

Thurlestone Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 5th March 2018 At 7.30 pm in Thurlestone Parish Hall Thurlestone

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

In attendance: Graeme Martin (Clerk), Cllr Gilbert (County Councillor), Cllr Pearce (District Councillor) and 16 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 the meeting for any matters that the public wished to raise. This section is not minuted.

Open Forum

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

Cllr Wright (District Council)

2. The Minutes

To confirm and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 5th February 2018

Resolved – that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 5th February be signed as a correct record.

3 Matters Arising

a) Parish Hall – Cllr Bronwen Zaffiro

Nil

b) Highways

Snowfall :-The Parish Council Chairman Andrew Rhymes, Parish Councillor Nigel Hurrell and others were warmly thanked for clearing the snow and gritting the roads

Potholes :- Those around the Parish have been noted and reported by Chairman Andrew Rhymes, as well as the large one by Furzey Close which despite promises had not been repaired.

c) Footpaths

The raised footpath by “Swallows” - no action as yet on top dressing .The damaged edging now needs repair.

d) Trees – Cllr Charlie Mitchelmore

War Memorial Green :- The trimming of trees is in hand.

Sea View Play Area :- The felling of the diseased ash tree brought correspondence from the District Council revealing that they owned the land, this despite having donated it to the Parish Council some years ago. SHDC are to be reminded of this gift.

e) Neighbourhood Plan - Cllr Tony Goddard

A very experienced Independent Examiner, John Slater, has now been appointed and will take 6 to 8 weeks to report on our Plan. SHDC has 5 weeks to decide whether it agrees with the report, then up to 56 days to organise a Parish Referendum. Cllr Tony Goddard urged all Parishioners to read the plan and to aim for a 95% turnout at the Referendum..

f) Parish Clerk's report

TAP funding of £3,379 has been awarded towards the community wi-fi project.

4 County Councillor's report – Rufus Gilbert

Totnes Railway station :- Rumours that this will close have been circulating, which are denied .It was suggested that this rumour might have been started to “test the water” for public reaction to this possibility. Roger Croad is the man to contact at DCC about the rumour. The Parish Council to write to GWR to object to the closure.

Work at Buckland:-The official who should have had this work in hand (Mr Hornblower) had now left DCC and his successor cannot trace any paperwork in this connection

Proposed Road Closure :- Rufus Gilbert has now met the General Manager of Thurlestone Golf Club (Simon Bawden) and had a useful discussion on the proposed closure of the road leading to Lockslea House. As there had been an objection to this proposal the Golf Club cannot now proceed. Rufus Gilbert will keep this matter under review.

Potholes :- The Council employees who would normally attend to repairs had been moved on to snow shifting

Finances :- DCC has a half share of the Council Tax, which will rise by 5% made up of 3% inflationary increase and 2% Social Care Precept (ring fenced). Band D properties will have an increase of £65 pa. DCC pays £9m for bus passes, £3m to subsidise bus routes, £4000,000 to the Citizens Advice Bureau and £6.5m to improve highways drainage.

Hedge cutting :- Was raised where farmers leave the cuttings into ditches or not removed as they apparently do in Cornwall

Rufus Gilbert said he would look at the latest Bye laws he also said hedges are cut by increasing amounts over a 3 year period. Blowers to clear cuttings will probably be required by 2020

Devon's population aged over 65 years increases by 10% annually.

5 District Councillor's Report – Judy Pearce

SHDC Budget – This has now been passed and will result in a 5% increase in Council Tax.

Public Toilets – Villages can opt to fund their upkeep or SHDC will close them down. Judy Pearce will check out the cost of maintenance for the Parish Council to make a decision.

New Joint Local Plan – The meeting arranged to discuss this was abandoned due to the weather conditions. A new principal, Sophie Hutchins, has been appointed.

Pension Funds are eating up a lot of money resulting in less police presence.

Brown bins –Should we pay for them, or not, has yet to be agreed.

6 Police Business

Nothing reported, but an e-mail will be sent to Sgt Dave Green as we think they are duty bound to appear at our Parish meetings at least 3 times a year.

7 Business by direction of the Chairman

Wi-fi :- A meeting arranged with Bush did not take place. The Chairman has requested a further date yet to be agreed.

Cobbled Road damage :-The offer by The Yarmer Estate to contribute to the repairs was welcomed .Once the building work on the Estate has finished quotations for the repairs will be jointly looked at and agreed to enable the work to proceed.

Badly parked vans on the cobbled road cause commercial traffic to damage the curb stones and grass when getting to Eddystone Road.

War Memorial :- Simon Hurrell to be asked to install 4 hooks to attach the wreaths to prevent them blowing away.

Footpath No.5 :- This has been in public use for the past 25 years and DCC are to be asked how to get this registered on the Definitive Public Rights of Way map.

Speaker at the Parish AGM :- It was suggested that Roger English of the AONB be invited.

Overnight Parking at Bantham Ham :- Concern has been expressed about drug addicts, and others, using parked vans for their activities. This is not a problem in the summer, but in winter a solution would be to lock the top gate.

War Memorial cleaning :- Simon Hurrell to be contacted.

Snow clearing :- A letter of appreciation is to be sent to Bantham Estate to thank them for their considerable help at Bantham and for collecting the school children and getting food to the Pub.

A letter is to be sent to Eric Palmer for clearing the snow from the top road to Kerse Cross and down to the bottom of Court Park and to Rod Seymour of the Sloop for driving the mule whilst salting the roads.

Replacement of grit and sand stocks in the Village will be discussed at another meeting.

WWW 1 Armitice Centenary :- Cllr Kit Marshall will be in touch with the British Legion to discuss ideas for the Parish including the Phone Box

Parish Clerk :- Due to pressure of his business Graeme Martin has resigned. He was thanked for what he had contributed during his short tenure in post.

Planning to be discussed

0800/18/HHO the Thatches, Thurlestone, TQ7 3NJ

Householder application for replacement of existing glass balustrade and timber canopy with new glass canopy over rear facing first floor balcony Supported

0421/18/HHO 21, Court Park, Thurlestone, TQ7 3LX

Householder application for proposed alterations and extension (resubmission of 3075/17/HHO) Opposed

0311/18/HHO Middle Gables, Bantham to Aunemouth Cross, Bantham TQ7 3AW

Householder application for rear extension and refurbishment Supported

0383/18/VAR Clock Cottage, Bantham to Aunemouth Cross, Bantham, TQ7 3AN
Variation of condition number 2 following grant of planning permission 2909/17/FUL to allow changes to the approved site plan. Supported

8. Finance:

The council agreed to put a 6% increase to the precept

Permission was asked to pay		
G Martin (Clerk Salary)	£306.33	
G Martin (Clerk Expenses)	£238.35	
Timberjack	£150.88	
Parish Hall	£20.00	
DCC School field rent	£20.00	
Total	£735.56	Agreed

9. Correspondence

Nick Cotter, Save Bantham Campaign
Local Council Public Advisory Service
Derek Brown
Cllr. Rufus Gilbert: West Buckland repairs
Public right of way acknowledgement
Lambs Close
SHDC Waste and recycling
SHDC re land at Island View
SHDC Tree work consent.

10. Circulars and to receive items for next agenda

Meeting closed at 8.50 pm
To confirm the date, time and place of the Parish Council meeting as Monday 9th
April 2018 at 7.30pm in Thurlestone Parish Hall

Chairman