

Thurlestone Annual Parish Meeting

Members of the public and press are welcome to attend

The Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on the 25th April 2016
At 7.30 pm in Thurlestone Parish Hall

Present: Cllr A Rhymes – Chairman,
County Councillor Rufus Gilbert

In attendance: 9 Parishioners/Councillors and Phil Millard (Clerk)

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.30 pm. He welcomed everyone and introduced the evening's speakers.

Chairmans Report

Chairman gave a report giving details of the main events over the last 12 months.

Which Covered :

- In May we had elections and we welcomed Kit Marshall back onto the council.
- Cllr Goddard created the sub- committee to take forward the Neighbourhood Plan – this is progressing well and would like to thank everyone involved. We have agreed to help them financially.
- Highways – seems to take a long time to sort out pot holes and drains – Parking still a problem around the school at peak times. School is thriving!
- Finally managed to sort out the outstanding PAYE problems for clerk and set up new arrangements locally.
- No luck with the Phone Mast – but we are still trying to get an improved signal – looking at options have asked MP Sarah Woolaston to help.
- **Two major things happened this year-**
- **Superfast Broadband** – arrived on time(Hurrah)! Although we still have trouble with the phones.
- **New Parish Website launched** – in new year – which is superb -big thanks to Paul Martin and Mike Bone for all their hard work.
- Footpaths – we are now entering into a Parish Paths Partnership Agreement with Devon County Council and will get £290 towards upkeep etc thanks to Mike Strickland for taking this on for 2 years.

- Finally thanked all the Councillors for their hard work and the Clerk. Plus Julian Lee who cuts grass and keeps village looking good, Rodney Stidson and Paul Martin who also do a lot of work for us around the Village.

Guests

County Councillor – Rufus Gilbert

Covered following issues

- Broadband – took a lot of work and was thankful it was delivered as promised by BT.
- New Website is much admired.
- The coastal footpath to Hope Cove is to be moved back behind Beacon Cottage – which will cut out the big boggy loop around the field. Should be open in next two weeks.
- Boundary review – now completed – new area is much bigger includes Woodbury!
- Totnes – Halwell potholes now done – if we have problems reporting potholes – contact him or Adam Keay.
- Has some Localities monies available – can be used for capital/IT projects – Let him know
- Of any projects and we can apply – will send application to Clerk.

Open Forum

Bank in West Buckland which is still not been sorted out raised with Cllr Gilbert.

Cllr Marshall thanked Chairman for all his hard work this year.

There being no other business, the chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.30 pm.

25th April 2016 Chairman