

# Thorncombe Village Trust

Minutes of a committee meeting held at 7.30 pm on Tuesday the 29<sup>th</sup> April 2008 in the Community Room of the Thorncombe Village Hall.

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

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<p><b>1: Apologies:</b> None</p> <p><b>2: Minutes of meeting held on the 25<sup>th</sup> March 2008:</b> Approved as a true record.</p> <p><b>3: Matters Arising:</b></p> <p>a) <b>Thorncombe Local History Group</b> – Tony Smith reported:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A review of the first year showed that there was little effective support for this group as a ‘working party’ focusing on local history topics and therefore it was realistic to view its future in this light. He is willing to remain as the TVT local history contact and will support any future initiative to do local history work that may arise.</li> <li>2. Eve Higgs will continue to work on the workhouse project which is independent of the TVT.</li> <li>3. The advertised talk to be given by Claude Rutter will take place as planned. Admission for TVT non-members will be 50p.</li> <li>4. LT’s AGM review will include a reference to these changes in the status of the TLHG</li> </ol> <p>b) <b>TVT Website</b> – John Whitbread reported:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. He confirmed that he intends to request that the ‘link’ to the TVT on the parish website is changed from ‘Relaxation’. Perhaps to ‘Environment’</li> <li>2. The committee supported the view that the link to the TVT website should remain through the parish website as this brought important &amp; appropriate benefits in clearly showing the TVT as an integral part of village life.</li> </ol> <p>c) <b>Arrangements for the Annual General Meeting 8<sup>th</sup> May 2008-05-16</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Food supplies from the Village Shop will be managed by JW</li> <li>2. The Village Shop has been very positive about this arrangement and have given a tin of biscuits &amp; a bottle of wine as raffle prizes plus a discount on goods provided.</li> <li>3. LT will provide 1<sup>st</sup> &amp; ‘bottom’ team prizes.</li> <li>4. JD will be quiz questions ‘master’ and provide copies of visual questions.</li> <li>5. Team scores will be managed by JW (or A.N.Other).</li> <li>6. Tables etc will be prepared at 6.30pm</li> <li>7. Teams of 4 or there abouts will take part.</li> </ol> <p>d) <b>TVT Autumn Walk</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Teas will be at the Holditch Hall</li> <li>2. LT &amp; Carolyn Bonfield will explore possible walks &amp; then liaise with Eve Higgs who will develop the walk for 12<sup>th</sup> October.</li> </ol>	<p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p>LT</p> <p>JW</p> <p>Various Committee members</p> <p>LT &amp; CB</p>

**4. The Treasurer presented a financial report :** LT reported:

1. TVT accounts were being audited by Roger Lovegrove and were not available at this meeting.
2. The audited accounts would be presented at the AGM.

**5. Report on Parish Council April Meeting :** LT reported:

1. Landscaping at Goat Farm: Mike Robinson, District Councillor has yet to receive information on this matter.
2. County Speed Indicators: Road Safety team will give training in due course.
3. Police: number plate recognition exercise is underway.
4. Village Shop: Voting papers from WDDC should be with households by 9<sup>th</sup> May. 2/3 of responses need to be positive to the loan proposal for it to become available.

**6. Arrangements for Plant Sale on the 17<sup>th</sup> May.**

1. Community Room will be opened at 6.30pm on Friday evening.
2. The Plant Stall sales team will be organised by RW.
3. Cakes: Sue Goodlet will ring around members.
4. Notice Board : a new board will be made & fixed to the Village Hall Fence by JW
5. Membership renewal: JW.
6. Refreshments will be in the main hall plus plants if wet.
7. Stalls : Bric-a Brac / Pottery / Greeting cards / Heather Holland's Chicken & Eggs (possibly)

**7. Time table for verge cutting in Thorncombe parish:** LT reported:

The DCC will not cut the parish verges until mid-May at the earliest. This late cutting is in response to the concerns raised by TVT in previous years & may well be, at least in part, made possible by the lack of concern expressed by other Dorset Parishes.

**8. Chard Junction Quarry Update:** LT reported:

1. Joy Wallis (DWT) has been contacted by a number of interested parties including the offer of a 'Cider Barn' as an information centre with possible car parking and a local councillor from Tatworth, Andrew Turpin, has expressed support.
2. The delay of starting the project is a consequence of 'fund raising' by Aggregate Industries.
3. JW has spoken with the Site Manager, Tony Pierson, who is happy to allow bird & butterfly surveys to take place by experts. JW has conveyed this invitation to RSPB & Butterfly Conservation members who have volunteered to do this work.

**9. Parish Annual Meeting.**

JD will give a report on behalf of TVT at this meeting.

**A.O.B.**

- In response to Tony's decision to resign from the committee T.B. expressed the committee's thanks to Tony Smith for his hard work and philosophical contribution to the TVT during his time as a committee member.
- RW gave a cheque for £100 received from Mr & Mrs Courtney as a contribution towards the TVT tree planting programme. They had, with regret, found it necessary to remove a large oak tree that was very near their house and wished to compensate for this loss of natural habitat. LT will write thanking them for this very useful contribution.
- RW presented a members' newsletter that she had produced to the committee and received their approval.

LT

**Date and Venue of Next Meeting** - Tuesday the 20<sup>th</sup> May 2008 at 7.30 pm in the Community Room of the Village Hall

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

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