

# Thurlestone Parish Council

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## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 2nd March 2015 at 7.30pm in Thurlestone Parish Hall Thurlestone

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

In Attendance: Phil Millard (Clerk) and Ian Bramble (District Councillor), PC Andy Woodhead plus 7 members of the public.

### **Declaration of Interest: Cllr Goddard re Planning The Clock House, Bantham**

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.**

Cllr Came – Holiday and County Cllr Gilbert – Unavailable.

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

**Resolved – that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 2nd February 2015 were signed as a correct record.**

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

##### **a) Parish Hall – Cllr Munn**

A lot of the equipment is now 10 years old and needs to be replaced – committee has agreed to spend £7k plus VAT – to buy new projector (HD Digital one) and Wireless Router for Mobiles and iPads. Also other pieces such as the DVD player will also be replaced. Has been ordered and should be installed ASP.  
Everything else is fine.

##### **b. Highways –**

Parking through the Village is becoming a problem – 3 days ago traffic was at a standstill due to builders vans being parked on yellow lines which prevented the Tally Ho bus getting through. The Vans were booked eventually. But Cllr Mitchelmore could not get through to Police to come and sort out.

Part of the problem is Traffic enforcement was taken over by the District council and they have not fulfilled contract re presence and numbers. We are taking this forward (Cllr Goddard is writing regarding this issue following problems in Bantham last summer.

Large Crane also came through the Village and this could be a problem re damage to our roads – could we have a weight restriction on our road – it was suggested we take up with Highways – we could invite to a future meeting. Could also look at possible speed limit as well (see Chairmans report).

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

Nothing to report.

### **d.Trees – Cllr Mitchelmore**

Grove Cottages have had permission to take down a few trees however it seems that more may have been taken down than was authorised. Tree warden has been in touch with Ross Kennerly at SHDC to come and check.

Also crown needs sorting out at Stabling Cottage – Tree Warden does not see any problem regarding this.

### **e. Parish Plan**

No Report.

### **f. Parish Clerk Report**

- Coastal Path to Hope Cove – new diversion section – very bad with mud – walked it myself over half term and turned back – the mud was so bad! -Reported it to County Cllr Gilbert who was aware from other complaints received of the problem – there is no money at the moment but will sort out ASAP in April.
- Tax for the clerk has not been sent to HMRC and have received letters from them – as we are aware our PAYE is handled for the Parish Council by Douglas Tonks Ltd – have Emailed them and written a letter to ask them to sort out as a matter of Urgency.
- **Clerk to chase.**
- **Pear tree cottage** – Cllr Mitchelmore chased this last week and got on to Planning Enforcement – it had been reported as a possible breach – they had not done anything but following my phone call – went out and have gained access – it seems that some of the work done has not been authorised and will need to either be removed or a further retrospective planning application will need to be made.
- Land slip reported by phone Box and E mailed Adam Keay who has advised will try and expedite matters as this could block the road if not sorted quickly.
- Have obtained spare keys for our new notice board in West Buckland – it seems the church will want to use as before but have limited them to 2 notices in view of lack of space.

- Elections are approaching and will receive notices and application forms over next few weeks. Nominations for new councillors will need to be submitted by 9<sup>th</sup> April.

#### **4. Dist and County Councillor Report**

##### **Count Cllr – Gilbert not available for meeting but did email a report which covered**

- DCC to raise council tax by 1.99%
- Grit bins will now be filled for another year without charge
- The £100,000 review of lollipop men is now cancelled.
- £100,000 has been found to cushion the effect of some bus routes that lose out on the review/consultation
- Road gritting criteria now back to 55 persons from proposed 750. Therefore no change from present road gritting program.

##### **Report given by Dist Cllr Ian Bramble which covered various matters including**

- Council tax frozen – so no increase but have taken freeze money from government.
- Our plan – deadline extended to September – consultations taking longer than expected.
- Transformation 18 programme continues re saving £3.3m - 2017/2018 onwards. Mainly from savings in staff levels.
- Empty house in Thurlestone still not resolved – legal issues.

#### **5. Police Business**

PC Andy Woodward – introduced himself – he lives in the Village with his wife and young daughter – has been in the police 30 years – and is happy to resolve any issues we might have. Will let us have his E mail address.

Report Given which covered-

- Discussed the recent incidents on the Mead regarding the pack of 5 dogs which have been attacking other dogs and their owners! The owners will be interviewed tomorrow regarding this and will let us know the outcome.
- There has been some heating oil stolen in South Milton
- Stolen rowing boat in Bigbury
- Kingsbridge police station – no plans to close at present.

#### **6. Business by Direction of Chairman**

Speed limit for Village – Discussed and should be taken forward –

**Resolved put on Agenda for next meeting.**

## **Neighbourhood plan/Cobbled Road –**

Cllr Goddard – reported that subcommittee met last week and our application is proceeding – a more detailed report will be given about this in next issue of the Village Voice. Matters are starting to progress but it will need to be appreciated that this will be a lengthy process.

Cobbled road – have finally got authority to speak to the Solicitors of the new owners of Bantham (Evans Estates) – regarding ownership of the road by the church. Will meet with them asp and see if this can be resolved.

## **7.Planning to be discussed:**

**55/0307/15/F** – Application for two storey rear extension and internal alterations at Clock Cottage, Bantham TQ7 3AN by The Bantham Estate – **No Objections**

## **Planning Declined**

**55/2758/14/F** – Erection of new dwelling Treburrick, Downs Road, Thurlestone TQ73NF  
By Mr C Simmons

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

Mrs A Martin	£300.00
Salary P Millard	£1032.23
Expenses P Millard	£195.40
DCC – Rent for school playing field	£20.00

**Total £1547.63**

£10,690.05 reinvested Lloyds Bank commercial banking fixed term deposit – further 3 months

## **9.Correspondence:**

Letter to Douglas Tonks re unpaid tax 2.2.15  
Email to planning re culvert works at Thurlestone Golf Club 4.2.15  
Letter from SHDC re trees at Aune Cross Bantham 4.2.15  
E mail to Planning re signs at NT – S Milton Car Park 6.2.15  
Email to DCH re Parkfield Parking 13.2.15  
Letter from Mr D Cohen re Planning and Localism 13.2.15  
Letter from DCC highways re patching works in Thurlestone 26.2.15  
Email from Planning Enforcement re Pear Tree Cottage 27.2.15

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

**None.**

**Meeting closed at 8.30 pm**

**To confirm the date, time and place of the Parish Council Meeting as Monday 13th  
April 2015 at 7.30pm at Thurlestone Parish Hall**

**5<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

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**Chairman**