

A record of decisions taken by Thurlestone Parish Council in April 2020 during national lockdown and before the legislation was changed to allow remote meetings to take place. These decisions were made by email and phone conversations and agreement was made for all decisions by at least a quorum.

1. Future Meetings – this statement was agreed on 2nd April 2020 and placed on the Parish website.

‘During the period of restricted activity in respect of Covid-19, Council agrees to suspend all future Parish Council meetings until further notice or until authority to hold virtual meetings is given.

Council agrees that a quorum of 5 councillors shall have delegated authority to make decisions on behalf of the Council, via email, where such a decision cannot reasonably be deferred, to ensure the continuing function of the Parish Council. All decisions taken shall be recorded in writing and in accordance with legislation and shall be reported to the next full Parish Council meeting. All decisions taken shall be published on the Parish Council website as soon as reasonably practical.

This delegated authority ceases upon the next full meeting of the Parish Council.’

2. Expenditure

- Councillors noted the current account balance of **£16,187.66** to date 6th April 2020 and the copies of the bank statements dated 30th March from accounts 00197498 and 07159818.
- The following payments were approved, councillors having been sent copies of the invoices by email:

Thurlestone Parish Hall	Meeting Room Hire	£40.00
Sue Crowther	NP Expenses	£82.83
Sian Williams	Speeding Signs for the Villages	£265.20
Julian Lee	Grass Cutting	£210.00
DALC	Annual Subscription	£205.05
SHDC	2019 Election Costs	£956.89
Helen Nathanson	Parish Clerk Pay and Expenses	£517.98
SLCC	11 th Ed Local Council Administration	£144.79
Total		£2,422.74

3. The following planning applications were discussed remotely and comments agreed as follows:

0428/20/HHO 11 Eddystone Road, Thurlestone

Householder application for proposed alteration, refurbishment and extension including erection of a double garage, new frontage wall with solid gates and exterior cladding

Thurlestone Parish Council supports this application subject to the following comments:

- Having considered the revised plans for the new standalone double garage on the N elevation of the dwelling, councillors are happy that the style and scale of the proposed garage, as now redrawn (drawing nos A1380 19 P02 D, P03 D and P04 B), is proportionate

and appropriate in its location and will not have a harmful impact on neighbouring amenity and the street scene generally.

- The Parish Council is therefore now able to support this application on the basis that it complies with NP Policies TP1.1 and TP1.2. Conditions are, however, requested (1) to address any potential light pollution due to the substantial amount of additional glass being used on the South elevation of the dwelling so as to conserve and enhance the natural beauty of the South Devon AONB (NP Policy TP1.4), and (2) to ensure the garage shall only be used for purposes incidental to the enjoyment of the dwellinghouse and shall not form part of a separate unit of accommodation.

0789/20/HHO Buckland Lodge, West Buckland

Householder application for proposed changes to a recent planning approval for alterations and extensions

Thurlestone Parish Council supports this application.

Councillors considered that the proposed works to the dwelling are unlikely to have an unacceptable impact on the residential amenity of neighbouring properties given the size of the plot, the position of the dwelling on the plot/distance from neighbouring properties and substantial landscape screening (NP Policy TP1.1); that the design is proportionate and appropriate to its coastal and rural location within the South Devon AONB (NP Policy TP1.2); that the proposed extensions to the existing dwelling are subordinate in overall scale and form to the existing dwelling (NP Policy TP7.2.i.); and that there is unlikely to be any harmful impact upon the character and quality of the natural environment (NP Policies TP1.5 and TP22.1). They do, however, request the following conditions: (1) a pre-commencement condition to require a detailed construction management plan because of the narrow and constricted access road, which is a cul-de-sac and shared with other properties, (2) a condition that the garage is to be used only for ancillary uses to the dwelling and not used as an independent unit, and (3) a condition to restrict amenity usage of the external flat roofs of the dwelling and garage to protect neighbouring amenity and the visual amenity of the area

0857/20/HHO 3 Edwards Close, Thurlestone

Householder application for 1st floor extension

Councillors considered that the proposed extension is not subordinate in scale and form to the existing dwelling, being at the same ridge height (drawing no SG20-04/05 - see South Elevation) and therefore contrary to NP Policy TP7.2.i.; that the proposal is likely to have an unacceptable impact on the amenity of neighbouring properties which will appear overbearing and have a dominant impact on the adjacent house (4 Edwards Close) and bungalow to the rear (37 Mead Drive) (see photograph attached) (NP Policy TP1.1); and that the style, scale and character of the proposal would not be proportionate and appropriate to the location, as it contravenes the planning rationale behind the approval of the original planning application for the Edwards Close estate (55/0804/07/RM) (NP Policy TP1.2). Edwards Close was designed so that there would be a mix of single and two storey dwellings across the development to avoid a regimented approach design in order to retain the views of the line of bungalows behind (including 37 Mead Drive) and respect the relationship between each of the new properties on the development. See Development Brief, page 2, para 2 (copy attached). Councillors felt that approval of this application would set an unacceptable precedent and unlike the Appeal decision for a first floor extension at 11 Edwards Close (55/0092/12/F), this extension is located within a shared courtyard and not on the periphery of the development.