigations regarding ownership of the areas of land being used as parking.**

(10.4) Cllr Harmer advised that the Boundaries Commission were consulting on proposals for how many SCC members there should be (currently x 81) to ensure that boundaries fit with Borough wards/electorate. He advised that details of the consultation will be sent to Parish Clerks.

Cllr Harmer left the meeting at 8.30 pm.

(10.5) Cllr Swift advised that he would be attending the Western Villages meeting on 14th July and had prepared a list of works to be discussed. He provided an overview of the process of preparing a consolidated list of works for the Western Villages. Discussion took place regarding the priority being the junction of Old Portsmouth Road and Dye House Road.

11.0 EV CHARGING POINTS

Cllr Swift reminded Councillors of the previous discussions that had taken place about EV charging points in the village. It was noted that the outcome of discussions had not progressed due to issues with the sites which had been identified as possible locations.

It was suggested that InstaVolt appeared to be the best provider of EV charging points with good coverage. It was noted that there are plans to install a large number of charging points in Petersfield. **Following discussion it was agreed that Cllr Swift would write to InstaVolt to provide them with an update and advise them of possible locations within the village which would require discussion with the landowners.**

12.0 FIREBREAKS/WARREN PARK

Cllr Mendelssohn advised that following a concern raised by a resident at Warren Park about overgrown shrubs and no fire break, he had met with James Giles/Natural England earlier in the day and he had agreed to cut back the overgrowth.

13.0 NATURAL ENGLAND LAND SWAP

As discussed earlier in the meeting, following the departure of the contact at Natural England who had been involved in the discussions regarding a possible land swap, the negotiations had stalled.

14.0 OPERATION LONDON BRIDGE WORKING GROUP

Cllr Mendelssohn explained that Operation London Bridge had been discussed at a recent SALC Chair's briefing as an updated version had been prepared. It was noted that SALC have not yet provided the updated version of the document.

Cllr Mendelssohn explained that the expectation was that in the event of a death of a senior member of the Royal Family, there would be protocols to be followed. He suggested a small working group consisting of himself, Rev. Hannah Moore and another person take place to agree how this might be managed in the village. Cllr de Vries agreed to be involved. **It was agreed that a meeting be arranged for early September.**

15.0 NEW PARISHIONERS

Councillors were not aware of any new parishioners.

16.0 CORRESPONDENCE

(16.1) Cllr Mendelssohn advised that he had received a communication about two vehicles driving aggressively on The Street each day. Following discussion, **Cllr de Vries agreed to speak to the equestrian community in case they were aware of the owners of the vehicles.**

(16.2) Discussion took place regarding the recent communications regarding the Farnborough Airport consultation. It was noted that there was an online survey and a meeting scheduled to take place in Tilford on 14th July. It was agreed that no further action was to be taken at this time as the Parish Council had already written to Mr Jeremy Hunt MP.

(16.3) It was noted that Cllr Sellars had advised that he would be collecting one battery for the VAS later in the week and his intention was to drop the second one off at the same time so that that could also be worked on.

17.0 MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT NEXT MEETING

- Items carried forward from above
- Play Area Inspection Report

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

The date of the next meeting is **Monday 11th July 2022** at 7.00 pm.

Signed

6th September 2022