

# Thurloxtton Parish Council.

## Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2024 at 7.30pm in Thurloxtton Village Hall

### Present:

H Coombs (Chair)  
A Hooper (Vice Chair)  
A Quick  
J Trott  
P Mackay  
H Barrington (Clerk)  
B Revans (SC)

Members of the public present: Mr C Trott

**Public Session:** no issues were raised.

- 1. Apologies:** A Bradford (SC).
- 2. Minutes** of the meeting held on 16th May 2024 were agreed and duly signed, proposed by A Hooper, seconded by A Quick.
- 3. Matters arising:** P Mackay and A Hooper are still trying to source some plastic pallets for the grit bins.

### 4. Planning Applications:

- none

### 5. Finance

#### Bank balance

	Income	Expenditure
Opening Balance £10023.78 as at 16/5/24		
Clear Insurance		£327.41
D Lock work May		£156.00
Clerk's salary		£471.96
HMRC refund	£6.65	
D Lock work June		£117.00
Closing balance £8958.06 as at 11/7/24		

#### Payments:

**Income:** A refund of £6.65 (includes £0.05 interest) for the overpayment of HMRC deductions for the financial year ended 5/4/24 has been received.

**Payments:** Payments have been made to Clear Insurance £327.41, D Lock for work in May £156.00 and work in June £117, Clerk's salary £471.96.

**Payments due:** Invoice from WEL Medical for replacement defibrillator pads £79.08 proposed by H Coombs, seconded by J Trott.

## **6. Highways and Footpath issues:**

### **Highway issues:**

The pothole at the junction of Boez Lane/Mill Lane was reported and has been repaired. Surface dressing of Balls Lane is scheduled for 7<sup>th</sup> August, and A38 Taunton Road planned 1<sup>st</sup> September (see Highways maintenance programme produced for Hestercombe LCN working group).

A. Hooper will get the visibility splays cut back.

**Horserider warning signs update:** update was received from K Tyson (Highways) on 25/6/24. New Contractor is making good headway with their outstanding jobs and she has asked them to prioritise the horse rider warning signs (see Highways Maintenance programme-list of Traffic Management Schemes as above).

### **Footpath issues: none**

## **7. Lengthsman Scheme:**

Mr Lock continues to cut the grass regularly and keep the drains clear of debris.

## **8. Village Hall:**

The village hall committee meeting is next week and their finances remain in a good position. A Quick was thanked for providing the venue for the recent barn dance which was very successful.

## **9 . Book Exchange:**

The book exchange has been cleared out and more donations sent to Dr Barnardos. Having touched up the paint work on the door, Pete Greenslade has said it really needs completely repainting which he will do in his own time and at his own expense. It was agreed that the parish council should offer to reimburse him for the specialist paint/brushes etc. that would be needed.

## **10. Website:**

The new website [thurloxtonparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://thurloxtonparishcouncil.gov.uk) is at the test/development stage and the clerk is gradually building up the information on the website. Whilst we do not have a live website, A Quick has very kindly allowed us to publish the AGAR documents on the farm website at [thurloxton.com/parishcouncil](http://thurloxton.com/parishcouncil).

The clerk's new email address will be [clerk@thurloxtonparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@thurloxtonparishcouncil.gov.uk) once the website goes live, and she will advise the councillors once she switches over. It is recommended that each councillor should also have an email address linked to the parish council website to give control and appropriate security over the account, so it may be something to consider going forward.

We have already paid the charge for the gov.uk domain name but we will shortly be invoiced for the economy package for hosting/managing and providing support for the website at a cost of £13 per month + VAT £2.60= £15.60, annual cost £156 + VAT 31.20=£187.20 per year, proposed by P Mackay, seconded by A Quick.

## **11. Defibrillator:**

The defibrillator pads are due to be replaced within the next 3 months and will be ordered (see Finance).

**12. Local Community Network Update:**

The Chairman gave a report on the last Hestercombe LCN meeting which was the AGM held on 19th June at Broomfield Village Hall. Each parish has been asked to compile a list of any businesses within their parish and to bring that information to the next LCN meeting on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September. Although no one was available to attend the Highways working group on 9<sup>th</sup> July, it was agreed that the Highways Maintenance programme that has been circulated is a very useful source of information.

**13, Councillor Training:**

It was agreed that in order to be compliant with the Code of Conduct the councillors would endeavour to attend the SALC event: The Code of Conduct Explained. This is a one hour course which costs £25 per person. The Clerk will send through the next available dates when SALC release them.

**14. Matters of report and items for the next meeting:** horserider warning signs update, , councillor training.

**15. Date of next meeting:** Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 7.56pm

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