

# Thurlestone Parish Council

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## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 9th January 2012 at 7.30pm in Thurlestone Parish Hall Thurlestone

Present: Cllr Rhymes (Chairman),

Cllr Peter Hurrell

Cllr Nigel Hurrell

Cllr Mitchelmore

Cllr Munn

Cllr Goddard

Cllr Came

In Attendance: Phil Millard (Clerk) and Ian Bramble and 44 members of public.

Declaration of Interest: Cllr Rhymes on Schools – (Sec 3d schools) and Cllr Munn – Sec 7 Planning – 16 Mead Drive.

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.

None

#### 2. The minutes to confirm and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on Monday 5th December 2011. LGA1972, Sch 12 para 41(1).

**Resolved – that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 5th December 2011 were signed as a correct record.**

#### 3. Matters Arising:

##### a) Parish Hall – Report by Cllr Hurrell

Brief report given – which included offer of help to council to progress arrangements for the Diamond Jubilee celebrations in June.

##### b) Highways

Repairs to road between Whitley Cross and Elston are already breaking up – not good enough and meeting to be arranged with Adam Keay (SHDC Highways) to take him around the roads in the parish as soon as possible.

### **C. Footpaths & Heritage Coast/Thurlestone Sands**

Have received a reply to our letter to Ordnance Survey which advises that they have not changed the name of the beach – this we know- but it is the naming of the dune area behind the beach by both them and the National Trust as South Milton Sands which is the cause of all the problems. If they just dropped the word sands and called it Dunes or Preservation Area this would be more acceptable than what we have at present.

Resolved to write again.

### **D. School – Cllr Rhymes**

Nothing to report but did mention that PCSO Dave Gibson will be keeping an eye on the parking situation when children dropped off.

### **e.Trees - Cllr Mitchelmore**

Mallards and Tree Tops work has been approved.

Have also managed to obtain a preservation order on the 8 pine trees on Yarmer Estate.

### **F.Parish Plan – Cllr Came**

**Broadband** – Still progressing and subcommittee will be having a meeting with BDUK on 19<sup>th</sup> January with a view to completing/submitting an application by the 31<sup>st</sup> January.

**Mobile phone coverage** – Still progressing are approaching mobile providers to see who would be interested in providing a mast.

**Housing – Recently had meeting with Dean Kinsella the details of which are given below.**

### **NOTE OF MEETING**

With Dean Kinsella and Debbie Crowther at Follaton House  
On Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2011.

Ian Bramble District Councillor and Tony Goddard representing Thurlestone Parish Council.

Purposes of the meeting were agreed to be two fold:

1. to establish method of interaction between Parish Council via District Councillor and Planning officers so as to develop a relationship to avoid the Parish feeling that the time and effort spent responding to planning applications was not wasted and
2. to understand the planning policies of SHDC in relation to Thurlestone to enable the Parish Council to fulfil one of its intention under its Village Plan namely to develop a clear policy on new housing development and affordable homes.

1. Interaction with Planning Department.

- Mr Kinsella assured Mr Bramble and Mr Goddard that Planners were grateful to Parishes for their comments on planning applications which were considered very carefully. He did however ask that Parishes were clearer in their comments on the applications; it was difficult sometimes to know whether they were in favour or against! Would welcome suggestions for ways in which applications could be improved.
- Applications are sent to the Parish Clerk as they come in which meant on occasions that it would arrive just after a meeting so that it would be difficult for Parish to react within the three week period. Parish Clerk encouraged to request an extension of time to give its reaction. Provided this did not cause SHDC a delay of more than 8 weeks in dealing with the application such a request would usually be granted.
- Mr Bramble is given a list of all new applications and he will be happy to let Clerk have a list of the Thurlestone applications.
- Mr Goddard will be given the names and email addresses of all Planning Officers dealing with Thurlestone applications and suggested that a week before each Parish Council meeting email sent to SHDC copied to each officer on the list to enable them to give guidance in advance on the applications for which they are responsible. This would importantly include advising on what are the material considerations in any application.
- Mr Bramble is encouraged to drop in to see the Planners at least once a month to pick up on applications that are likely to be contentious and where appropriate will be happy to stay to sit in on applications and to tender guidance if required provided he is not seen to be offering an opinion on the applications.
- The Parish Clerk is encouraged to go on line to see the Planning Officers final reports on the applications.

2. Planning Policies for Thurlestone.

- The Local Development Framework consists for our purposes of the Core Strategy which sets out the general policies derived from the National Policies in the Planning Policy Statements and (still!) the old Local Plan 1989 – 2001 which still provides the parish development boundary and policies for the parish.
- Mr Kinsella pointed out that there were no development sites allocated in Thurlestone so that the only development would be extensions or rebuilds.
- We were given a copy of the Local Plan and promised the Planners in exchange a copy of our Village Plan.
- We discussed the possibility of village initiatives to gain additional land primarily for affordable housing although this would require cooperation of land owner.

**g. Parish Clerk Report**

- Have finally got around to drawing up a contract of employment for the clerk which is a standard contract provided by the Society of Local Council Clerks which does include a section on annual reviews etc . Will need the council (Cllr Goddard) to look at it and confirm it is ok with the wording and will then prepare a final version for signing.

- National Savings deposit account has been closed in view of its poor interest rate (.2%) and balance (£10,580.89) has now been transferred to our current account with Lloyds - and has been subsequently transferred onto a 3 month notice account at 1.1%.
- We have finally received the signed contract back from BT regarding the phone box opposite the shop. They will now arrange for the equipment to be removed asap.
- ( BT have taken it out today – 10<sup>th</sup> January). Engineer told me there is no electric supply to this box!
- Path by bus stop has been cut back to 4 foot as instructed from last months meeting.
- Dog Bin by church has been replaced with a new red one!

#### **4. District Councillor's Report**

- Attended meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> December with Cllr Goddard (see Sec 3F).
- We can only object on material considerations.
- There is a framework for making decisions and to a great extent the planning officers are dictated to by those.
- Numbers of letters objecting are not relevant.
- If parish council does not object – then District Councillor cannot stop a planning application as happened recently and it will not go to full planning committee.

#### **5. Police Business**

Not present – no report.

#### **6. Business by Direction of Chairman**

**Snow warden** – still not received any training and without that we will not get our extra supply of grit. Will chase and see if this can be done as a matter of urgency.

#### **Diamond Jubilee celebrations –**

Need to get organised as this is on 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

Agreed to set up a sub committee to take things forward and co-ordinate arrangements. Committee will be Peter Hurrell, Jill Munn and Pat McDonald and anyone else who wants to help. Will ask for help in Village Voice. Intend to have a beacon – Jill Munn to take charge of this aspect and will need to notify relevant body that we are joining in.

**Budget** – discussed at end of meeting – Clerk had provided comparison sheet with projections to end of year -31<sup>st</sup> March. Our projected budget for 2012/13 is £1400 approx more than we receive in precept. Most of our costs are fixed outgoings such as Loan repayments for parish hall, Clerks salary, insurance etc - so whilst we have savings these will quickly be used up – **in view of this council confirmed would apply for an increase of 3%** which will still leave us with a shortfall of about a £1,000 for next year.

It was also agreed that we would spend about this amount on the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations which will have to come from savings.

## **7.Planning to be discussed:**

**It was agreed at previous meeting that if the Clerk is not available for site meetings in future then council must designate someone else to take the minutes to avoid confusion later on about what was agreed/discussed.**

**55/3101/11/F** – Application for demolition of single storey garage and outbuildings. Erection of two storey extension to existing house and installation of new sheds in garden at Rowan House, Thurlestone, TQ7 3LS by Mr & Mrs Wood – **No objections**

**55/3082/11/F** – Application for alterations to approved dwelling to provide integral garage at The Thatches, Thurlestone TQ7 3NG by Olive Green Partnership – **No Objections**

**55/3186/11/F** – Application for alterations and extension to dwelling 16 Mead Drive, Thurlestone TQ7 3TA by Mr & Mrs C Harding. Have received 15+ letters of objection.

**Site meeting agreed. Cllr Munn has declared interest as close to her home and will take no part.**

**55/3239/11/F** – Application for alterations to include enlarged opening to south west elevation and replacement stainless steel and toughened glass infill panel balustrade at 5 Mead Drive, Thurlestone TQ7 3TA by Mr Capelin & Miss Lawson. **No Objections**

### **Planning Granted**

**55/2834/11/F** – Court Park cottage & Coronation Cottage –Alterations to entrance  
**Conditional approval.**

**55/2785/11/CLP** – 8 Crosslands, Thurlestone – Certificate of Lawful Development  
Certificate for solar photovoltaic array

### **Planning refused**

**55/2676/1/F** – Gulls Cry – Warren Road –amendments to 55/1753/11/F – for formation of  
Dormer window on east elevation – **Refused**

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

**Total**

**Nil**

## **9. Correspondence:**

Precept 2012/2013 - Budget - spread sheet to be discussed  
Letter to SHDC re 7 Whimbrells Edge, Thurlestone re height.  
Acknowledgement from Ordnance Survey re our letter  
Letter from All Saints Church re donation  
Letter to BT Payphones adopt a Kiosk  
Register of Electors 2012  
Letter to Ordnance Survey re Thurlestone Sands  
E mail from SHDC Planning  
E mail from DALC re council tax veto  
Letter and Agreement re Adopt a Kiosk op Church Thurlestone 4.1.12  
Letter re Great British Fish and Chip Supper 18.5.12  
Letter re No to Wind Turbines  
2 Letters to Simon Putt SHDC re trees  
South Devon AONB report  
Letters from SHDC RE trees at Mallards & Tree Tops  
Letter from Dr S R Birkett re 16 Mead Drive  
E mail from Cllr Goddard re meeting with planners

## **11. Circulars and to receive items for next agenda**

Open Door Tor Homes winter 2011/12  
DCC Emergency Management  
Voluntary Vine Jan – March 2012  
Clerks & Councils Direct – Jan 2012  
The Clerk Magazine Jan 2012

**Meeting closed at 8.45 pm**

**To confirm the date, time and place of the next Parish Council Meeting as Monday 6th February 2012 at 7.30pm at Thurlestone Parish Hall**

**10th January 2012**

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**Chairman**

