

# Thurlestone Parish Council

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## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 7th March 2011 at 7.30pm in Thurlestone Parish Hall Thurlestone

Present: Cllr Rhymes (Chairman), Cllrs Marshall (Vice Chairman) Hurrell, Mitchelmore, Came and Stidston

Apologies:

In Attendance: Phil Millard (Clerk), Dist Cllr Rankin, PC Steve Mullen and 11 members of public.

Declaration of Interest: Cllr Rhymes on Schools – (Sec 3d schools)

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.30pm and welcomed everyone.

### 1. Open Forum

Pot hole opposite lounge close was done quickly – thanked council.

School Car Park – the proposed 12 foot high lights –what is latest –Architect has advised these will now be only 3ft now and will not be movement activated (Manual).

Also does the Bin Area have to be at the front as it will be unsightly ?

Gates at bottom of car park are only 5ft – is that high enough for security?

Devon Renaissance also mentioned.

Commemorative Garden – POTS will take this on with hopefully some funds from Parish Hall.

Parking Posts – any progress – no – cost would be £5k + wrote to Sir Simon Day – he can not help. This was following meeting with John Halliday. Can we invoke people power to solve?

Path between car park by golf club and Leasfoot is very often strewn with litter can we get someone to check and help keep clear.

Thurlestone Sands – Parishoner has written to Gazette and this was read out.

2. **The minutes** of the Parish Council meetings held on Monday 7th February 2011 were agreed as a true record with no alternations and signed by the Chairman.

### 3. Matters Arising:

#### a) Parish Hall – Report by Cllr Hurrell

Missed last hall meeting – but can report that the projector has been repaired and is working.

Heating is working well with no further problems.

Magnetic Catches ordered and once delivered will be fitted.

Fire Alarms have been tested recently and are all ok.

## **b) Highways – Cllr Marshall**

Cllrs recently met by Church and discussed the triangle on cobbled road and think it best if it is squared off to stop cars parking at an angle and obstructing the road. Agreed this should be done asap. Could also paint our own yellow lines as it is a private road. Cllrs to liase with Simon Hurrell re implementation.

Drains by Rockhill and through the main street are blocked –**contact Mike Watts to sort out.**

Top Road out of Thurlestone towards Churchstow past Cross park – lots of pot holes – **contact Mike Watts to sort out.**

Road in West Buckland from Millpool to council Houses by Burnt House is causing concern - long stretch needs sorting out. **Contact Mike Watts**

## **c) Footpaths & Heritage Coast**

Footpath by memorial is coming up due to tree roots – recently looked at trees and it is suggested the routes are cut and hope tree survives. This should be done asap - can then repair path.

Xmas tree has been discussed and various positions looked at by Church/Memorial area – will need to be quite close to a power supply and be visible. Will have a further meeting this Thursday (10<sup>th</sup> March) at 5.30pm to make a decision and take forward.

Leasfoot to Bantham coastal path is eroding and needs to be looked at urgently in case path needs to be diverted. Can we contact Peter Guy – to walk the Path and see if safe + report back to us.

## **d) School – Cllr Rhymes**

Nothing much to report –  
Work now completed and working on Car Park.  
Just a few bits of tidying up now being completed.

## **e) Trees – Cllr Mitchelmore**

Marshalls Lane – a few Elms have died – contacted SHDC tree department as they need to be removed. They advised that they needed a photo sent in first to prove they are dead. This is first time this has been requested – and cannot see why someone cannot come out and look or take the word of our tree warden. Dist Cllr Rankin will try and resolve.

#### **f) Parish Plan –Cllr Marshall**

Our Parish Plan has been widely circulated and we have had letters advising it will be looked at and actioned.

Good news – recently have had meeting to see if we can get better broadband speed in Village. Need a survey of residents – very important that we get good response – this will help us get some funding towards cost – we may have to match it.

#### **g) Forward Development Plan – Cllr Came**

Finally proposals have been adopted – and published in document – we are not in this and therefore not affected – so this can now be taken off the agenda.

#### **h) Thurlestone Sands/Royal Wedding**

Mrs Zaffiro has written to Kingsbridge Gazette – Letter read out – everyone in agreement that this was a good idea and resolved not to let this rest.

Need to try and get meeting with National Trust, South Milton and other councils with an impartial Chairman who could then make a decision.

Suggested we write to District Council Chairman – John Baverstock or if he cannot Sir Simon Day.

**Royal Wedding** – Need to sort out quickly as time running out – need to get an idea of numbers and cost. Also need to decide what we are going to buy – ie Mug etc. Street party also mentioned and it is thought that one is being arranged.

### **4.District Councillor’s Report**

**Minister - Eric Pickles letter** – gave details of streamline procedures Eg no longer have to apply to have road closed for Royal Wedding – DCLA Website gives full details.

**Council Tax** – this has been frozen for this coming year!

Have made £700k budget savings and also kept on supporting worthy causes  
Eg Citizens advice - £10k for this year plus village in action supported and others.  
Bus services are to be taken over by Devon County from South Hams.

162 Bus service – can now use concession passes before 9.30 am – Good news.  
Still has some money available but need to get in quick.

### **5.Police Business**

No crimes reported in Parish

Spent a morning recently at school and did a talk on internet security to children. Highlighted the dangers.

Still attending the coffee mornings at church hall.

## 6. Any other Business by Direction of Chairman

All clerks are being moved to PAYE – this has implications for our clerk who is paid on self employed basis currently. Looking at various options – has arranged to go on course put on by Revenue re paperwork etc. If it is too involved (P11D etc) will look to outsource – costs seem reasonable at £50 - £100 pa. But will try to keep cost to a minimum.

**Grit Bins** – Recently received letter giving details of all bins and where located. We think the Furzey Close bin is no longer there – should this be reinstated. Or put at bottom of Parkfield opposite the pub as this is really bad when there is ice.

Also could do with one by the school at Glebefield – because of prams etc. Council could order and stock salt – but felt this would be problematic and possibly costly.

Our Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April – need to invite Guests. Dist Cllr Rankin will nearly have left her job but would be welcome to come and give her views on the future of SHDC – will try and make if she can.

Should also invite Sir Simon Day.

Chairman of the Hope Cove Life Boat society-Paul Pedrick ?  
Police – Sargeant Corkhill

Regarding proposed garden by sign – land is owned by District council  
Clerk spoke to Mike Watts who has no objections – but would not want any wall to extend around edge of the road as this could result in damage to vehicles. Mike suggested a rubbing strip instead which would stop the grass being destroyed – as it is currently –  
**Asked if we could contact Mike and get strip put in asap**

## 7. Planning

### 7.Planning to be discussed:

**Application 55/0410/11/F** - Replacement of existing rear extensions and alterations re Burnt House, West Buckland, TQ7 3AF by Mr M Alexander.**No Objections**

**Application 55/0457/11/F** – Extension to Longfield, Bantham TQ7 3AR by Capt.M R S Trumble. **No Objections**

**Application 55/0503/11/F** - First floor extension, new pitched roof to garage and part of living room and erection of garden room to 4 Mead Drive, Thurlestone TQ7 3TA by Mr P Martin.  
**No Objections**

**Information only** – Application 55/0023/11/F – Amended plans – hip roof to garage – replacing gable, reduction in width of timber steps rear of existing garage to Springhill, West Buckland

## **Planning Granted:**

**Application 55/0023/11/F** – Alterations and garage extension to Springhill, West Buckland TQ7 3AH  
By Mr & Mrs D Norris.

**Application 55/0079/11/F** – Extension to balcony and utility room to Sherriffs, Bantham TQ7 3AW  
by Mr R Gates.

**Application 55/0085/11/F** – Resubmission of householder application 55/2388/10/F –Extension  
to 2 Mead Lane, Thurlestone TQ7 3PB by Mr P A Dean.

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

DCC Quarters rent for use of School Playing Field	£ 20.00
Parish Clerk Salary – Mr P Millard (Jan – March)	£ 1112.70
SLCC – CPD Agenda & Minutes 2011 Course	£ 114.00
Marine Conservation Society – Annual Membership Renewal	£ 25.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 1,271.70</b>

## **9.Correspondence:**

**Winter Service – Review of Grit Bins- copy of letter 27 Aug 2010**

**E mail 10.2.11 Yarmer Beach footpath Sign**

**E mail 14.2.11 Community right to challenge**

**E mail 14.2.11 Community right to buy**

**E mail 14.2.11 Solar Parks**

**E mail 15.2.11 Query over–Thurlestone Sands**

**E mail 15.2.11 New Building Regs request**

**Letter to Evans Estates 15.2.11**

**Letter to Sir Simon Day re Parking Posts**

**SHDC – letter re Parish Plan from Community Engagement Officer**

**E mail 16.2.11 Big Society Blueprints for Devon**

**E mail 18.2.11 Course on Agendas & Minutes**

**E mail 18.2.11 Copy of Building Regulation Approved Documents**

**Letter from Mitchelmore Hughes re Road to West of All Saints Church**

**E mail 18.2.11 The Rural Services Network Online**

**SHDC – Letter re District and Town/Parish Elections on 5<sup>th</sup> May+Timetable**

**Letter from Audit Commission re Change of Auditor dated 28.2.11**

**DCC letter re Minerals and Waste Development Framework**

**SHDC- HMRC guidance relating to PAYE for Parish Clerks**

**SHDC – LDF – Site Allocations Development Plan**

**E mail – 1.3.11 Navigus Planning re Localism Bill**

**E mail – 1.3.11 The Good Councillors Guide 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition**

**E mail – 1.3.11 CPD Course Agendas & Minutes 24.3.11**

**Letter from Mitchelmore Hughes re Road to West of All Saints Church**

**10.Circulars:**

**DALC – Making it work locally**

**DCC – Social Care for Adults**

**SHDC Important Changes to Housing Benefit**

**All About Local Councils**

**It Takes All sorts**

**Komplan Unique Playgrounds**

**Clerks & Councils Direct**

**Minutes - Parish Cluster Meeting - Kingsbridge & Salcombe Area**

**To confirm the date, time and place of the next Parish Council Meeting as Monday 4th April 2011 - 7.30pm at Thurlestone Parish Hall**

8th March 2011

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**Chairman**