

Thurlestone Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 3rd February 2014 at 7.30pm in Thurlestone Parish Hall Thurlestone

Present: Cllr Rhymes (Chairman)

Cllr P Hurrell

Cllr N Hurrell

Cllr Mitchelmore

Cllr Came

Cllr Munn

Cllr Goddard

In Attendance: Phil Millard (Clerk), County Cllr Rufus Gilbert, Dist Councillor Bramble and 11 members of the public.

Declaration of Interest: Cllr Rhymes School (Sec3d)

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 meeting held on Monday 2nd December 2013.

Resolved – that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 6th January 2014 were signed as a correct record.

3. Matters Arising:

a) **Parish Hall**

Nothing to Report.

Highways – Parking

There are still three unresolved issues in West Buckland

- Firstly the gully by Woodlands still not unblocked
- Secondly – 4 inch drop in Tarmac by the Phone Box
- Thirdly – the wall on top of the bridge – still not done.
- These have been reported – some going back 12 months

Adam Keay (Highways) – has replied to our Email and they are all in hand but may not be actioned until after April – this is not acceptable as it could result in a blocked road – Rufus will take up with Adam Keay urgently and see if he can sort out ASAP.

Resolved – Clerk to send an E mail to Rufus with details.

b. Footpaths & Heritage Coast/Thurlestone Sands

Pot holes at Glebefield and road to Bantham from West Buckland need to be reported
Hope Cove coastal path should be open by Easter.

Thurlestone Sands – will have a quick meeting after council meeting to discuss further action.

d. School – Cllr Rhymes

Nothing to report.

e. Trees – Cllr Mitchelmore

Very quiet at moment. Martin Grose has received permission to take a large tree down.

f. Parish Plan –

Mobile Phone Mast – Cllr Came

Department of culture fund community projects for mobile coverage and Arquiva arrange this – has spoken to them and they sub contract this to a company called Harlequin.

Will need to survey but advised that Bantham is not a problem as can get signal from Bigbury.

Will need a drop in meeting to go through plans – so community on board before it goes forward to planning. Need to sort out date and advertise.

Broadband Meeting – took place at Hotel and it was felt that the community is being ignored as no vote was allowed and it will now be up to BDUK to decide who to use!
John Hart has agreed to meet with the South Hams Broadband Team to discuss their concerns.

g. Parish Clerk Report

Report covered

Wrote to South Devon Rural Housing Association regarding the New Houses

At Parkfield opposite the Pub – have replied and confirmed they have not yet finished the rear gardens – Clerk to ring and find out exactly what is to be done and report back.

Pavement by monument has been cleaned and have done a good job.

Sign at Whitley Cross has been reported and will be done asap.

Graham Worrall (Church Warden) has asked if the council will consider a donation towards the Cost of the Church Tower repairs (£150K) – asked if it could be put on the agenda for next month – after discussion it was decided not to do this – as it was felt we could not help.

4. Dist and County Councillor Report

- Report then given by County Cllr Rufus Gilbert which covered-
- From 1st April the responsibility for parking on the street will be Devon County council,s responsibility not SHDC.
- District council have made £130m in savings so far and need to save another £50m
- It is felt that eventually local government will have to be self sufficient in the future and will not receive any funds from central government.
- The cut backs will have an effect on pot holes/highway repairs.
- Schools get very little £100 per child in South Hams compared to £400 per child Nationally.

Ian Bramble(District Councillor) – gave report and covered the road sweeping issue on the Mead (Unadopted Road – so not responsible for its clesaning/upkeep) and also the cobbled road – there may be a possibility of funds from the community fund project fund – which has a new homes allocation for maintenance of roads.Will look into it for us.
Boundary commission report will be out soon – so will be able to see how this effects us.

5. Police Business

Not present – but gave a report by Email – which advised they had caught the people responsible for thefts from boats in Bantham as a result of CCTV.

6. Business by Direction of Chairman

WWI Centenary in August – Meeting has taken place and read out a report of what was planned – next meeting will be on 17th March.

7.Planning to be discussed:

55/0182/14/F – Extension to dwelling and terrace at 1 Meadfoot, Thurlestone
By Mr C Johnson

Planning Granted

55/2648/13/F – Side and rear extension to existing dwelling at 5 The Downs, Downs Road
Thurlestone TQ7 3NG – by Mr D Cooke

55/2585/13/F – Conversion of barns and associated works to form 1 residential unit and 1 ancillary/holiday unit – at West Buckland Farm Barns, West Buckland TQ7 3AH by Mr & Mrs I Smith.

55/2645/13/F –Garage/workshop at Pear Tree Cottage, West Buckland TQ7 3AH by Mr & Mrs Wells

8.Finance: Permission was asked to pay:

Osmosis Cleaning – Cleaned Path by Monument - £115.00

Total £115.00

9.Correspondence:

Letter from The Groundsman .co dated 6.1.2014
Letter to SHDC re precept for 2014/2015 dated 10.1.14
Letter to South Devon Rural Housing re new Houses at Parkfield 10.1.14
Letter to Cllr Steer SHDC re their letter dated 12.12.2013
Letter from Community council of Devon.
Quote from Nicholas Rowell Haulage Ltd re road by church dated 16.1.14
E mail – re sign at Whitley Cross from Adam Keay –Highways
E mail to Adam Keay re West Buckland 10.1.14
Fault Report – re road sign court park – 9.1.14
E mail from Cllr Bramble re street sweeping on Mead Estate 22.1.14
Letter from South Devon Rural Housing Assoc re Parkfields 24.1.14

10.Circulars and to receive items for next agenda

Community Council of Devon – Membership
South Hams CVS – Big Lottery Fund
Clerk & Councils Direct magazine
The Clerk Magazine- January 2014
Gasdon products magazine
Healthwatch Voices Winter-2013/2014
BT FASTER Broadband in Thurlestone

Meeting closed at 9.10 pm

To confirm the date, time and place of the Parish Meeting as Monday 3rd March 2014 at 7.30pm at Thurlestone Parish Hall

4th February 2014

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Chairman

