

## **Minutes of the Monxton Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 09th January 2024, 7.30pm at Thruxton Village Hall**

Present: Cllr Mike Cleugh – Chairman  
Cllr Hugh Corroon- vice chair  
Cllr Rupert Staines  
Cllr Camilla Elwell  
HCC Chris Donnelly  
Heather Bourner – Parish Clerk  
10 Members of the Public

### **Apologies:**

Apologies for absence had been received from TVBC Susanne Hasselmann, TVBC Maureen Flood, Cllr Cathy Barbone.

### **1.WELCOME.**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.**

Cllr Elwell declared an interest in the planning application reference 23/03167/LBWN for her property.

### **3.PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.**

Richard Greenwood, planning consultant and agent for the owners of the Black Swan, attended the meeting to provide information in relation to the recent application for a change of use of the Black Swan to a family home. He gave an up date on the current status of planning application. This is currently with TVBC for review and decision.

Nigel Ashfield village resident spoke for three minutes regarding the long outstanding issues with the Black Swan giving his views and confirming his intention to submit comments to TVBC.

Cllr Cleugh explained that the deadline for comments on this application had passed and the Parish Council had submitted their objections. Cllr Corroon added that as such there would be no further record of public comments as the application was now with TVBC to make their decision.

Other points raised were the uncertainty with what will happen to the car park and Village Green now that they are separate from the pub. All those present were keen to protect the Village Green and Cllr Elwell explained how it is possible to register the green to give it a protected status. She said it would be important to include the community and that evidence of village use over the years would be required. It was suggested that a village green working committee be set up. Discussions also took place about producing a neighbourhood plan but the general view was that this was a very long process and for speed, forming a group to work toward protecting the green should be set up now. All those present were asked to provide contact details if they were prepared to be involved in such a group, Cllr Elwell agreed to lead on this project.

### **4.MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Chairman agreed to sign the minutes of the previous meetings of 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023 as a true record. All agreed.

### **5.VILLAGE HALL REBUILD UPDATE**

Cllr Cleugh reported the foundations of the new hall are complete. Work to the floor is underway and the screeding for the underfloor heating will follow. The oak frame is expected to be fitted by the end of January 2024.

The Clerk summarised the village hall management finance as below

- Held in Barclays account-31/12/2023
- Current account £702.90
- Savings account £36.03
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### **6.PLANNING.**

Applications since previous meeting: -

1. 23/02623/TREEN-tree works Rectory Cottage- no objections
2. 23/02580/LBWN- structural repairs –The Black Swan-objection
3. 23/02579/FULLN- change of use to residential-Black Swan-objection
4. 23/02832/TREEN-fell pine trees, Land adjacent to Field House-no objection
5. 23/02945/VARN- variation to conditions to mallow for minor relocation of boundary wall-Monxton Manor-no objections

#### **Applications to be considered**

1. 23/03167/LBWN- like for like replacement of timber French Doors-Barn Cottage, High Street- no objections

#### **Confirmation of outcome from TVBC**

1. 23/02472/TREEN- tree works, The Saeter, Broad Road- no objection
2. 23/02253/FULLN- erect shed and green house, Meadow Lodge, Andover Road- permission
3. 23/02503/FULLN- replace window with door and window, Bryning Lodge- permission
4. 23/02277/FULLN- convert greenhouse to garden office, Bec House- permission

#### **7.SUNNYBANK & FOOTPATHS**

Cllr Barbone had sent apologies but had confirmed she had nothing specific to report

#### **8.TRAFFIC MONITORING**

Councillor Elwell said she has been able to obtain the software for the speed awareness machine and would now seek to delete old data and begin retrieving and analysing new.

#### **9. ENVIRONMENT**

Cllr Elwell noted with thanks a recent large litter pick by a group of villagers on Broad Road, Andover Road and Green Lane.

Cllr Cleugh reported Southern Water works are ongoing with relining although the bad weather is causing delays. There is currently no tankering in Monxton and over pumping at Mullins Pond has ceased.

#### **10.FINANCE**

To note balance in Lloyds bank as at 30/12/23 £91298.28

Resolved: that the following payments be approved and transactions authorised

#### **Payments to agree-**

Clerks' salary £154.93 per month and HMRC £38.80 payments by SO Jan, Feb, March, April & May.

#### **Payments to be made**

Clerks' expenses (Aug to Dec) £15.00  
Clerks pay correction £21.55  
HMRC correction £5.46

#### **14.BOROUGH & COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

HCC Chris Donnelly confirmed an announcement will be made on 25<sup>th</sup> January with regard to implementing 20mph speed limits, this will enable villages to make applications if they wish to have one.

**TVBC Councillor Maureen Flood** had sent apologies

**TVBC Councillor S Hasselmann** had sent apologies but had provided a report which had been circulated to all councillors

#### **15. CORRESPONDENCE**

None

#### **16.Items for next meeting**

There were no items noted for the next agenda

**17.CLOSE OF THE MEETING**

The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

**18.DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

**The next meeting will be on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 14th 2024, 7.30pmThrupton Village Hall**