

Thorncombe Village Trust

Minutes of a committee meeting held at 7.30 pm on Tuesday the 26th February 2008 in the Community Room of the Thorncombe Village Hall

Present: Linda Timms (Chairman), John Dalziel, Terry Bennett, Rachael & John Whitbread, Tony Smith. Sheila Moreland (Trust Member)

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<p>1: Apologies received from Ruth Jacobson</p> <p>2: Minutes of meeting held on the 29th January 2008: Amendments made & were recorded by the chairman.</p> <p>3: Matters Arising:</p> <p>a) Thorncombe Local History Group – Tony Smith reported:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Recent meeting (Making the Thorncombe Landscape) was well attended (27) & showed an encouraging level of interest in the group’s activities. 2. A short walk is being organised to be lead by TS, on 11th May, exploring aspects of Thorncombe’s geological past. 3. The Workhouse Letters Project will be the focus of a meeting to be held on 29th March organised by Eve Higgs 4. Canon Claude Rutter will be giving a talk entitled ‘The Cistercians at Forde Abbey’ on 20th June. 5. It should be noted that greater details relating to the TLHG is to be found in their newsletter. Copies of which are available from TS and will also be posted on the TVT website. 6. The committee congratulated all those involved in TLHG on the range & quality of the activities they have been responsible for. <p>b)Parish Plan -Terry Bennett reported</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The annual Parish Meeting in May will include a presentation on the plan & ways forward. 2. Given that parish plans, will amongst other possibilities, protect its community from unsuitable development it is important that TVT encourage parishioners to make a contribution to such a plan’s creation. <p>c) Members Meetings Programme 2008-09 – John Dalziel reported</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The member’s card has been sent to the printers and proofs are expected imminently. 2. The AGM quiz needs to be organised and the committee are asked to bring ideas to the next meeting. <p>d) President – Linda Timms reported Sheila Moreland has accepted the committee’s proposal in principle and will feel honoured to accept this post in memory of Peter. A formal proposal will be made at the AGM.</p>	<p>Committee</p>

e) Quarry Meeting – Linda Timms reported

1. A parking space on Headstock Lane is a possibility confirmed by Joy Wallis (DWT) given that the land suitable for this purpose is owned by Dorset County Council.
2. Grant Application: the processes involved in making such an application will delay certain aspects of developing the reserve until 2008. However it seemed that volunteers will be able to work on gorse clearance etc. in the meantime.
3. Land ownership: It is likely that an open meeting will be called to invite the formation of an appropriate committee. A clear understanding of this issue has yet to emerge.
4. The issue of the statutory obligations that the quarry company towards the cessation of quarrying needs to be researched. A letter to the district councillor from the trust seeking clarification is to be sent.

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f) TVT Website – John Whitbread reported

1. The committee wanted clarification on certain issues, namely:
 - a) How complete is the TVT's control of the content & organisation of this website within its current parish website location?
 - b) What access does a search engine such as Goggle give to the TVT site?
 - c) How immediate is the updating of the site through the webmaster?
2. These issues maybe resolved by inviting Mike Carr to attend a meeting and give his expert opinion.

JW

4. Finances

The Treasurer presented a financial report as at the 26th February 2008. The following is a summary of that report.

Income: Nil	Expenditure: Nil
Current Account	£ 997. 78
Nationwide Building Soc.	4361.20
	Total Assets 5358.98
Alliance & Leicester Shares	1387.50

5. What position should the TVT adopt in response to a parishioners request to the parish council to support installation of street lighting in Thorncombe?

Reservations : Light pollution / financial implications. TB to write to TPC.

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6: March Members Meeting: “Mary Anning – Fossil Pioneer”– Allocation of duties

Kitchen ; Betty Cox (+ A.N. Other)
Raffle: Rachael / Terry
Noticeboard ; John (include nest box & TLHG newsletter)

7. Parish Council Meeting. Linda Timms reported:

- Attended by 8 parishioners
- Shrub planting on 'new' cemetery land to be done
- Village shop: change of ownership etc. still an on-going matter

- Allotments: George Eyre has given permission for land at Turnpike (approx. 4 allotments) to be used. Additional land may be available behind the small stone building opposite this land.

A.O.B

8. Nest Boxes: John Whitbread reported

- He had given school assemble on the use of nest boxes at St. Mary's Primary Thorncombe
- He had fixed a nest box, given by the TVT, in the school grounds.
- The committee expressed support for the sale of nest boxes made by JW at Trust Events at an agreed price £9. A donation of £4.50 would be made to the Trust funds)

9. Footpaths: Linda Timms reported

- Any problems encountered should be notified to her and she will contact the county 'Rights of Way' Officer.

10. Committee Membership: Linda Timms reported:

- Tony Ford has written to offer his resignation, explaining that other commitments made it impossible to attend committee meetings. He expressed his willingness to be involved in occasional 'work projects' such as tree planting, pruning etc. The committee accepted his resignation and express their appreciation of his offer of involvement in future projects.

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10: Date and Venue of Next Meeting - Tuesday the 25th March 2008 at 7.30 pm in the Community Room of the Village Hall

Signed.....Chairman Date.....

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