

THURSLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday 3rd April 2018 at 7.30 pm
The Village Hall, Thursley

Attendees: Cllr J. Mendelssohn (Chair) Cllr S. Edwards Cllr T. Horwood
Cllr P. Hunter Cllr J. Luff Cllr J. Malton
Cllr J. Swift Mrs E. Felton (Clerk)

Also attending were: Cllr D. Harmer (SCC) Cllr D. Else (WBC) Cllr J. Else (WBC)
(from 7.40 pm) (from 7.40 pm)

1.0 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

No apologies had been received.

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 on 6th March 2018 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman.

4.0 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

(4.1) Cllr Hunter confirmed that Cllr J. Else would be speaking about Dementia Friendly sessions at the Annual Assembly meeting.

(4.2) Cllr Mendelssohn confirmed that SCC confirmed their intention to make good the large pot hole by Cooper Beeches in Highfield Lane.

(4.3) Cllr Mendelssohn confirmed that the school sign had been collected by SCC.

(4.4) Cllr Mendelssohn confirmed that following the previous Parish Council meeting and in consultation with Cllr Malton and Cllr Swift, a letter had been sent to WBC Planning Services regarding the Uplands Stud planning application. It was noted that Surrey Highways had now submitted their comments to the application which included an inaccurate financial cost estimate for passing places. Cllr Mendelssohn advised that a subsequent letter had been sent to WBC querying the required number and cost of passing places.

(4.5) It was noted that a letter had been received advising that the appeal hearing for Uplands Stud was to take place on 15th May 2018. Discussion took place about why the public inquiry had been changed to a hearing and site visit. Cllr David Else advised that there was still an opportunity for the Parish Council to speak.

(4.6) It was noted that the Chairman had included a reference to the need for foster carers in his report in the parish magazine. Cllr Harmer confirmed that he would provide Cllr Horwood's contact details to the relevant people so that further articles could be included.

(4.7) It was noted that SALC had suggested that discussions regarding the Parish Council undertaking their own highways maintenance works should be discussed with SCC but that there were insurance and financial implications which would need to be considered.

(4.8) Cllr Hunter advised that he had not received a response from South East Water regarding the flooding issue resulting in icy conditions on Sailors Lane. Discussion took place regarding the liability and planning/environmental implications as the understanding was that the problem was associated with the infill of a pond some years ago. **Cllr Hunter agreed to speak to Stuart Copping (SCC) to determine how the problem may be overcome.**

(4.9) **Cllr Edwards agreed to meet with Cllr Hunter to prepare a map of Hindhead Hill Farm for Highways England.**

(4.10) **The Clerk was asked to contact Richard Knight to ask that he reduce the length of the recently installed post on the recreation ground to the same as the original posts.**

(4.11) Cllr Mendelssohn confirmed that a list of key holders for the Village Hall had been passed to WBC to be used in the event of an emergency.

(4.12) It was noted that there were some issues with receipt of emails to the dedicated Thursley Parish Council email addresses which Councillors had prepared.

(4.13) Cllr Hunter confirmed that the defibrillator had been installed in Pitch Place but that it was not yet operational as the unit was currently being checked ready for use. It was confirmed that photos of the units and instructions for use would be included in the parish magazine. Cllr Hunter was thanked for his work in installing the unit.

5.0 COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND BOROUGH COUNCILLOR REPORTS

(5.1) Cllr Jenny Else advised that she was involved in Elstead with preparations for celebrations to mark the 100-year anniversary of WWI. She provided details of the arrangements which were underway including the purchase of silent soldiers.

It was noted that WBC were collating information on planned events. The Clerk advised that she had passed an email from WBC regarding the anniversary to Anthony Langdale in his role as Chairman of the History Society. Cllr Swift confirmed that the History Society were planning to mark the anniversary and that ideas were due to be discussed further at their next meeting.

(5.2) Cllr Jenny Else confirmed that the WBC Local Plan Pt 1 had been approved and that this would provide more control over developments in the borough.

(5.3) Cllr Jenny Else advised that the community meals service was working well and that the service was available in Thursley.

(5.4) Cllr Jenny Else confirmed that she had re-established herself as a Dementia Friendly Champion and was available for talks. It was noted that she would be mentioning this at the Annual Assembly meeting and that the Help in Thursley volunteers would be discussing this further at their next meeting.

(5.5) Cllr Harmer provided an overview of the arrangements for clearing and gritting of roads in the event of snow and ice. He advised that there was a list of approx. 36 farmers who were willing to be called upon to assist with road clearance in the event of snow and that roads were cleared in a priority order (P1, A, B, C). It was suggested that a local farmer may be willing to clear more than his allocated number.

Discussion took place regarding the spreading of grit during icy conditions. It was noted that no new grit bins will be installed by SCC although Parish Councils may make their own arrangements if deemed appropriate. Discussion took place regarding who would take ownership of spreading the grit in advance of the expected poor conditions.

Cllr Swift agreed to speak to the local farmer to ascertain whether he would be able to support clearance within Bowlhead Green as necessary.

(5.6) Cllr Harmer advised that he was currently not aware of the financial arrangements locally for highways works. He advised that when the situation is clear, he would call a meeting of interested parties to discuss priorities etc.

6.0 PLANNING

(6.1) WA/2018/0377 & 0378 – The Corner, Dye House Road, GU8 6QD
Erection of extension on courtyard annex following demolition of existing extension;
Removal of existing log store on main house together with internal and external alterations; installation of gate following removal of part of boundary wall.

Following review of the plans, it was agreed that the Parish Council supported the applications.

(6.2) WA/2018/2310 – Red Lion Garage application amendments

Following review of the amended plans, it was agreed that the Parish Council had no further comment regarding the application. It was noted that WBC had recommended the application for refusal and that it was due to be considered by the Central Planning Committee on 11th April.

(6.3) WA/2017/2308 – Uplands Stud

It was noted that two letters had been sent to WBC Planning Services regarding the application in light of the inaccurate comments made by the development agent and Surrey Highways. Cllr Mendelssohn advised that one letter had highlighted the inaccuracy of the suggested costs of £5k to be made available under a S106 agreement for a passing place when thirteen passing places were needed, and previous communications had suggested a cost of £12k each.

The second letter had been sent in response to the misrepresentation of Parish Council comments which the development agent had included in his letter. The inaccurate traffic survey data had also been highlighted as a concern.

CLlr David Else confirmed that if planners intended to recommend the application for approval, it would be called in for discussion at Committee level. Councillors asked that CLlr David Else recommend a site visit takes place prior to a decision being made.

CLlr Swift highlighted a response received from Surrey Hills AONB Officer supporting the application.

It was confirmed that CLlr Mendelsohn was still keen to speak on behalf of the Parish Council at the appeal hearing on 15th May for the same site. Discussion took place regarding the contravention of planning law that had not been enforced by WBC previously which had resulted in the current situation.

(6.4) WBC Local Plan Pt2 – Preferred Options Consultation

It was noted that the settlement boundaries in Thursley had been amended slightly following a previous meeting with WBC representatives.

7.0 FINANCE

(7.1) The financial overview for March/April was presented, duly authorised and cheques signed:

1008	Cancelled			
1009	P. Hunter	152.21	Expenses	31.3.18
1010	Cancelled			
1011	Invicta Law Ltd	240.00	Legal cover	
1012	Richard Knight	23.51	Maintenance works	
1013	Bill Eames Electrical	77.76	Electrical works	
1014	E. Felton	78.59	Expenses	
1015	SGS Engineering (UK) Ltd	104.39	Strimmer purchase	
TOTAL		£676.46		

(7.2) It was noted that the Clerks’ salary payment for April would be paid next month.

(7.3) Discussion took place regarding the arrangements for Councillors to access the online bank account in order for future payments to be arranged electronically. It was noted that the authorisation and sign-off arrangements would remain at the current level.

(7.4) The fixed assets for 2017-18 was agreed as an accurate record although it was confirmed that the village hall should be removed.

8.0 HIGHWAYS

(8.1) Discussion took place regarding the installation of a barrier by Rock Cottage which SCC had undertaken but which unfortunately, had been moved by motorcyclists in order to access the BOAT. It was noted that SCC had erected notices to apologise for the closure due to safety reasons and that repairs would take place in early April.

Cllr Mendelssohn advised that he was due to meet with the organiser of events and a local farmer to discuss the problems experienced by traffic using the area around Rock Cottage.

Cllr Hunter made reference to a communication which had been received from a parishioner regarding the poor condition and illegal use of BOAT's in High Button. It was noted that the suggestion was that the problem needed to be considered by the Secretary of State in order to change legislation rather resolve small, local issues.

(8.2) The Clerk was asked to confirm the attendance of Cllr Mendelssohn and Cllr Hunter at the meeting on 11th April in Shalford to discuss the traffic problems on rural roads.

(8.3) Cllr Swift advised that he would provide the Clerk with details of works required in Bowlhead Green which may be suitable for funding through the lengths man scheme.

9.0 ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

It was noted that there are several speakers at the annual assembly meeting on 19th April. **Cllr Horwood agreed to oversee the bar and crisps. It was agreed that some snacks would be supplied by Councillors. The Clerk was asked to arrange for hire of a projector. Cllr Mendelssohn agreed to speak to Clea Beechey to arrange access to the hall from 6.00 pm.**

10.0 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ETHICAL STANDARDS CONSULTATION

Following discussion, it was agreed that the Parish Council would not respond to the consultation.

11.0 CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported the following items of correspondence:

- WBC had confirmed the amounts of Compensatory Grant and Council Tax Support fund which the Parish Council would receive, and these were in line with the estimates included in the budget.
- Advice had been received that funding was available to support the preparation of Neighbourhood Plans.

Cllr Mendelssohn advised that he was due to speak to a MOD representative to discuss the use of MOD land within the parish.

12.0 MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT NEXT MEETING

- Items carried forward as above

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

Signed
next meeting is Tuesday 1st May 2018 at 7.30 pm.

Tuesday 1st May 2018Date of

