

Thurlestone Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting Held on Monday 3rd April 2017 at 7.30pm in Thurlestone Parish Hall Thurlestone

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

In Attendance: Phil Millard (Clerk), Cllrs Pearce (District Councillor), Rufus Gilbert (County Councillor) and 20 members of the public.

Declaration of Interest: Cllr Munn re Plot 45 Mead Drive

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.

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

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

3. Matters Arising:

a) Parish Hall –

There will be a meeting next week – but nothing else to report.

b. Highways –

The cobbled road by the war memorial has been damaged and there a couple of large holes that could cause problems to traffic. Cllr Mitchelmore has had a word with the builder Mark Hamilton who has confirmed he will fill these in – even though some of this damage precedes his building work.

c. Footpaths

We are now part of the P3 Footpath scheme and get an annual allowance of £240 – we did not spend last year's grant and therefore have £480 to spend. Cllr Rhymes has walked all the paths and checked what needs doing based on Mike Sticklands (Path Warden) Report.

One thing highlighted was the path which continues at the end of Eddystone Road . towards the golf course. This gets very water logged and it is suggested we spend some funds on this as a matter of urgency. Will need to be dug out and some stones put down. Have got a quote for the work through Rodney Stidston £1,370.00 plus VAT. Will see if we can get a grant towards this through the P3 scheme and clerk to see if Rodney available to do this work.

d.Trees – Cllr Mitchelmore

Only one problem recently and this was a property on Mead Drive where some trees were taking all the sun. This has now been resolved.

d. Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Goddard

Full report in the Village Voice – as to progress.
Projects Director (Sue Crowther) should have a first draft of the plan soon hopefully before the next issue of the Village Voice.
They are looking for a Graphic Designer to help with the production of the report.

e. Parish Clerk Report

- Year end – have just received forms etc from Grant Thornton (External Auditors) – this will be the last year we need to submit our accounts to an external auditor. From next year – an internal audit will suffice. Will prepare forms etc and send to our new internal auditor for checking.
- Not heard anything re our TAPS monies for the new equipment in the Parish Hall. Will chase this up.
- Our Annual Parish Council Meeting is on the 24th of April – any ideas for a guest we could invite please?
- Our PCSO Dave Gibson is to become a PC and is currently training. We will have a new PCSO Paul O'Dwyer . However we are aware that there is a consultation at the moment being carried out by the chief constable and we are encouraged to write to him (Cllr Wright) – to give our support for the PCSO,s who tend to be the ones looking after rural areas.
- **Resolved Parish Clerk to write to Chief constable.**
- Pot holes – Whitley Cross to Churchstow – Highways have made an attempt but it was not very successful – there is also now a larger hole just in front of it – which is quite dangerous. Adam Keay has been informed and has recorded it as an urgent case.

4. Dist and County Councillor Report

County Councillor Rufus Gilbert gave a short report –

- Which covered Pot Hole – will bring this up with Adam Keay to ensure it is done asap.
- Skanska have now taken over highways from today.
- Had a meeting with Sarah Woolaston at which the funding levels for schools in Devon was raised. As we are aware our funding levels are one of the lowest in the country.
- Also asked for more money for the regions roads.

District Councillor Judy Pearce gave short report

- The Housing figures for the joint local plan have been misquoted recently in Village Voice– 19,000 is the figure for Plymouth City. The figures for rural areas is 7700 of which 4500 are in South Hams.
- About 900 houses have had to be moved from the calculated figure for West Devon, because of a lack of sites there, to South Hams to help satisfy our affordable housing need. A further 800 have been allocated to Plymouth City from West Devon.
- Tribal Clash – update – this will take place in the first week in September and there was a meeting recently with SHDC with the various parties involved.
- The highways aspect of the event management Plan is still causing some concern and needs watching carefully. I will continue to update the council on this.
- Non Material amendment planning applications need watching carefully as they do not appear on public lists because public comments are not invited. They are easy to miss, but are now included on the weekly list sent to clerks and elected members. An example is the basement at 13 Eddystone Road, which came in before the new list system was set up.

5. Police Business

No report.

6. Business by Direction of Chairman

Communications – the proposed mast on the Hotel is going through and there is a planning application going through – under Permitted Development.

7.Planning to be discussed:

0047/17/HHO – Readvertisement (Amended Development Description) Retrospective widening of site entrance and proposed erection of garage and store at Langmans Quarry, West Buckland TQ7 3AG by Mr T Slade - **strongly object** – extensive alterations to entrance are unsightly.

0485/17/FUL – New Dwelling and garage with new highway access at Land at 45 Mead Drive, Thurlestone TQ7 3TA – **Strongly object** – Overdevelopment of plot, effectively a house

on a road of Bungalows, not in keeping with its surroundings.

8.Finance: Permission was asked to pay:

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| P Millard (Clerk Salary – December) | £365.24 |
| DALC – MEMBERSHIP FEE | £200.95 |
| Thurlestone Parish Hall – Feb/March | £ 50.00 |
| Total | £ 616.19 |

Peters Bench – Donations cheque £50.00 Mrs C Bassett
DCC – Parish Paths Payment – Credit BACS - £240.00

9.Correspondence:

Email from SHDCre Parking Permit changes 7.3.17
Email from swdevon.gov re Joint Local Plan Engagement events in March 7.3.17
Email from SHWD RE £153,900 given to local projects 9.3.17
Letter to M Hamilton builders re damage to cobbled road 9.3.17
Email to Mike Davies re cobbled road damage 10.3.17
Letter from M M Hamilton Ltd re cobbled road damage 12.3.17
Email from Grant Thornton re annual return 2016/17 papers etc 14.3.17
Letter from SHDC Street Cleansing Reflection 20.3.17
Emails re New Building Furzey Close 25.3.17
Letter from Grant Thornton re external audit of accounts (y/e 31.3.17)- 24.3.17

10.Circulars and to receive items for next agenda

Paper cutting re Bantham Estates - article Kingsbridge Gazette.

Meeting closed at 9.00pm

To confirm the date, time and place of the Annual Parish Meeting as Monday 24th April 2017

4th April 2017

Chairman