

THURSLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday 2nd April 2019 at 7.30 pm
Thursley Village Hall, Thursley

Attendees: Cllr J. Mendelssohn (Chair) Cllr S. Edwards Cllr P. Hunter
 Cllr H. Flavell Cllr J. Luff Mrs E. Felton (Clerk)

Also attending were: Cllr D. Harmer (SCC) Cllr D. Else (WBC) Cllr J. Else (WBC)from 7.45 pm

1.0 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Clerk reported that apologies had been received from Cllr Swift and Cllr Malton who were not able to attend due to personal commitments. These apologies were accepted by those present.

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 5th March 2019 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman.

4.0 ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

(4.1) Cllr Hunter agreed to write to Highways England to obtain a date for the access/egress works at Warren Park to take place.

(4.2) It was noted that Cllr Swift had met with the owner of the spray booth in Bowlhead Green. It was agreed that no communication with the Health & Safety Executive was appropriate at this time.

(4.3) Cllr Mendelssohn reported that following communication with three properties to query the increased level of activity within their boundaries, all had responded with plausible explanations. It was agreed that no further action is required at this time.

(4.4) Discussion took place regarding the redundant items that are now surplus to requirement following the electrical installation of the defibrillator unit in Pitch Place. **The Clerk was asked to contact the Western Villages Clerks to see if they would be interested in purchasing them. Cllr Hunter agreed to prepare a short note explaining their use/purpose.**

(4.5) Cllr Mendelssohn reported that a parishioner had raised a concern about a tree on The Lane which was leaning over and would cause damage if it fell. He advised that he had made enquiries and had contacted the executor of the property on which the tree was

located to alert them to the concern. It was agreed that it was a matter for the parishioner and executor to resolve and if necessary, they should request advice from Arno Spaarkoge, the Tree Officer at Waverley Borough Council.

Cllr Harmer agreed to see if there was a guidance paper on tree liabilities which he would share with Councillors.

(4.6) Cllr Mendelsohn reported that Cllr Swift had spoken to the landowner regarding the overhanging tree in Bowlhead Green who had advised that no action was necessary. **It was noted that Cllr Swift intended to follow up these discussions with the landowner in writing.**

(4.7) It was noted that Natural England had appointed a Project Manager for the required works to reinstate Hammer Pond and that a timeline would be made available.

(4.8) Discussion took place regarding the application for funding from SSE to remove the overhead power cables over the Clump. **Cllr Edwards agreed to forward a copy of a previous application to Cllr Flavell for reference.** It was noted that it may not be possible to move the cables underground due to voltage/ventilation issues.

(4.9) The Clerk confirmed that the Surrey Fire and Rescue Service (SF&RS) information was on the website.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No members of the public were present.

5.0 COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORTS

(5.1) Cllr Harmer advised that he had attended a meeting at which SF&RS had made a presentation. He advised that the Firewise initiative in Thursley had been mentioned as part of the presentation. It was noted that this had been rebranded.

(5.2) Cllr Harmer confirmed that SCC owned Homefield road. It was noted that a Homefield resident was resolving the issue with regards a broken manhole cover. **Cllr Hunter agreed to speak with them to obtain an update.**

(5.3) Cllr Jenny Else advised that WBC Councillors were in the purdah period but that they were still available to support their communities.

(5.4) Cllr Jenny Else advised that the NHS 111 service had been taken over by Care UK.

(5.5) Cllr Harmer advised that the Farnham Road from Elstead to Farnham would be closed for road works from 9th April in advance of the Tilford Bridge works taking place soon after.

6.0 PLANNING

(6.1) WA/2019/0375 – Devil’s Punchbowl Café, Hindhead
Erection of extension and alternations

Following review of the plans and documents, it was resolved that although the Parish Council had no objection to the proposal, a comment should be made to WBC to highlight that the applicants had not provided an explanation as to why they had entered a positive response to 1.2 a) and b) on the Biodiversity checklist.

(6.2) It was noted that the recent retrospective planning application for the Grooms house at Haybarn had been deemed invalid by WBC.

7.0 FINANCE

(7.1) The following list of payments for March/April was presented, duly authorised and approved for payment:

| Payee | | Amount |
|----------------|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Village Hall | Room hire | £208.50 |
| DJK Electrical | Defibrillator works | £411.34 |
| John Swift | Mower and expenses | £205.78 |
| Richard Bates | Mowing insurance | £125.87 |
| Peter Hunter | Defibrillator materials | £39.48 |
| Defibshop | Defibrillator batteries x 3 | £468.00 |
| SSALC | Annual subscription | £203.00 |
| E. Felton | Expenses | £153.96 |
| A. Kostenko | Defib. Electrical expenses | £66.00 |
| TOTAL | | £1,881.93 |

(7.2) It was noted that four payments had been approved by Councillors for payment outside of the meeting.

(7.3) The Clerk advised that the defibrillator unit for Pitch Place remained at its current value on the Fixed Assets list at present. She advised that the list had been updated following the recent purchase of a mower for Bowlhead Green.

The Fixed Assets register was approved by Councillors.

(7.4) **Cllr Hunter agreed to draft a letter to Mr A. Kostenko to thank him for his support in providing an electrical supply.**

8.0 HIGHWAYS

(8.1) It was noted that there had been several enquiries regarding the de-forestation that was taking place on the A3. It was suggested that it may be part of a fire prevention programme or forestry management. **Cllr Hunter agreed to investigate and advise.**

(8.2) Cllr Mendelsohn advised that he had met with Mr Adrian Selby (SCC) to discuss the locations of the mobile VAS. It was noted that Mr Selby had approved the repositioning of the poles from two existing redundant road signs to the proposed locations for the VAS.

The Clerk was asked to contact Richard Knight to request that he make contact with Cllr Mendelsohn to undertake the work.

It was noted that the two volunteer VAS operators were due to attend training on 20th May.

9.0 BYWAYS

Cllr Flavell provided an overview of the communications and meetings that she had had with SCC, the Forestry Commission, the Police and National Trust to try and resolve the problem of motor vehicles/bikes accessing the byways. It was noted that the Forestry Commission had been very helpful and provided new signs notifying riders of liability etc. and that the National Trust had advised that they would do something similar. She reported that SCC were not able to help and that the Police had asked for a pattern of behaviour before they could attend.

Cllr Flavell highlighted the dangerous nature of the area and the areas from which riders were travelling in order to access the byways due to other authorities having appropriate TRO's in place.

Following discussion, **Cllr Flavell agreed to prepare a summary of her discussions and send a request for action to be taken to her contact at SCC Countryside Team with a copy to Cllr Mendelsohn, Cllr Harmer, Cllr D. Else and Cllr J. Else.**

10.0 THE CLUMP

Cllr Edwards referenced the proposal document which he had circulated to Councillors in advance of the meeting which included five options to resolve the problem of erosion of the Clump.

Cllr Mendelsohn reported that at his meeting with Adrian Selby, he had suggested that conservation kerbs be installed high up on the corners with reflector posts above. It was noted that this would cost approx. £5-6k for all three corners. It was suggested that it may be possible to install one corner as a trial before committing to the total costs. Cllr Harmer advised that funding could be bid for from the Western Villages group. It was suggested that Councillors would need to see a sample of a conservation kerb before proceeding with this proposal.

Cllr Harmer suggested that it may be feasible to install bargate stone, set back a little way from the road, on the south side of the Clump towards The Street. **Cllr Mendelsohn agreed to speak to Adrian Selby to see if this was possible.**

Cllr Hunter suggested that oak finger posts/signs be installed to act as a deterrent and also provide signage to the A3 to avoid vehicles cutting the corner of the Clump from The Street by turning right from the left-hand side.

Cllr Mendelsohn and Cllr Hunter agreed to make further investigations.

11.0 RECREATION GROUND

(11.1) Cllr Mendelsohn advised that following a discussion with Mr James Giles (Natural England) regarding the new parking arrangements at The Moat, he had received artwork for a RINGO parking arrangement on Thursley Recreation Ground (a copy of which was shown to Councillors). It was noted that this had not been requested and that the Parish Council had not agreed to any process for charging for parking on the site. It was noted that that payments were donations but the sign included parking rates.

(11.2) Cllr Jenny Else asked Councillors if they had put forward Thursley Recreation Ground as a free from dogs' area. This was confirmed. Cllr Jenny Else provided signs to be used for this purpose.

(11.3) Discussion took place regarding the use of the zip wire and swings on the play area by people over twelve years of age. It was suggested that activity on the recreation ground will increase during the summer period to include BBQ's which are not allowed. Councillors were asked to have a quiet word if they see the facilities being misused.

(11.4) It was noted that there have been recent incidents of joy riders on the recreation ground after dark. It was suggested that the lower barrier could be closed as and when required.

12.0 COMMUNITY LED HOUSING

Cllr Mendelsohn reported that following initial discussions regarding community led housing in Thursley, he intended to raise the concept again at the assembly meeting later in the month to get feedback from parishioners.

Discussion took place regarding the ability to set criteria as to how the housing could be let and who should be allowed to live there. It was noted that this was not a Parish Council led project and required community involvement.

It was agreed that as the Parish Council recognise the need, Cllr Mendelsohn should provide facts regarding community led housing at the assembly meeting so that comments can be covered when considering further.

13.0 ANNUAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

Cllr Mendelsohn confirmed that Cllr Swift was arranging the refreshments for the meeting. He advised that he would provide the projector and laptop. It was noted that 6-7 village societies would be speaking along with SF&RS. **The Clerk was asked to email those parishioners on the Parish Council email distribution list. Councillors were asked to encourage parishioners to attend.**

Discussion took place regarding the meeting taking place within the purdah period.

14.0 BOROUGH AND PARISH ELECTIONS

It was noted that the deadline for receipt of applications was 4.00 pm on 3rd April 2019 and that it would be known whether an election was necessary the following day.

15.0 CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS

- The Clerk reported that the National Trust had agreed to provide a new linking footpath on their land and that SCC had asked for comments by 12th April 2019. It was agreed that no comment were needed.

17.0 MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT NEXT MEETING

- Items carried forward from above

The meeting closed at 9.45 pm.

The date of the next meeting is Tuesday 14th May 2019 at 7.30 pm.

Signed

14th May 2019

