

# Thurloxtton Parish Council

## Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September 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:** There were no issues raised.

**1. Apologies:** A Bradford (SC)

**2. Minutes** of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2024 were agreed and duly signed, proposed by A Quick, seconded by A Hooper.

**3. Matters arising from last meeting:** none.

### **4. Planning Applications:**

- **48/24/00001** Mr & Mrs Greenslade, 53 Knutscroft Lane, Thurloxtton. Erection of single storey rear South extension, removal of flat roof above existing extension and formation of pitched roof.

After reference to the material planning considerations the planning application was supported by all the councillors, because the design of the proposed extension with reference to the green sedum roof and water butt for the management of rainwater run-off is a positive response to the projected localised impact of climate change. The Clerk will submit the planning comments as above.

### **5. Finance**

#### **Bank balance:**

	Income	Expenditure
Opening Balance £8958.06 as at 11/7/24		
WEL Medical		£79.08
D Lock work July		£104.00
D Lock work August		£104.00
Closing balance £8670.98 as at 12/9/24		

**Payments:** Payments have been made to WEL Medical-replacement defib pads £79.08, D Lock for work in July £104.00 and work in August £104,

**Payments due:** SALC affiliation fee £47.90 proposed by H Coombs, seconded by P Mackay.

The Clerk presented her timesheet for May-August 46.5hrs x £12.42 = £577.53, proposed by H Coombs, seconded by A Quick.

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

### **Highway issues:**

The horse rider warning signs have been installed in the village.

### **Enhanced Highways Maintenance Pilot:**

The Enhanced Highways Maintenance Pilot was discussed but it was felt that our Lengthsman Scheme was providing the best value for the parish.

There have been concerns raised by residents of Knotcroft Lane about the visibility coming out onto A38 as the central reservation of the dual carriageway has not yet been cut back. The Clerk has reported the situation to Highways; it has been classed as not urgent but still needing attention and will be addressed as part of planned maintenance.

Potholes: the repairs to the potholes on the junction of Boez Lane and Mill Lane are deteriorating so the Clerk will submit another report.

**Footpath issues:** none reported.

## **7. Lengthsman Scheme:**

The Clerk will ask the Lengthsman to prioritise drain clearance, which is so important at this time of year.

## **8. Village Hall:**

H Coombs attended the last village hall meeting and finances are in a good position post covid, with income from lettings covering the costs. The resin work done in the yard has been very successful.

Quizes are proving very popular and more are planned in the future. The harvest supper will take place on 4<sup>th</sup> October. The regular Soups and Puds events will take place from 24<sup>th</sup> January onwards.

## **9 . Book Exchange:**

The book exchange is being well used. The Clerk has not yet received an invoice from Mr Greenslade for the re-painting and A Hooper will chase it up.

## **10. Website:**

The Clerk reported that she is progressing well with the setting up of the website: planning applications, waste newsletter, photos of amenities eg book exchange, defibrillator have been posted to the website. Any other parish photos would be welcome. The website should be ready to go live soon.

## **11. Hestercombe LCN update:**

H Coombs reported that two working groups have been set up within the Hestercombe LCN: one for Highways, the other to address the provision for young people. We were asked at the last LCN meeting to provide a list of businesses in the parish with whom the LCN could connect for support. Although there are many small businesses within the parish it was felt there were none of sufficient size to be interested in getting involved. The next LCN meeting is on 19<sup>th</sup> September which H Coombs is available to attend.

**12. Councillor Training:**

We are waiting for the new dates from SALC for the code of conduct training. The session can take up to 1.5 hours .

**13. Clerk's contract of employment:**

The Clerk distributed copies of the NALC template contract along with the guidance notes for the councillors to study and it will be discussed further at the next meeting.

**14. Matters of report and items for the next meeting:**

Clerk's contract of employment, grit bins.

**15. Date of next meeting:** Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 7.55pm

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