

Thurlestone Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 7th April 2014 at 7.30pm in Thurlestone Parish Hall Thurlestone

Present: Cllr Mitchelmore - Vice Chairman (Acting Chairman)
Cllr Came
Cllr Munn
Cllr Goddard

In Attendance: Phil Millard (Clerk), Dist Councillor Bramble County Cllr Rufus Gilbert and 18 members of the public.

Declaration of Interest:

The Acting 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.

Chairman Cllr Rhymes not available following family bereavement,
Cllr N Hurrell on Holiday and Cllr P Hurrell has resigned.

2. **The minutes** to confirm and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 3rd March 2014.

Resolved – that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 3rd March 2014 were signed as a correct record.

3. Matters Arising:

- a) **Parish Hall** – Repairing damage to step and barrier.
Solar Panels are doing a good job and are proving very cost effective.
Accounts were available and provided to the council.

- b. **Highways – Parking** - Virtual Pavement – Cannot be re-instated as there are health and safety problems. Best to leave as is.

Lockleas House – Road from beach end is irreparable. Owners are in discussions with Golf Club re an alternative. Meanwhile – can access from other end (Links Court).

c. Footpaths & Heritage Coast/Thurlestone Sands

Following meeting re damage at Thurlestone Sands with National Trust – road (washed away) has been restored – cost £5k. It was suggested we write a letter of thanks to the National Trust.

Resolved – letter of thanks to be sent to Nat Trust.

Hope Cove – Path had been agreed but then landowners withdrew their consent – have negotiated a new permissive path – bit longer but has been agreed – needs fencing – then should open asap. Path is vital to local economy.

d. School – Cllr Rhymes

Not present so – no report.

e. Trees – Cllr Mitchelmore

Trees at Kennedy have been given permission to be lopped.

Removal of Stumps at Sea View - have got 2 quotes – discussed and will go with Cheapest £588 inc VAT – Baker Plant.

Large Fir Tree by Memorial – ok to leave it – but should have some of the height taken off – recommended in report.

Resolved – Proceed with removal of stumps at Sea View Road and take forward Work re large Fir tree.

Mobile Mast – Discussed in Open forum – but a number of important points Were –

- We are one of the first in the country to take forward
- We have now had 2 public meetings – one with Arqiva present and one without,
- From which it is clear that opinion is divided almost 50/50.
- A lot of concerns appear to be health related – and a handout was made available
- Headed – A phone MAST is not a health Risk based on studies of over 1 million people in 13 countries – put together by 2 Doctors who live in the Village.
- Another handout covered the Radiation levels which advised our levels are one of the lowest in the Europe.
- Arqiva – have advised that they are reviewing the possible sites and will come back to us in 6 WEEKS – we have advised that it is essential that coverage includes West Buckland and Bantham.

Broad band – The contract Has gone to BT – which is very disappointing but not unexpected – following decision by BDUK – it remains to be seen if they will keep to their promise of completing it by end of 2015!

South Hams Broadband has still not given up and may find an alternative. Thanked Chris and his team for all their hardwork. **Will write letter of Thanks.**

g. Parish Clerk Report

Report covered

- **Annual Meeting** – who should we invite – it was suggested we ask Richard Snow From National Trust.
- **Resolved** – E mail/phone Richard Snow – see if available.
- **Display boards** – West Buckland – Owner was present and agreed that we can keep but need to move – asked if it could be one board and wooden rather than current metal ones. Can move just down from current location. E mail received subsequently – can we leave until August.
- **Resolved** - Clerk to take forward – with Paul MARTIN but leave until August.
- Letter received re fireworks at Hotel wedding on 19t April.
- Town & Parish Workshop – on Friday 2nd May 10.00 am at Follaton House, Totnes Cllr Goddard – agreed to go – and also Cllr Mitchelmore
- **Resolved – let organiser know of their attendance.**
- Village Voice were amazing re their help concerning the 400 letters notifying the 2 public meetings in February and March –
- **resolved to write letter of thanks.**

4. Dist and County Councillor Report

- **County councillor Rufus Gilbert – report covered** – Sorry about the Broadband issue But should mean we will get it sooner rather than later.
- Had covered Highways issues – earlier re damaged roads near beaches and Virtual Pavement.
- Also wanted to promote the Kingsbridge Music Festival (Posters will be put up).

Dist Cllr Bramble – nothing to report.

5. Police Business

Not present – No Report

6. Business by Direction of Chairman

World War 1 – Next meeting is now 13th May. Quiz now available in Village store price £1
Cheese & Wine lunch being arranged and poppy planting.

Letter of resignation from Cllr Peter Hurrell was read out and the council expressed their sadness that after over 40 years service he had decided to resign. Very difficult to replace someone with so much local knowledge.

7.Planning to be discussed:

55/0486/14/F – Alterations & rear extension to include garden room to 2 Meadcombe Road, Thurlestone by Mr & Mrs J Tucker – **Object – Loss of Privacy.**

55/0540/14/F – Conversion of barns and associated works to form 1 no.residential unit and 1no.ancillary unit (resubmission of 55/2585/13/F) - West Buckland Farm Barns, West Buckland TQ7 3AH by Mr & Mrs I Smith. – **No objections**

55/0554/14/F – Amendments (altered design) to previously approved application 55/1482/11/F To Lampreys, Eddystone Road, Thurlestone TQ7 3NU by Mr G Cottle. **No Objections**

55/0564/14/F – Subdivision of single dwelling to form two separate dwellings to Old Coach House, West Buckland TQ7 3AF by Ms M Davis- Berry. **No Objections.**

55/0638/14/F – Proposed two- storey side extension and erection of solar PV array in rear garden to Coronation Cottage, Thurlestone TQ7 3LT by Mr J Flew. **Object – Overdevelopment – Solar panels unsightly**

55/0738/14/F - Conversion of existing garage to games/utility room at Splinters, Ilbert Road Thurlestone TQ7 3NY by Mr & Mrs Offord. **No Objections**

55/0554/14/F – Revised plans for Lampreys,Eddystone Road – **for information only.**

55/0751/14/F – Alterations and single storey side extension to 7 Meadcombe Road, Thurlestone TQ7 3TB – BY Mr K Brown. **No objections**

55/0704/14/VAR – Variation of condition (2 – roofing material) for planning consent 55/0724/11/F – RE The Thatches, Thurlestone, TQ7 3NG by Mr P Brownett. **Object – no justification for change of material on roof.**

Planning Granted

55/3045/13/F – Conditional approval extension to existing property - 3 Leonards Close, Thurlestone by Mr S White

55/3031/13/F – Conditional approval for biomass boiler installation in existing gardeners store to Thurlestone Hotel, Thurlestone by Thurlestone Estates.

55/3024/13/VAR – Conditional approval – variation of condition 6 (addition of rooflight) of planning approval 55/2317/12/F – by Mr & Mrs Gardner

55/2411/13/F – Approval re extension to property and external alterations to Northern Grange, Bantham by Mr I Hodge.

REFUSAL

55/2947/13/VAR – The Thatches, Thurlestone Re Variation of Condition 2 (boarding materials) to planning approval 55/0724/11/F

REASON – colour finish and artificial appearance conflicts with policies CS7 and DP1.

8.Finance: Permission was asked to pay:

Aspect Tree Consultancy Survey re pine on Memorial £300.00

Thurlestone Parish Hall – Room Hire (Jan – March) £ 60.00

Total £360.00

9.Correspondence:

SHDC Letter re Site Inspection at Plot 13 Yarmer Esatate, Eddystone Road 4.3.13

E mail to Planning re 2 Meadcombe, Thurlestone - deferment to 7.4.14

Draft Letter to Chairman National Trust – RE MEETING 6.3.14

Aspect Tree Consultancy – Risk Assessment re Pine at War Memorial 11.3.14

Letter re Mobile Mast Public Meeting 27th March 6.30 pm 17.3.14

Letter from Grant Thornton re Audit 13.3.14

Letter from Mr & Mrs Tilling stating their appreciation of our support (Read out)

Traffic Notice – West Buckland to East Buckland 28 – 29 April

10.Circulars and to receive items for next agenda

The Clerk Magazine – March 2014-03-17

Clerks & Councils Direct magazine

Meeting closed at 9.20 pm

To confirm the date, time and place of the Annual Parish Meeting as Monday 28th April 2014 at 7.30pm at Thurlestone Parish Hall

8th April 2014

.....
Chairman

