**Thurlestone Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on**

**Monday 5th October 2015 at 7.30pm in Thurlestone Parish Hall Thurlestone**

Present: Cllr Rhymes (Chairman)

Cllr Goddard

Cllr Mitchelmore

Cllr Hurrell

Cllr Munn

Cllr Zaffiro

In Attendance:Phil Millard (Clerk) and County Cllr Rufus Gilbert and Cllrs Pearce (District Councillor), Plus 6 members of the public.

**Declaration of Interest: None**

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.30pm and welcomed everyone. It was explained that we would have an **open forum** at the beginning of meeting for any matters that public wished to raise. This section is not minuted.

**Open Forum**

**1.Apologies for absence and to consider whether to approve reasons given.**

Cllr Marshall - Holiday

2**.The minutes** to confirm and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 7th September 2015.

**Resolved – that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday**

**7th September 2015 were signed as a correct record.**

**3. Matters Arising:**

1. **Parish Hall – Cllr Zaffiro**

The Autumn Fair went very well and our raffle raised £120.

1. **Highways –**

Main Road through Village was blocked off and closed last week without notice (by the garage) – it was apparently to replace some manhole covers for BT. We were not given advance notice of the closure which caused chaos around the school – we did get notice the day after but this is not acceptable and a suitable diversion needs to be in place before the road is closed!

Their excuse was that it was an emergency which allows them to do it – However replacing man holes is not an emergency and could be done at a more suitable time that does not affect the school.

We could of course complain – but as it is BT there is no point as they do not reply to anything we send them – including their complaints department!

1. **Footpaths & Heritage Coast**

Pile of shale is still there by footpath near to Leasfoot Beach – can we chase up golf club as this has been there for months.

**Resolved Clerk to Email them again.**

**d.Trees – Cllr Mitchelmore**

Merchant Gardens 2 trees removed and will replant.

Have received 2 applications for trees around properties at the Thatches – these are to be cropped however unable to get access( gates) - so difficult to see. However it would appear that some trees may have been removed – so have requested a joint visit with someone senior from SHDC tree department.

**Dist Cllr Pearce will try and help in this matter and liase with SHDC.**

1. **Neighbourhood Plan/Mobile Phone mast/Website – Cllrs Goddard &Marshall**

The CEM – (Community Engagement Meeting) took place on 29th September and was very well received with an excellent attendance. The results will be collated and will then decide best way forward.

Website – is progressing very well and whilst not yet complete (still under construction) we can view it and give feedback to Paul Martin. Parish Council section is almost complete and Photo’s now taken – if there is anything else we think could or should go on please let Clerk know.

**f. Parish Clerk Report**

* Website – have done a lot of work with Paul Martin and the results can now be viewed on the website – let me know if anything else should be added.
* HM Revenue and Customs have replied to our letter and have confirmed that our debt with them is now repaid. There is a credit of £59.14 on the PAYE record and asked if we want to keep as a credit or if we want it repaid to ourselves. As we now have a new PAYE provider – who confirms monthly transfers – It would be better to have the credit repaid to us.
* Thank you letter from Parish Hall re our help with the raffle.
* Whilst helping with the Website it has become apparent that the software clerk is using is very old and should be replaced. Currently have word and office 2007. Spreadsheets are a particular problem.
* Suggest we purchase latest which I believe is Office 2013 – Cost around £160.

**After discussion it was Resolved that Clerk should purchase latest software ASAP.**

**4. Dist and County Councillor Report**

**Dist Cllr Pearce gave a short report which included**

District council is awaiting instructions regarding refugees/migrants – we can ring the Red Cross – Phone 0800 1078727 if interested in Hosting.

**County Cllr Gilbert – Report covered**

* The drive around the Parish with Adam Keay and two of our councillors went well and some potholes were being filled in whilst they drove around!
* Most of the problem areas have been identified and should be dealt with ASAP.
* There was some confusion over depth of pot hole that should be reported and this has now been confirmed as 40ml not 4 inches.
* Libraries are going well.
* Has given funds to the Website and also towards a projector for the Parish Hall.
* South West Coast Path – money has been raised to renew the wooden bridge which takes walkers to Thurlestone Sands – a lot of funds have been raised by walkers.

**5. Police Business**

Email as not able to attend

Advised that No crimes recorded however around the middle of September there was a function at the Village Hall which got out of hand –

Certainly some disorder which resulted in revellers being packed off home to keep the peace.

Other than that no other developments – is aware that stock is still getting onto the road near Whitley Farm – hopefully will be able to update us with something in the near future.

**6. Business by Direction of Chairman**

* Cobbled Road – Chairmen met with Martyn Gross who has given him a lot of information regarding the history of the memorial.
* There is evidence in the Parish councils minutes of 1918 that the land on which the memorial was built was gifted to us by Evans Estates – but we have no deeds.
* Will continue to liaise with Bartons solicitors – to see where we go from here.
* TAPS funding – no thoughts regarding this at the moment but the Neighbourhood Plan may throw something up – we have 2 months if we want to apply for these monies. Cllr Pearce also has some funds for small projects if we need it.
* Website – very grateful to the hard work being done to progress this.
* Benches need preserving and would be better if stripped and a better preservative used – so that annual maintenance can be reduced. Will need owner’s permission.
* There is a dangerous junction at Aunemouth Cross where if you are coming from West Buckland and you want to cross or turn right – you cannot see. A mirror would be very helpful in this regard – but need to find out if it is allowed and also cost. Will look into for next meeting.

7**.Planning to be discussed:**

**55/2152/15/LB** – Application for listed building consent for external and internal repairs

Including replacement floor beams, steel ties and replacement windows at Pink Salmon

House, Jenkins Quay, Bantham Ham TQ7 3AP by Bantham Estate Ltd – **No objections**

Planning Granted

55/1292/15/F - Alterations and extension to 7 Edwards Close,Thurlestone TQ7 3BP BY Mr M Jones

55/0969/15/F - Extension and alterations to dwelling Westering,Bantham TQ7 3AD by Mr C Bladon

**8.Finance: Permission was asked to pay:**

**Newman Accounting – Clerks mthly Pay (Oct) £330.39**

**Thurlestone Parish Hall –hall rental £25.00**

**Julian Lee – Grass cutting Aug/sept £270.00**

**Total £625.39**

**2nd Precept – payment from SHDC - £8115.00**

**9.Correspondence:**

E mail from SW Devon re TAPS funding revised process 6.8.15

Letter from Sarah Woolaston MP re BT problems 7.9.15

Email re Buckland Wall update – from Devon County Highways 9.9.15

Email to SHDC Planning re Furlong Gate objection 10.9.15

Letter to HM Revenue & Customs re unpaid Paye 10.9.15

Email to Arqiva CEO re mast update 11.9.15

Road Traffic Notice re work in West Buckland 10th Sept

Email from DCC Highways re Urban Highway cutting 15.9.15

Letter from HM Revenue & Customs re PAYE tax debt 24.9.15

Letter from Local Government Boundary Commission review 29.9.15

**Traffic Notice re closure of Eddystone road 30th September**

Email Avon estuary forum meeting on 13,10.15 Thurlestone Parish Hall-1.10.15

**Letter from TPH re Autumn Fair on 26th Sept 2015**

**10.Circulars and to receive items for next agenda**

Poster re Public consultation meeting –Thurlestone Parish Neighbourhood Plan 29.9.15

Times Newspaper 19 Sept re Moblie Masts not spots

**Meeting closed at 8.25 pm**

**6th October 2015**

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**Chairman**