

# Thurlestone Parish Council

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## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 7th December 2015 at 7.30pm in Thurlestone Parish Hall Thurlestone

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

In Attendance: Cllr Rufus Gilbert (County Councillor), Cllr Pearce (District Councillor), Plus 70 members of the public.

### **Declaration of Interest: None**

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**

The large number of people attending were mainly from Bantham and expressed their opposition to the Bantham Estates Planning application.

#### **1. Apologies for absence and to consider whether to approve reasons given.**

Cllr Zaffiro (Away) and Cllr Marshall (Away),

**2. The minutes** to confirm and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 2nd November 2015.

**Resolved – that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2015 were signed as a correct record.**

#### **3. Matters Arising:**

##### **a) Parish Hall – Cllr Zaffiro**

Not present – but it was reported that there was a cheese and wine event to celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Hall on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December which went well.

##### **b. Highways –**

Bantham – parking is a problem in summer and we should express as a wish that we get help from Highways. We have single yellow lines there currently.

##### **c. Footpaths & Heritage Coast**

Shale has been moved from path by beach nearest to Golf Club house.

Footpath by Phone Box in West Buckland – (near Summer Cottage) – which goes up to Chukka Cheese Hill needs to be cleared – **contact SHDC.**

**d. Trees – Cllr Mitchelmore**

We have had a response regarding the trees at The Thatches – some restrictions have been imposed however it is warden,s belief that a number of trees have been cut down without permission and that this should be looked into – but not getting anywhere with SHDC tree department.

**d. Neighbourhood Plan/Mobile Phone mast/Website – Cllrs Goddard & Marshall**

Full progress report on the Neighbourhood Plan was published in latest edition of Village Voice and the committee are now beginning to gather information which should be completed by February.

Financing the plan is becoming a problem – there are a lot of incidental costs being incurred currently which are being covered by the members of the committee – whilst it may be possible to obtain funds from various sources going forward it was requested that the Parish Council cover these in the interim – up to a maximum of £500. If funds are then obtained these costs will be reimbursed to the council.

**Resolved** Parish Council will cover costs in respect of the Neighbourhood Plan up to A maximum of £500.

**Website – will go live by Xmas!**

**f. Parish Clerk Report**

- **Street naming** consultation for Phase 3 at bottom of the Mead has expired and no objections were voiced regarding the name Trenemans 1-8 which I understand is the Grandmothers name of the Stidsons.
- **Refund** of £59.14 from HMRC has been received and paid in to account.
- **Attended DALC course** for Budgets and precepts in Exeter which was very useful as our budget is now due to be drawn up for next year.
- **Attended the AGM for Friends of Thurlestone Church** on 30<sup>th</sup> November which covered the expenditure for the year – as we know the main cost was the repairs to the Churches tower stonework – total cost will be £166,500 – extra cost over the £157,000 will be covered by the friends and the church. Very pleased with the work done.

**4. Dist and County Councillor Report**

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

**Traffic Regulation Orders** for South Hams and wish lists for Parish Councils should be communicated to Highways by end of January.

**Broadband** – Cabinets going in at the moment – all should be completed by end of February.

**Highways** – It has been acknowledged that there was not enough street enforcement and happy to hear from Parish re peak times cover needed.

**Resolved- Clerk will write letter to Highways about this.**

**Dist Cllr Pearce gave a short report which included**

Our Plan being finalised

Devolution – in principle will go through.

Executive – are considering Budget proposals for next year

## 5. Police Business

Sergeant Andy Woodward attended meeting and apologised for their absence over the last few months – PCSO Dave Gibson does try and attend when he can.

Report covered

- 2 crimes since November 1<sup>st</sup> which have been investigated.
- Local Farmer has been served with a stage one anti social behaviour re sheep problems on local roads.
- Have also received 2 complaints re shot gun noise/discharge around Bantham and West Buckland – shot dropping into gardens etc – being looked into by PCSO Dave Gibson re noise levels.

## 6. Business by Direction of Chairman

**Cobbled Road** – We have gone as far as we can – following legal advice we cannot prove ownership – however we have maintained/been responsible for this piece of road since 1920. It would also follow that going forward we have no legal responsibility for its future maintenance!

**TAPS funding** – Nothing put forward.

**Gulleys etc – Clerk** -Contact Highways re clearing.

Benches – Need tools to strip them down – cost £150

**Resolved** – Paul Martin to purchase and we will cover cost (for ongoing maintenance.)

## 7.Planning to be discussed:

**55/2446/15F** – Application for extension and alterations to existing dwelling at Belle View, West Buckland TQ7 3AQ by Mr A Littledale **No Objections**

**55/2484/15/F** – Application for proposed change of use of land and construction of new Estate office, alterations and extension of existing car park and erection of entrance/exit barrier by The Bantham Estate **Strongly Object – see SHDC website for full objection.**

**55/2298/15/F** – Application – readvertisement (revised plans received) for extensions and alterations to dwelling to include front and rear extensions, new replacement roof to garage and side conservatory at 11 Meadcombe Road, Thurlestone TQ7 3TB by Mr E Candy. **No Objections**

## Planning Granted

55/1657/15/F – Furlong Gate, Eddystone Road, Thurlestone TQ7 3NU by Mr A Sebbinger

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

Newman Accounting – Clerks mthly Pay (Dec)	£330.39
Devon County Council rent of playing field	£ 20.00
DALC – Course Budgets etc	£30.00
All saints church – Annual Donation	£300.00

Total £680.39

**HM Revenue & Customs refund £59.14 of overpaid tax credited to Parish Councils account.  
Re – investment of Deposit funds £10,690.05 (3 months –notice) with Lloyds Bank.**

## **9. Correspondence:**

E mail re Winter closure of toilets by Golf Club from SHDC 2.11.15  
Letter from SHDC re trees at Sea Drift Thurlestone 9.11.15  
E mail re Neighbourhood Plan – re costs/expenditure 9.11.15  
E mail from SHDC re charge for election May 2015 - 9.11.15  
DCC – Traffic Notice re Parkfield works -7<sup>th</sup> December  
E mail SHDC – Street Naming – new houses 13.11.15  
Email Cllr Pearce – Vacant house – 7 Seaview Terrace 18.11.15  
E mail – Part Night Lighting inThurlestone DCC 22.11.15  
Shdc Letter – Tree Preservation order – The Thatches 27.11.15  
Email – SHDC – Monthly Enforcement List –Planning 30.11.15

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

Healthwatch Voices  
Paper cutting 30.10.15 Kingsbridge Gazette news re bloc vote for PC,s re planning.

## **Meeting closed at 9.45 pm**

**To confirm the date, time and place of the Parish Council Meeting as Monday 4th  
January 2016 at 7.30pm at Thurlestone Parish Hall**

**8th December 2016**

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**Chairman**