

# Thurlestone Parish Council

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## Minutes of the Meeting of Thurlestone Parish Council held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018 at 7.30pm in the Thurlestone Parish Hall

**Present:** Councillors Rhymes (Chair), Mitchelmore, Hurrell, Munn, Marshall, Goddard and Zaffiro

**In Attendance:** Helen Nathanson (Parish Clerk), County Councillor Gilbert, District Councillor Pearce, 9 members of the public

There was an open forum at the beginning of the meeting to allow members of the public to ask questions or make comment regarding the work of the Council or other items which affect the Parish. The following points were raised:

DAAT Landing Site update – a new quote has been received for the Western Power works and DAAT has offered an enhanced grant to cover the small rise in cost from the last quote. Works are due to start in March 2019. The condition of the steep hill in West Buckland is hazardous for drivers because of the leaves in the road. The Parish Council will ask if DCC can sweep the road as there have been several complaints about it.

The meeting convened to discuss the following business:

**1. To receive apologies.**

There were no apologies.

**2. To receive any amendments necessary to Members' Registers of Interests.**

There were no amendments.

**3. To confirm and sign the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2018.**

It was confirmed that the Minutes were a true and correct record and they were signed.

**4. To consider any matters arising from the Minutes.**

The surfacing work on Glebe Field is still programmed for next financial year but there is no commitment to carrying it out before that because of DCC financial constraints.

**5. To discuss the following planning applications:**

2541/18/VAR                      Trehearne, 13 Eddystone Road, Thurlestone, TQ7 3NU  
Variation of conditions 2& 4 following grant of planning permission  
1539/16/FUL to accord with amended landscaping plan

District Councillor Pearce explained that SHDC is minded to approve the amended plan on the grounds that the remedial drainage works are effective.

No comment.

**6. To note the following update on the Community-led Housing Initiative:**

On 13th November 2018, the NP Advisory Group (NPAG) met to discuss how this initiative should be progressed. They were joined by Jess Wellen, who has volunteered to lead the project. It was agreed that more work is required to help identify the number of people with a local connection who may be eligible before a decision can be made about the scale, type, mix and location of the housing. The next step will be the public meeting on Monday 28th January 2019 at 7pm in the Main Hall. This meeting will take the form of an open forum/workshop for all interested parties, ranging from those who may be eligible for the housing, to those wishing to discuss and comment on its design and possible location. The event has been publicised in the December-January issue of Village Voice and on the parish website, where Community-led Housing now has its own page. Further detailed discussions about how

this initiative will be progressed will take place at NPAG's second quarterly meeting tomorrow night, Tuesday 4th December 2018, at 7.30pm. This is a public meeting, so everyone is welcome and the minutes will be available on the parish website.

This was noted and the Chairman reiterated that it was important to encourage a strong turnout to the public meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> January.

**7. To discuss the 2019/20 budget.**

Councillors looked at previous years' budgets and agreed that the final budget would be set at the January meeting. The Clerk was asked to check possible electoral costs with SHDC for the 2019 elections.

It was agreed that new provision will need to be made in the budget for: the cost of taking on and running the Thurlestone public toilets; works for the DAAT Night Landing Site; and costs associated with implementing the Neighbourhood Plan.

**8. To discuss the provision of a new dog litter bin in West Buckland.**

District Councillor Pearce was asked to find out if any other parishes have asked for a new dog litter bin and what response they were given.

Dog waste can now be put in ordinary litter bins but they are none in West Buckland so the possibility of having an ordinary litter bin there was discussed.

This will be discussed again at the January meeting when Councillor Pearce has more information.

**9. To receive a report from County Councillor Rufus Gilbert.**

Parking issues outside Thurlestone School – Councillor Gilbert has not yet had a chance to speak to the Chair of Governors but will do so.

Gigaclear – their website has been greatly improved. They have now been bought out and DCC is confident that things will improve.

Councillor Munn had received a query about the state of the road outside Heathfield which was repaired but which repairs have not lasted. This will be investigated.

**10. To receive reports from District Councillors Judy Pearce.**

A Government consultation on business rates and second homes is taking place and SHDC will be responding because many second home owners are applying to be put on to business rates rather than council tax which means that SHDC, DCC, Police and local services do not receive this income.

The Regulation 19 consultation has now ended and Councillor Pearce thanked the Parish for submitting a response.

**11. To receive updates about the following Parish matters: Parish Hall; Trees; and Highways.**

Parish Hall – the Murder Mystery night was a success and made a profit.

Trees – the school needs to be contacted about reducing the height of the trees on the playing field.

Highways – sand is now available behind the estate office in Bantham and there is grit in West Buckland.

**12. To note the letter from Devon County Council about the Parish Council's use of the school playing field.**

This was discussed with Councillor Gilbert.

Outside of school hours the field is used as a Parish playing field and this is still happening so it is not clear that the Academy knows about this change. The Clerk was asked to contact the DCC Legal Department to establish who owns the field and then further discussion will take place about how this arrangement can work in the future.

**13. To note the accounts to date and to approve payment of the following invoices:**

Paul Martin	Maintenance of parish benches	£35.50
Bush Broadband	Broadband Radio Receivers (This money will be reclaimed from the TAP Fund)	£1,680
SHDC	Annual Insurance and Inspection Report	

	(NB This will be paid by the Parish Clerk because SHDC will no longer accept cheques)	£240
Sue Crowther	Neighbourhood Plan expenses	£36.45
Julian Lee	Grass Cutting	£550
Nick Walker Printing	NP Printing	£80
<b>Total</b>		<b>£1,991.95</b>

The payments were approved to the total of £1,991.95.

**14.** To note the appeal decisions for 21 Court Park.

This was noted.

**15.** To note that a response to the consultation on the South Devon AONB Consultation Draft Management Plan 2019-2024 has been submitted by NPAG on behalf of the PC. The consultation closed on 5 November 2018.

This was noted and Sue Crowther and the NPAG were thanked for their work in drafting the response.

**16.** To note that a response to the consultation on the Main Modifications to the Plymouth and South West Devon Joint Local Plan October 2018 has been submitted by NPAG on behalf of the PC. The 6-week consultation closes on 3 December 2018.

This was noted. This was noted and Sue Crowther and the NPAG were thanked for their work in drafting the response.

**17.** To note the latest planning enforcement cases.

These were noted.

**18.** To note that the groundworks for the DAAT Landing Site will commence in March 2019.

This was noted.

**19.** To note the date of the next Council Meeting on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 7.30pm.

This was noted.

Councillor Jack Rhymes

Chairman