

Thurlestone Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 5th December 2011 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 PCSO Dave Gibson and 6 members of public.

Declaration of Interest: Cllr Rhymes on Schools – (Sec 3d schools and 3e Trees - Mallards)

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 7th November 2011. LGA1972, Sch 12 para 41(1).

Resolved – that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 7th November 2011 were signed as a correct record.

3. Matters Arising:

a) Parish Hall – Report by Cllr Hurrell

Brief report given – which included:

Hall running smoothly – workmen have recently taken their bollards which were quite old – but will need to get some new ones. Have moved seat by invalid parking.

b) Highways

Road closed sign is still by church and needs to be removed – need to contact May Gurney/Highways – Resolved will E mail highways.

Still no response from Parking Ticket company – need to do another stronger letter – Clerk to liase with Tony Goddard re wording.

Concern expressed regarding repairs to Pot Holes and it was decided to try and get meeting with Highways so can be taken around villages.

Resolved to Email Adam Keay (Highways) and request meeting.

C. Footpaths & Heritage Coast

Bus shelter opposite Post Office – footpath is getting overgrown with grass needs to be cut back – path should be 4 ft wide to allow wheelchair access.

Resolved to contact Julian Lee and ask if he can action this for us.

Dog Bin by War memorial is in urgent need of replacement.

Resolved to E mail SHDC and ask for replacement.

D. School – Cllr Rhymes

Report given which included:

New administrator has now started – Stand in Teacher now appointed to cover maternity leave. Still looking for handyman.

e.Trees - Cllr Mitchelmore

Brief report given:

Trim down of trees at Merchant Gardens now granted.

Mount Stone – there is a Sycamore which is of no use or value and needs to be taken down.

Mallards – happy with works there.

Opposite Mallards there are 2 dead trees covered in Ivy which need to come down.

Tree Warden will approach owners to see if this can be arranged.

West Buckland – Valley Side – tree needs to come down – it is on SHDC land so need their permission – need to phone or write. Residents happy to remove wood etc.

Yarmer – there are 8 Pine trees by Furlong Gate that need to have preservation order As it is feared they may be removed by builders.

Resolved to write letter to SHDC tree dept to ensure preservation order put in place.

F.Parish Plan / Thurlestone Sands – Cllr Came

Broadband – Slow progress but application being put together with Devon Renaissance.

Mobile phone coverage – Rodney Stidtsen very supportive regarding Mast being put up on his land – also still seeing if Church tower is an option.

Public Transport – Buses situation was raised at Cluster Meeting by Cllr Goddard and it appears there is little hope of changing anything as it comes down to cost.

Housing – Meeting with planners on 19th December arranged and Cllrs Goddard and Munn will attend with District Cllr Bramble – hoping to get feedback on some of our recent Applications and build closer relationship with planning department.

Thurlestone Sands – Letter to Mrs Zaffiro from Ordnance Survey passed on to us and Cllr Goddard has drafted a reply on behalf of council. This was passed around and approved.

Resolved to send reply on behalf of council.

g. Parish Clerk Report

Sewerage vent pipe has finally been cut down and capped off.

Code of Conduct pocket guide obtained and given to all councillors – this gives advice on when an interest is personal or preferential.

Have now obtained form to withdraw funds from National Savings and close account – funds to be transferred to our account at Lloyds TSB and then new deposit account. Interest should be 1% - currently getting .2% with NSI.

Precept form now received for next year and clerk to prepare figures for current year – projected to year end and estimates for next year – to be looked at – during meeting in January.

Resolved to withdraw monies held on deposit with National Savings and place with Lloyds – form signed at meeting.

4.District Councillor's Report

No report – not present.

5.Police Business

Brief report given by PCSO Dave Gibson which included:

Lead and copper still being targeted by thieves – Salcombe has been mainly hit and asked for help as two men spotted in combat jackets.

Cashpoint robbery at Spa shop in Dartmouth – early morning on 29th November – Blue Audi A4 spotted and some items stolen turned up on Bantham Beach so may be local to us. Are continuing their road safety presentations at Schools.

Reported to Dave that parking by School was still a problem – same few people are parking on no parking lines to drop off their children at school. Dave promised to come and see and issue tickets if needed.

6. Business by Direction of Chairman

Xmas tree (Nordman Fir) has been planted by church in memory of Len Hubbard and Kate Hubbard has been to see it and is pleased.

Kingsbridge and Salcombe Cluster Meeting held on 14th November and Cllr Goddard attended on our behalf – Buses and planning were covered and **separate report is attached to the minutes.**

Kiosk – Kit Marshall has taken this on and has finally managed to get hold of someone regarding lack of progress – Mark Johnson at BT has advised box was about to be removed – could not explain why we had not received Agreement form to sign so we could purchase for £1.00.
Now got form and it was **Resolved that council would sign this today and send off tomorrow. BT have advised will continue to pay for electric supply to box.**

7.Planning to be discussed:

55/28340/11/F – Alterations to entrance to Court Park Cottage and Coronation Cottage. Thurlestone by Mrs Iona Stocks – **No Objections**

55/2990/11F – Variation of condition 2 (to allow non-timber patio doors) of planning application 55/0862/11/F (Resubmission of 55/0458/09/F for erection of new dwelling to rear of existing house) at Homelea, Thurlestone TQ7 3LZ by Mr J P Pringle – **No Objections**

08/1853/11/F –Erection of 50m anemometer mast for meteorological monitoring For a temporary period of 18 months at Higher Torr, East Allington – application being Presented to Development management committee on 7th December – **No Objections**

Planning Granted

55/2528/11F –Proposed extension and alteration to create bathrooms (amendments to extant permission for extension) at Whiddons,Bantham TQ7 3AN – **Conditional Grant.**

8.Finance: Permission was asked to pay:

DCC quarterly rent for school playing field	£ 20.00
All Saints Church Donation re churchyard upkeep	£300.00
Parish Clerk Salary – Mr P Millard (Sept-Dec)	£1083.35
–(Inc Expenses £220.25)	

Thurlestone Parish Hall – room hire nov/dec	£ 20.00
G S Worrall – Remembrance Wreath	£ 17.00
Total	£1440.35

9. Correspondence:

Letter to Occupier Brook Cottage re hedge
 Letter from All Saints Church re donation
 Letter from Steve Dooley South Pool re Wind Turbines
 E mail re greenkeepers facility – Chris White
 SHDC works to trees at Tee Tops, Thurlestone
 SHDC works to trees at Mallards, Thurlestone
 SHDC works to trees at Merchants Gardens, Thurlestone
 SHDC Precept 2012/2013
 South Devon Healthcare – Exceptional award for Torbay Hospital

10. Circulars:

South Devon AONB – Open Forum 29 November
 South Hams Society Bulletin Oct
 South Hams Connect Winter 2011
 Marine Conservation magazine Winter 2011
Code of Conduct pocket guide – one for each councillor

Meeting closed at 8.30 pm

To confirm the date, time and place of the next Parish Council Meeting as Monday 9th January 2012 at 7.30pm at Thurlestone Parish Hall

6th December 2011

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Chairman

