

Thorncombe Village Trust

Minutes of a committee meeting held in Thorncombe Village Hall on Wednesday, 29th May 2013.

Present:

Sheila Moreland (President); John Whitbread (Chair); Lynn Kinsey (Treasurer); Mark Shelley; Rachael Whitbread.

Minutes : **(MS)**

Apologies for absence

(RJ) and **(EH)**.

Minutes of meeting held on 30 April 2013

Approved and signed by Chair. **(JW)** noted that these will be available on the TVT website in the near future.

Democratic period for Trust members

(JW) stated that a memo on the Village Hall informing people of the Committee meeting, may bring other TVT members to the meeting.

Matters arising

- Report on Bluebell Walk

(JW) 11 people attended the walk. Enjoyed by all and **(RW)** photos are on website.

- Tree maintenance in Gribb View.

(JW) reported that the memorial tree at the end of Gribb View, although had been damaged in the past, was healthy and worth saving. Will have maintenance carried out in the autumn.

- Village Hall hedge

(JW) Village Hall Committee thanked the TVT for the sponsoring of the new hedge. TVT were asked if wanted to support the replacement of a which needs replacing. Declined initially but may fit in with other TVT plans.

- TVT Village Walks format

(Committee) The TVT Committee discussed changing the format of TVT Village Walks. A change had been suggested that a walk could start or finish at a local pub. It was felt by all that this may put people in an awkward position regarding finances/alcohol/children. It was unanimously agreed that the walks stay as is. A walk involving a pub will still be considered in the future plans.

- Annual Thorncombe Parish Council Meeting

(JW) a) The TPC announced that a total revamp of the TPC website was needed.

b) More young people to be involved with the TPC.

c) Crime was reported to be down by 30%, which made Thorncombe Parish a very low risk area, and not a major consideration for Dorset Police.

d) Speeding, although not a major issue, the consideration as to a speed limit could be made. A police speed check was unlikely to be carried out due to lack of clear road length available.

e) Faster broadband internet would still take time coming to the Parish, due to location within Dorset, although there may be benefits when it arrives in south Somerset.

- f) Hedge cutting would only be done to a certain height due to sub-contracting and health & safety restrictions.
- g) Social housing will be let through a contracted clearing agency, who would comply with the 106 Agreement.

Report on TVT AGM and Members Meeting

(MS) The meeting went extremely well, seemed to be enjoyed by all (the wine helped!). Good comments from a lot of people. **(RW)** Had been making notes as to comments about the film/stills regarding bits of info of people in the film. **(RW)** and **(SM)** stated that the still picture Q and A was particularly well received.

Plant Sale

(RW) and **(LK)** Very successful, both in numbers attending (weather helped) and monies made. No problems encountered. Stall holders happy with trade. Wood turner Bob Selway products were well received and will be asked to attend again.
A large jump in amount taken from last year, total net £439.86 up by £130 from 2012.

Trust membership

(RW) 6 new members made, a few not renewing or leaving the area. Postal renewals now sent out.

Planning Applications

(JW) An application for modifications to a building in Hewood has been suspended pending an inspection, as this is a listed building.

(JW) An application has been made by the owners at 'Wooster', Chard St to divert the public footpath at the rear. There is considerable interest in this, and it was felt that a sub-committee be made up from several members of the TVT, to look into the matter. It was felt that the TVT could not publically comment on this application until the sub-committee had reported back. Correct maps from **(JW)** and a bullet point comments paper from **(LK)** outlining the facts were used to consider the matter.

Finance Report

(LK) See separate Financial Report.

Parish Council Report

(JW) Not available at this time.

AOB

- a) **(JW)** Dorset Wildlife Trust. A request from them for financial support for a project in the far east of Dorset. All agreed not to support a project so far away from the Parish, but will consider any nearby.
- b) **(JW)** Open Farm Pollination Survey, the organic farm at Hewood was requesting help with this day 9th June. Very little info or organisation as to what was required. Suggested they consider DWT. Individuals may want to lend a hand.
- c) **(JW)** Death of John Dalziel. A sad occasion for the TVT, a long standing member and highly valued committee member. Had been with the TVT from the early days. It was felt that in conjunction with the request from the Village Hall committee to sponsor a new tree in the hedge line outside the hall, that with approval of Vivienne Dalziel, it would be a fitting tribute to John, to plant a memorial tree there. All agreed to the idea.
- d) **(MS)** Would attend the next Parish Council meeting.

Date & venue of the next meeting

TBA