

Thurlestone Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 9th January 2017 at 7.30pm in Thurlestone Parish Hall Thurlestone

Present: Cllr Rhymes (Chairman)
Cllr Mitchelmore (Vice Chairman)
Cllr Hurrell
Cllr Zaffiro
Cllr Munn
Cllr Goddard

In Attendance: Phil Millard (Clerk), Rufus Gilbert (County Councillor), Cllr Pearce (District Councillor), Sgt Andy Woodward Plus 7 members of the public.

Declaration of Interest: None.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.30pm and welcomed everyone and gave a tribute to Peter Hurrell who died just before Xmas. Chairman then left and handed the meeting over to the Vice Chairman. 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 and Cllr Simon Wright – unavailable.

2. The minutes to confirm and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 5th December 2016.

Resolved – that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 5th December 2016 were signed as a correct record.

3. Matters Arising:

a) Parish Hall – Cllr Zaffiro

Nothing to Report.

b. Highways –

Road from Whitley Cross to Churchstow is very bad with Mud.
There is also a large hole at a pull in by two large gates – recently widened.
Will take up with Highways – as to whether they are responsible or the land owner.

c. Footpaths

Nothing to report – but subsequently realised our P3 annual path report is due and have not received this – will chase.

d. Trees – Cllr Mitchelmore

Memorial green trees crown needs to be reduced and needs to be done in the next few weeks – before the rooks start to nest.

Resolved Clerk to email Chairman to ensure this is done.

d. Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Goddard

Quiet after Xmas – but is progressing well and there is a further meeting of the committee on Wednesday.

e. Parish Clerk Report

- Precept needs to be agreed for this year – we have seen from emails that Parish Councils will have to justify any increase – ie will need to have taken on extra duties.
- Have looked at the budget for this year and next year, we are managing well – so we do not need an increase.
- **Resolved Precept agreed to stay the same as last year (ie £16,609).**
- 16 Meadcombe has gone to appeal and we should know the decision in a couple of weeks.
- Meeting with Adam Keay (DC Highways) re the yellow lines problem outside the Old Rectory to see if we can find a solution.
- Recently had a query regarding a broken gate opposite Clanacombe – have checked and it is the Land Owners responsibility.
- Read out an email from someone whose car recently broke down in the Village and could get no mobile signal – so used the Phone Box we recently saved – top of Post Office Lane. Thanked us for keeping the phone box!

4. Dist and County Councillor Report

County Cllr Rufus Gilbert – gave a short report which covered –

- Will sort out the mud in lane out of the village.
- Not available for next meeting
- Peter Hurrells obituary in the Gazette was amazing
- Highway Community Enhancement Fund – do we want to carry out self- help work?
- Phase 2 of Broadband is being rolled out – using a private contractor not BT.
- There will be a phase 3
- The B road from Loddiswell to Wrangaton needs to be widened – there are 3 pinch points to be sorted out – lack of money is problem at the moment.
- Work on the Pavement in Fore Street Kingsbridge just started.

District Councillor Judy Pearce gave short report

- There are some areas which need cleaning after hedge cutting around the Village – will sort out and Clanacombe Hill.
- Plot on Yarmer is now being built on and big heavy lorries are coming in and out – cobbled road by the church will be damaged again – so should take photos.
- South Hams is to get nearly £1.9m – conditional- to help community groups do affordable housing projects.
- Big decisions to be made shortly re Budget (deficit this year)
- Can,t increase council tax by more than £5
- other big decision – the transfer to the Local Authority controlled company –has not got all the details yet – will let us know outcome in due course.
- The new formal Local Plan (SH & West Devon) will be decided in the next 10 days – will update this to us at next meeting.

5. Police Business

Sgt Andy Woodward – attended the meeting and gave short report.

- No crimes recorded in parish in the past month
- In the wider area – 2 suspects arrested at Aveton Gifford in connection with the theft of Parking Meters across South Devon and Cornwall – currently on Bail.
- Burglary at Henri Lloyd in Salcombe – individual was arrested locally and is on Bail.
- Between Xmas and new year – 2 individuals arrested re theft of boat and trailer from Salcome.
- If you see anything suspicious use 999 – don,t be fobbed off. We can say Sgt Woodward instructed us to ring!
- Parking at school has improved a lot following letter from Police and school being sent out – and attendance by the police on some days.

6. Business by Direction of Chairman

Peter Hurrell,s memorial bench was discussed and it was decided that to mark his long service with the parish council (over 40 years)- the Council would purchase and arrange for it to be placed by the green hut on the Golf course.

Resolved that council would pay and arrange for it to be installed in agreement with the golf course – will ask via the Village Voice for contributions towards the cost.

Mobile Reception – a moving letter from Mr Taylor Bigg highlighting the need for medical and emergency services to be able to access a signal was read to the council in open forum – Chris White is looking into a community Wi- Fi arrangement – but needs to find someone who can set it up. Chris will recruit other people to help form a sub - committee and take forward.

Council is concerned regarding the scale/look of 20 Meadcombe – after discussion it was decided that we would write to the planning department and ask them to come and have a look at the end result for themselves.

New Internal Auditor needed – as Ken Abraham will not be able to return to work following illness. Clerk to take forward – Village Voice will mention.

7.Planning to be discussed:

None

8.Finance: Permission was asked to pay:

P Millard (Clerk Salary – December)	£365.24
Thurlestone Parish Hall – Hire of room	£116.00
Total	£ 481.24
Precept agreed for 2017/18 as £16,609 – ie the same as last year – no increase.	

9.Correspondence:

Letter to SHDC re TAP funding application for Thurlestone 6.12.16
Letter from SHDC re Domestic Recycle Sacks 6.12.16
Email – to Cllr Gilbert re parking at school 6.12.16
Email from Cllr Gilbert re Parking Issues 6.12.16
Email from SHDC ack of TAP funding Application 9.12.16
Email to Cllr Rhymes re Parking 14.12.16
Email from Devon Highways re Old Rectory Gardens yellow lines 13.12.16
Email from Crediton Town Council clerk re Internal Auditor situation 13.12.16
Email from SHDC Enforcement team re Barrier at Golf Club 13.12.16
Email to SHDC request for copy of Register of Electors 2017.
Email from Highways Services re community enhancement fund 22.12.16
SHDC trees dept letter re Sunnybank 23.12.16
Email from SHDC re precepts for 2017/18 – 21.12.16
Email from SW Devon re appeal for 16 Meadcombe Road 4.1.16
Email re public footpath at Clanacombe West Buckland 6.1.16
Letter from Mr Taylor-Bigg re mobile signal problems and emergency services 9.1.17

10.Circulars and to receive items for next agenda

SHDC – Notice re Register of Electors 2017
Clerks & Councils Direct – January 2017

Meeting closed at 8.45pm

To confirm the date, time and place of the Parish Council Meeting as Monday 6th February 2017

10th January 2017

Chairman