

THURSLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday 7th February 2023 at 7.00 pm
at Thursley Village Hall

Attendees: Cllr J. Mendelssohn (Chair) Cllr de Vries Cllr J. Luff
Cllr D. Sellars Cllr J. Swift Mrs E. Felton (Clerk)

1.0 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Apologies had been received from Cllr Flavell and Cllr Owen. 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 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10th January 2023 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman.

4.0 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

(4.1) It was noted that a commemorative bench had been identified and would be ordered in due course following confirmation that an application for match funding from SCC had been successful.

(4.2) Cllr Mendelssohn said that information about the community groupings would be included in the parish magazine in April and would be covered again at the annual assembly meeting.

(4.3) **Cllr Swift advised that he would follow up on the sustainability checklist.**

(4.4) It was noted that the signage outside of Warren Park had been removed. Discussion took place regarding the increased cost to WBC when parties do not comply.

(4.5) It was noted that National Highways had confirmed that the works to improve the access/egress at Warren Park are on their current list but that they are not able to indicate when the works may take place.

5.0 COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND BOROUGH COUNCILLOR REPORTS

No Borough of County Councillors were present.

6.0 PLANNING ISSUES AND COMMUNICATIONS

(6.1) WA/2023/00091 – Warren Park, GU8 6NE

Installation upgrade of base station to the existing 24.0m high eve telecom lattice tower; proposed removal of 2No. antennas to be replaced with 2No. antennas c/w 2No. MHAs; proposed 1No. cabinet to be installed and associated ancillary works.

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

(6.2) WA/2023/00116 – Prospect Cottage, The Street, GU8 6QE

Listed Building Consent for alterations to fenestration.

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

(6.3) WA/2023/00102 – Oakenhurst, Pitch Place, GU8 6QW

Erection of a replacement dwelling and associated works together with a detached annexe/staff accommodation following demolition of dwelling, garage and annexe.

Following discussion and review of the documents it was agreed that the Parish Council had NO COMMENT regarding the application but WBC should be asked to ensure that the proposal complies with the Climate Change and Sustainability SPD and that they check the increase in size is accurate as there appears to be some inconsistency in the application documents.

(6.4) Discussion took place regarding the comments made by Cllr Flavell regarding the management of commons areas in the parish. Cllr Swift advised that under the Commons Act, the County, Borough and Parish Councils have power to act as if they were the landowner. It was noted that the County and Borough councils appear to be happy for the Parish Councils to take on this role.

Discussion took place regarding the benefits to the community and the possible use of the power which may include, for example, being able to agree parking arrangements and planting on common land.

It was noted that the registration of common/manorial land can take some time and that as agreed, following the outcome of the recent application, it may be appropriate to do the same for other areas. **It was agreed that in the meantime, Cllr Swift consider the legal position with SALC solicitors and Cllr Flavell so that a summary report can be prepared for consideration at the next meeting.**

(6.5) Cllr Swift advised that at the recent Inter-parish sustainability group meeting, at which Cllr Flavell had participated, there had been discussion about all parish councils writing to the WBC Head of Planning asking a meeting be convened so that discussion could take place about how Parish Councils can best support WBC with the SPD when considering applications. **Cllr Mendelssohn agreed to share the contact details of Kimberley Corps (WBC – temporary Head of Planning), so that a letter could be sent.**

(6.6) Cllr Mendelsohn reported that following previous discussions, he had received a call from Kimberley Corps earlier in the day to advise that following an assessment of the proposed site, the affordable housing proposal would not be feasible. It was noted that she had investigated fully and provided evidence to support this decision. It was agreed that although the basis of the decision was understood, it was disappointing that there were no suitable sites in the village.

(6.7) Discussion took place regarding the footpath access by the Mathwall site being closed. It was noted that the footpath is not shown on plans. **Cllr Swift agreed to provide Cllr Sellars with an email address for Mathwalls so that he could ask about the closure.**

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No members of the public were present and no questions had been submitted in advance.

7.0 FINANCE

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

Voucher Reference	Payee		Amount
0061	E. Felton	Salary & expenses	£352.16
0062	HMRC	February payment	£207.20
	TOTAL		£559.36

(7.2) **Cllr Swift asked the Clerk to confirm the basis of the Microsoft licence.**

8.0 HIGHWAYS

(8.1) Cllr Mendelsohn advised that Katie Stewart, SCC Executive Director for Environment, Transport & Infrastructure, along with two of her colleagues, had attended a recent Western Village meeting. He advised that he had been reassured by her commitment to ensuring her team provide a quality service. It was noted that a follow-up meeting had already been arranged for early May.

Cllr Mendelsohn advised that when he had highlighted that a group of residents had undertaken to clear a ditch which SCC had not been able to do, that this was allowed. It was suggested that it is only works on the highways which are not allowed.

(8.2) It was noted that the traffic lights in the village had been removed the day after the above meeting.

(8.3) Cllr de Vries highlighted that a parishioner had been informed several times by SCC that removal of the graffiti in the tunnel on Bedford Lane was next on the list of works but that it still had not been done. **Cllr de Vries agreed to provide copies of the correspondence to the Clerk to obtain an update.**

(8.4) Cllr Swift suggested that the Parish Council maintain a spreadsheet of works reported to SCC and that it be regularly reviewed. **The Clerk agreed to request the information from SCC.**

9.0 COMMON LAND

See (6.4) above.

10.0 THURSLEY CLIMATE & SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE

(10.1) Cllr Swift reported that in addition to the discussions at the recent Inter-parish sustainability and climate group meeting, there had also been discussion regarding CIL funds. It was noted that there is clear criteria for these funds and they must be ring-fenced for the agreed works.

(10.2) Cllr Swift advised that he had circulated the results of the Vision 2030 for Thursley survey to both SCC and WBC and received positive responses.

(10.3) Cllr Swift advised that a parishioner had kindly offered to work with him on climate and sustainability issues and following discussion they had agreed that initially they focus on a specific topic such as how to improve your home. He reported that the sustainability and climate group in Petersfield were supporting their efforts by kindly lending them a thermal imaging camera.

Cllr Swift suggested that if there was sufficient interest, a public meeting could be arranged with an expert in attendance to offer guidance.

11.0 MEMORIAL OAK/BENCH

(11.1) Following discussion regarding the siting of the memorial tree and bench on the recreation ground, Cllr Swift agreed to further investigate the purchase of a bare rooted oak tree. It was noted that due to the timing for planting the tree, it may be necessary for it to be planted in advance of the coronation weekend.

(11.2) It was agreed that the soft fixings for security of the memorial bench would be sufficient. The Clerk agreed to place an order once the outcome of the funding application was known.

12.0 CORONATION CELEBRATIONS

Cllr Mendelsohn provided an overview of the planned activities for the coronation weekend which included a lunch with similar arrangements as that for the jubilee celebration, a cricket match, and a village litter pick as part of the volunteer element. It was noted that the village hall committee were arranging an event on Saturday evening.

It was confirmed that a maximum amount of £1k had been allocated by the Parish Council for the events taking place.

It was noted that the schedule of the celebrations would be included in the parish magazine in due course.

13.0 ANNUAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

(13.1) The Clerk was asked to contact village organisations to invite them to speak at the annual assembly meeting as per previous years.

(13.2) **Following discussion it was agreed that Cllr Sellars and Cllr Owen would oversee the refreshments at the annual assembly meeting.**

14.0 NEW PARISHIONERS

It was noted that there were no new parishioners at this time.

15.0 CORRESPONDENCE

(15.1) Cllr Mendelssohn reported that the opening of the boardwalks event would take place at 11.00 am on Saturday 1st April and that Mr Jeremy Hunt MP would be in attendance along with representatives from both Parish Councils.

(15.2) **Following discussion it was agreed that Cllr Luff would contact Michael Woodhouse of Natural England to enquire whether the barriers could be moved to allow residents of Warren Park to have access to the common.**

(15.3) It was noted that Hankley Common will be closed for an extended period to allow for increased training activities and that although the bridleways will be open, the public are asked not to use them.

(15.4) It was noted that the MOD had not attended the recent follow-up meeting that had taken place following the fire although SFRS, SCC and WBC representatives had been in attendance along with Mr Jeremy Hunt MP.

(15.5) Cllr de Vries referred to the recent issue regarding the number of flares that landed in the village. It was noted that these should not be still alight when they land but that discussion had taken place with responsible parties.

(15.6) Cllr de Vries advised that it had been confirmed to her that there had been a 'No Military vehicles' sign at the A3 end of Dye House road. **The Clerk was asked to make enquiries about a replacement sign.**

(15.7) It was noted that one of the new defibrillators was operational but the second one was awaiting installation of the cabinet before it could be connected.

16.0 MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT NEXT MEETING

- Items carried forward from above

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm. The date of the next meeting is Tuesday 7th March 2023 at 7.00 pm.

Signed

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