

Thurlestone Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting Held on Monday 6th March 2017 at 7.30pm in Thurlestone Parish Hall Thurlestone

Present: Cllr Rhymes (Chairman)
Cllr Mitchelmore (Vice Chairman)
Cllr Marshall
Cllr Goddard
Cllr Munn

In Attendance: Phil Millard (Clerk), Cllrs Pearce and Wright (District Councillors), Cllr 28 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

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

Cllrs Hurrell and Zaffiro (On Holiday) and County Cllr Rufus Gilbert – unavailable.

2. The minutes to confirm and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 6th February 2017.

Resolved – that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 6th February 2017 be signed as a correct record.

3. Matters Arising:

a) Parish Hall –

No report but the piano recital on the 18th February was very successful. It also hosted the I Village Voice annual luncheon which was enjoyed by everyone who attended.

b. Highways –

Whitley Cross – towards Churchstow is still very bad – Rufus Gilbert has been made aware of our concerns and will take up with Adam Keay at Highways. Road out of West Buckland also bad (fallen leaves) and Dist Cllr Pearce has asked for road sweeper to include this when it next comes.

Considerable damage has been done to the edge of the Village Green adjoining the cobbled road by a reversing lorry – 12 curb stones have been crushed and will need to be replaced. The Builders (Mark Hamilton) have been made aware of this and have promised to put right the damage. It was felt that we should write to the builder and the Land owner to express our concern.

Resolved that clerk will write letter on behalf of council.

c. Footpaths

Nothing to report – but see under Clerk Report re P3 Survey.

d. Trees – Cllr Mitchelmore

Nothing to report.

d. Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Goddard

Chris White gave a brief report regarding the community Wi-Fi scheme- for smart mobile phones. We were aware he had started to look into this with Mr Taylor-Bigg and Mr Houghton but has now abandoned this –as he has now discovered that Surveyors on behalf of Telefonica (02) are in the advanced stages of looking to put a small mast on top of the Hotel. This was decided to be the best place having looked at various sites around the Village. This will be good for Thurlestone but will not cover Bantham or Buckland. Chris requested that someone from each of these villages may want to come onto the subcommittee to see if they can pursue a solution.

Cllr Goddard – had 3 matters to report:

The first was that Nicholas Johnston had attended a meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (NPSG) on the 11th January to share his draft proposals for the Bantham Estate. This had been arranged with the Project Director who met Mr Johnston, as she did the other major landowner in the Parish, to enquire if he had any land which he was willing to make available for affordable housing. At the beginning of that meeting, Cllr Goddard said he had spelled out some Ground Rules including the warning that the Steering Group would not express an opinion and that nothing they said, or did not say, should be interpreted as either endorsing or opposing the proposals. Mr. Johnston had told the Steering Group that in preparation for the meeting he had studied the results of the Housing Needs Survey and the Parish Questionnaire and that his proposals were intended to be in response to the aspirations of the Parish, as shown in those results. Cllr Goddard pointed out that Mr. Johnston's analysis of the responses differed in many respects from the Steering Group's analysis of them and went on to emphasise that Mr. Johnston's plans were not an application for planning permission. He said that if and when they became the subject of an application, it would be for the Parish Council and the District Council Planners to decide.

Secondly there was a NPSG meeting last week 1st March- where District Cllr Pearce gave a very helpful presentation about the new draft Joint Local Plan in some detail.

Finally the Thurlestone Heritage trail which had been organised by local NPSG and the school was despite heavy rain, enjoyed by all – Tony thanked everyone involved.

e. Parish Clerk Report

Internal Auditor – On recommendation have approached Malcolm Franke – who lives locally – he is a chartered accountant – so is over qualified for what we want – but is keen to help. Have been through what is needed as far as the audit is concerned.

This becomes more important next year 2017/2018 – as small councils under £25k turnover will no longer have to submit accounts to an external auditor – but will have to comply with transparency rules – which means much more will be on the web site.

Mike Stickland and myself have completed the forms re the P3 footpath scheme.

This involves a detailed survey and report of all the footpaths in the Parish.

For this we get a grant of £240 pa – towards maintenance.

In his report Mike has identified a few failures – and these will need to be sorted out during the year. Have given copy of report to Chairman Cllr Rhymes who will have a look at what needs to be done and arrange for them to be put right.

Attended the Neighbourhood Plan meeting last week which was very informative.

Barrier at Golf Club – have had a response from Keith Crawford and he is waiting for South Hams Planning Dept to approach them – and will then respond.

Have asked Dist Cllr Pearce to look into the delay on this one.

4. Dist and County Councillor Report

District Councillor Judy Pearce gave short report

- New Joint Local Plan – Final Consultation (March – April) – can respond if you want to – however you will need to come to briefing sessions to be held around the area – on how to frame your response. Responses are then collected up and sent with evidence to Bristol in a white van! Inspector then allocated and sends letter to SHDC which will advise if ok or may raise issues. There will be a public meeting in Plymouth. This will be over the summer period.
- Bantham Estates – there are no planning applications! Would take about 6 months to prepare – if they went forward. It is worth noting that petitions have no effect on planning matters.
- Tribal Clash Event– (1st Sept – 3rd Sept) - Read out councils reply to her on their consideration for this event .The event involves fitness activities – swimming etc - about 500 campers expected – has moved from Blackpool Sands. Have been assured by Ryan Hooper (Bantham Estate Manager) and the organizer's representative Charlie Ansell that it will be closely monitored and controlled.
- Will continue to update us on the councils views/actions with regard to this event.
- No comments re Phone Mast.
- 16 Meadcombe – The site meeting was well attended and whilst not everyone felt they were allowed input at the meeting, their presence was effective as it showed that local people thought the application important and the committee got the message – appeal was turned down.

Dist Cllr Simon Wright – gave a short report

- Budget has now been agreed.

- Joint Local Plan – 2 representatives from South Hams involved – Cllr Judy Pearce was one of these and did a lot of work – thanked her for her efforts.
- Home strategy now completed until 2022
- £1.88 m received for community housing schemes – need to confirm plans
- New Website went live today – should be a lot better than the old one.

5. Police Business

No Report.

6. Business by Direction of Chairman

Donations for Peter Harrell's Bench have come in – people have been very generous.
Re wording for the plaque to go on the bench - Will email this around to confirm wording ok.

7.Planning to be discussed:

0330/17/HHO – Application for new terrace, front extension, new garage and alterations to dwelling at Stickledown, Eddystone Road, Thurlestone TQ7 3NU by Mr & Mrs D Horne
No Objections

0372/17/HHO – Application for erection of new garage and Garden Store on existing rear parking area at Edens, Warren Road, Thurlestone TQ7 3NT by Mr M Cooke
No Objections

8.Finance: Permission was asked to pay:

P Millard (Clerk Salary – December)	£365.24
P Millard – Expenses	£246.04
Ben Hoare (S.Hams Arborists)	£485.00
Newman Accounting Services Ltd – PAYE	£102.00
Total	£1158.31

Deposit money – transferred to main accounts £10,000 plus interest.
Peters Bench – Donations cheques £220.00

9.Correspondence:

Email re pothole – West Buckland – Devon Highways –W17975956
Email from Development Management re changes to planning consultation process
Lets Talk Dogs Poster – Public consultation 13 February – 27 March SHDC
Email funding services in South Hams – council tax SHDC 14.2.17

Email SHDC press release re let's talk about dogs –news release 14.2.17
Letter from Sinclair Dalby re proposed base station installation at Thurlestone Hotel 20.2.17 by Telefonica (O2).
Email SHDC News release re Plan for future of Plymouth & SW Devon to 2034 21.2.17
Email SWD re joint Local Plan consultation – responses by 15.3.17
Letter from Devon & Cornwall Police re future plans 27.1.17
Letter to Ros Davies DCC re Parish Paths Partnership Annual grant and survey 25.2.17
Email from Keith Crawford- Thurlestone Golf Club re Barrier 1.3.17
Letter to SHDC re TAP FUNDING Claim 6.3.17

10.Circulars and to receive items for next agenda

Kingsbridge Gazette 10th February re Bantham Estate Plans
Mission to Seafarers magazine February 2017
Circular re Devon Link Up – registered Charity
Clerks and Councils Direct – Magazine – March 2017

Meeting closed at 8.25pm

To confirm the date, time and place of the Parish Council Meeting as Monday 3rd April 2017

7th March 2017

Chairman