

THURLESTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting

Date: 6 th February 2023		Venue & Time: Thurlestone Parish Hall, 19.30 hrs
Present: Cllr Paul Gunning Cllr Jill Munn (Chairman) Cllr Adam Ryan-Carter Cllr Gill Stone Cllr Sian Williams	In Attendance: Kathy Harrod (Parish Clerk) SHDC Cllr Mark Long SHDC Cllr Judy Pearce DCC Cllr Rufus Gilbert Parishioners/guests 4	Apologies: Cllr Sue Crowther Cllr Rosa Lewis

REF 2022/23 MINUTES

106 Welcome & Apologies

107 OPEN FORUM

There was an open forum of 15 minutes 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 matters arose:

- Bantham Estate – there looks to be a large area of groundworks taking place behind the office, local concern is that this is a potential helipad.
- Superfast Broadband in the parish – re 0219/23/COM, this needs to be installed properly and sensitively. Where will the cables come from/to, why is this being proposed for the conservation area?
- The village hall committee are having issues with the primary school. Recent incidents include the door and defibrillator being abused by some of the children with no parental intervention. The hall cleaner has been verbally abused and blocked in by parents. The hall is due to speak with the school and if no agreement is forthcoming other options will be viewed, this includes the potential addition of numberplate recognition technology.

To receive reports from County and District Councillors and to ask any questions arising:

DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT: Cllr Rufus Gilbert, Email: Rufus.Gilbert@devon.gov.uk

- West Alvington main road is due to close between 13th – 17th February.
- Cllr Gilbert has been in communication with Jack Rhymes regarding the Coronation celebrations.
- Buckland/Bantham road will be dressed this year. We await the order for full details of the extent of the works and the dates.
- The Government is being heavily lobbied for 20mph speed restrictions, we await developments.
- DCC portion of Council tax will increase by 4.99%, the same as the last two years.
- Due to prolonged cold weather sandwiched between bouts of heavy rain there are now thousands of potholes awaiting repair. Over 600 new reports are being received daily.

REPORT IT:

Members of the public are requested to report all Highways issues through the Highways Website, enabling faster assessment of problem areas which can then be added to the repair/maintenance schedules. You can report potholes, overgrown vegetation, defective signs/lighting and much more.

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/>

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS:

Email Cllr Judy Pearce: cllr.judy.pearce@southhams.gov.uk

Email Cllr Mark Long: cllr.mark.long@southhams.gov.uk

- UK Shared Prosperity Fund: This is an allocation of government money in lieu of EU funds. Bids had to be made for carbon reducing initiatives. South Hams has been awarded just over £1m to be spent over the next three years on revenue projects. These will be based first on the marine economy: pilot projects for marine

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related activities and the development of a strategy to decarbonise those activities, including a feasibility study to decarbonise the Lower Dart Ferry and the Salcombe water taxis. Second, on Active Travel: a Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) will be commissioned along with a behaviour change study to identify ways of increasing active travel. Third on agricultural projects based on regenerative farming to transition towards

a more sustainable (but still commercially viable) approach to farming, and finally on wider business support and consultancy.

2. Rural England Prosperity Fund: this is similar but capital grant money rather than revenue and we have received approx. £850k. The proposed project spend is designed to complement and enhance the UKSPF projects and the time frame is the same. All the projects will be included in the third year of the SHCD Corporate Plan 'Better Lives for All'.
3. The Council Tax Reduction Scheme has been revised following a public consultation. This is designed to help low income households. Details are on the website. Alongside this there a Council Tax Support Fund provided by government. For those already receiving council tax support, a further £25 will be deducted from the council tax bills going out in early March for 2023-24 for all eligible pensioners and working families.
4. Housing: the rules are changing for Disabled Facility Grants and the income restrictions will no longer apply. The aim is to get adaptations done more quickly to help with hospital discharge. An occupational therapist visit will still be required. Amounts have been increased to reflect inflation. We are introducing civil penalties to allow officers to impose fines on rogue landlords either for unsafe electrical systems or for not insulating properties properly to the standard now required by law. There is also considerable activity in connection with damp and mould following the tragic Rochdale case.
5. We expect to endorse the Budget for next year at Council on 16 Feb, this will include all the town and parish precepts. SHDC is increasing their budget by £5 per band D property.
6. The Modbury Neighbourhood Plan is going to referendum.
7. We have allocated an extra £50k to help struggling residents. Grants are likely to be small, but please direct anyone really in trouble to the Council website.
8. **Photo ID will be required for the May 4th Elections for anyone intending on voting at a polling station. No ID is required for postal votes. If a parishioner does not have the required ID they can either apply for a postal vote or to SHDC for a Voter Authority Certificate. More details can be found at <https://www.southhams.gov.uk/voter-ID>**

It takes two minutes to report a problem, please help keep our community beautiful.

<https://apps.southhams.gov.uk/webreportit>

Abandoned Vehicle, Damaged or Full Dog Bin, Damaged/Full Litter Bin, Damaged/Full Recycling Bank, Dead Animal, Dirty Beach, Fly Tipping, Litter/Dog Mess, Planning Breach, Stray Dogs, AND MORE...

The Meeting Convened

108 **Declarations of Interests and amendments to Members' Registers of Interests.**

Cllr Gunning declared an interest in respect of planning application 4482/22/HHO and withdrew from the room while this was being discussed.

109 **To confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 16th January 2023.**

It was resolved to accept the minutes as a true record of the meeting.

110 **Clerks Report:**

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- a. Local Elections, 2023 is an election year for Parish Councils, Councillors have already been provided with initial information. Once full details of how to nominate yourself as a potential parish councillor are available they will be shared in a newsletter and on the website/noticeboard/social media.
- b. 23rd Feb Councillor Training. Neighbourhood Plan training has been agreed for March 15th.
- c. Defibrillator Training. Training will be available on 6th June and 12th July. Further details to be provided.
- d. Parish Contact List. It has been agreed to collate a list of parishioners and interested parties who would like to receive information and any emergency or urgent communications from Thurlestone Parish Council. If you would like to be added to the list please email your details to thurlestoneparish@gmail.com. You can unsubscribe from the list at any time by sending confirmation of such by email.

111 BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED:

- a. Bantham Swoosh: Deferred due to non-attendance by the event organiser.
- b. Highways Meeting. See Appendix A for Meeting Report. We will investigate new signage and provide proposed times/dates/sites for speed checks to Devon County Council Highways.
- c. Coronation Planning Update. The Thurlestone event will take place on Sunday 7th May. Once more information is available we will help with an awareness campaign.

COUNCILLOR UPDATES:

- d. **Cllr Gunning** – Public Rights of Way: The paperwork for the P3 submission is now being finalised. Police: Next online meeting is on 10th February. The Neighbourhood Policing Team is being expanded. A request will be made for a police visit to the school.
- e. **Cllr Ryan-Carter** – Climate Issues & Tree Warden Update.
 - *Tree Preservation Order Number 1070*
Site: Woodland to the South of Clanacombe Lodge, West Buckland, SX 686439
CONFIRMATION OF ORDER This Order was confirmed by the South Hams District Council without modification on the 31st day of January 2023 pursuant to Minute Number C.134/01
 - Proposal to consider the environment in every action and decision: Other councils have adopted this statement and put it at the forefront of their thinking while making every decision. It was resolved to adopt the statement and to consider the environment in every action and decision.
 - The environment booklet has been very well received.
 - Discussions are continuing with a local farmer about a composting option.
 - At a recent meeting, the new planning regulations were discussed. These regulations were approved effective 1st December 2022 and give priority to the reuse and retrofitting of old buildings. The minimum requirement when demolishing/replacing property is that it must be carbon neutral within 25 years. The recording from the Zoom meeting will be shared once received.
- f. **Cllr Stone** – Avon Estuary Forum, no report on the forum at this time, they are due to meet in March. Parish Hall Liaison: The event at the hall in January was well supported and deemed a success. Cllr Stone will speak to her contacts about the provision of a defibrillator training session at the Parish Hall.

112 Planning & Enforcement

a) LIST OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED/FOR DISCUSSION:

Full details of the Parish Council response can be found by entering the reference number on the South Hams District Council planning portal <https://apps.southhams.gov.uk//planningsearchmvc>

1. 4393/22/HHO, Clanacombe Lodge, West Buckland, alterations and extension 8/2 **TPC Support**
2. 4482/22/HHO, 2 North Upton Barns, proposed outbuilding 16/2: **TPC Object**.
3. 3013/22/FUL Aunecliff, revised plans: **TPC Object**
4. 0219/23/COM, Old Rectory Cottages, Thurlestone, note of intent to instal pole at 10.5m (9m above ground). **TPC Object**
5. 4421/22/TPO, T79: Grove Cottages, Ash & Alder - Fell all marked trees due to being dead and dying, G78: Alder - a group of three trees fell all trees to minimise risk of failure, G77: Ash - Re-coppice & Coppice the two trees to the east due to poor condition, T76: Alder - Re-coppice due to poor condition and CPT1: Ash, Alder, Sycamore, Elm, Hawthorn, Willow & Silver

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Birch - Cutback basal epicormics, vegetation & sever Ivy. **TPC Support.** A request will be made for all felled trees to be replaced.

b) SOUTH HAMS DISTRICT COUNCIL PLANNING & TREE DECISIONS/OUTCOME:

1. 2786/20/FUL, West Buckland Barn, TQ7 3AJ. **No Decision Yet.**
2. 0915/22/FUL, Land off Bantham Beach Road. **No Decision Yet.**
3. 2605/22/FUL, Bantham Boathouse. **No Decision Yet.**
4. 2606/22/LBC, Bantham Boathouse. **No Decision Yet.**
5. 2643/22/VAR, Thurlestone Hotel. **No Decision Yet.**
6. 3013/22/FUL, Aune Cliff. **No Decision Yet.**
7. 4047/22/HHO, Marshalls, Thurlestone. **Conditional Approval.**
8. 3954/22/FUL, Cowrie House, Ilbert Road. **No Decision Yet.**
9. 3366/22/CLP, Onnalea, Bantham. **No Decision Yet.**
10. 3581/22/HHO, 2 Wingfield, Thurlestone. **Conditional Approval.**
11. 3663/22/HHO, 21 Mead Lane, Thurlestone. **Withdrawn.**
12. 3581/22/HHO, 2 Wingfield, Thurlestone. **Conditional Approval.**
13. 4169/22/HHO, Byeways, Thurlestone. **No Decision Yet.**
14. 4118/22/FUL, Edgcombe House, West Buckland. **No Decision Yet.**
15. 4175/22/HHO, Warren House, Thurlestone. **No Decision Yet.**

c) ENFORCEMENT

Please note that the Enforcement Lists are confidential and issues concerning Enforcement cannot be discussed at a public meeting.

South Hams District Council are responsible for the enforcement of all planning breaches, the Parish Council have no authority to deal with issues of this nature.

Please will all parishioners continue to report full details of any violations that do not adhere to the original application for which permission was granted. ALL violations can be reported to Enforcement via

www.southhams.gov.uk/article/3043/Report-a-Planning-Breach

113 Receipts & Payments – see Appendix A:

a. Receipts & Payments: Month 11

31 January 2023 (2022 - 2023)

Thurlestone Parish Council PAYMENTS (AWAITING AUTHORISATION) LIST

Voucher	Code	Description	Supplier	Net	VAT	Total
101	DAAT Electrici	DAAT Landing Site	EDF Energy	6.74	0.34	7.08
100	Electricity	Public Toilets - Electricity	EDF Energy	9.52	0.48	10.00
102	Cleaning	Public Toilets - Cleaning	South Hams District C	2,898.33	579.67	3,478.00
103	Hall Hire	Hall Hire	Thurlestone Parish H	15.00		15.00
104	Salary	Salary Payment	Parish Clerk			
			Tot	2,929.59	580.49	3,510.08

The Councillors resolved to accept the payments.

b. Governance:

1. It was confirmed that the precept request had been submitted to South Hams District Council with confirmation of such being received.
2. It was resolved to approve Cllrs Munn, Crowther, Gunning & Stone as bank signatories and all ex-councillors are to be removed from the account.

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114 **Close of Meeting:** At 21.08hrs the Chairman declared the meeting closed.

115 Next Meeting Dates: **6th Mar, 3rd Apr, 15th May, 5th Jun, 3rd Jul, 4th Sept, 2nd Oct & 6th Nov, Thurlestone Parish Hall 7.30pm**

Items for the next agenda:

- Public Toilets
- Swoosh Update

Signed as a true record: _____

Print Name & Date: _____

Agenda Items and Updates; where possible please submit to the Clerk one week prior to the meeting to ensure time for inclusion, circulation, and study. If a Council Member is unable to attend a meeting it would be appreciated if they could submit a brief précis of progress on their actions, if applicable, (to the Clerk for distribution) together with their apologies.

Distribution List: Cllrs Crowther, Gunning, Lewis, Munn, Ryan Carter, Stone & Williams. **For Information to:** County Cllr R Gilbert, Dist. Cllr Judy Pearce, Dist. Cllr Mark Long, Thurlestone Parish Website: <https://www.thurlestoneparish.co.uk/>

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PAYMENTS & RECEIPTS LIST

Voucher	Code	Date	Description	Supplier	Net	VAT	Total
98	Water	03/01/2023	Payment - Public Toilets -	Pennon Water	-112.00		-112.00
17	Bank Gross Interest	09/01/2023	Receipt - Interest (Gross)	Lloyds Bank	14.47		14.47
97	Electricity	10/01/2023	Payment - Public Toilets -	EDF Energy	-9.52	-0.48	-10.00
90	DAAT Electricity	11/01/2023	Payment - DAAT Landing !	EDF Energy	-8.14	-0.41	-8.55
15	Public Toilets	20/01/2023	Receipt - Annual Donation	Thurlestone Golf Clu	500.00		500.00
89	SCRIBE	20/01/2023	Payment - SCRIBE Subscri	SCRIBE - Starboard S	-471.00	-94.20	-565.20
87	HMRC	20/01/2023	Payment - HMRC Quarterl	HMRC	-455.79		-455.79
88	Hall Hire	20/01/2023	Payment - Hall Hire	Thurlestone Parish H	-10.00		-10.00
92	Signage	20/01/2023	Payment - Signage	Street Solutions UK	-109.98	-22.00	-131.98
88	Hall Hire	20/01/2023	Payment - Hall Hire	Thurlestone Parish H	-6.00		-6.00
93	Phone Box Expenses	20/01/2023	Payment - Phone Box Exp	Mary Horne	-96.69		-96.69
91	Climate & Ecology	20/01/2023	Payment - Wildlife Booklet	Print & Design	-564.90		-564.90
94	Wreath	20/01/2023	Payment - Wreath Purcha	Royal British Legion	-20.00		-20.00
96	Salary	31/01/2023	Payment - Salary Payment	Parish Clerk	-517.94		-517.94
			Tot		-1,867.49	-117.09	-1,984.58