

Thurlestone Annual Parish Meeting

Members of the public and press are welcome to attend

The Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on the 28th April 2014
At 7.30 pm in Thurlestone Parish Hall

Present: Cllr A Rhymes – Chairman,
District Councillor Ian Bramble, PCSO Dave Gibson and Emma Reece – National Trust Ranger

In attendance: 12 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 :

- Thanked all the councillors for all their help and hard work over the year.
- Planning has taken up a lot of our time and council has worked hard to ensure we look at each case and tried our best to get it right – this has involved a lot more site visits.
- Cobbles still progressing
- Sir Simon Day retired after 49 years of service and presented him with a map of the Parish!
- New Houses on old telephone exchange site now completed – not happy with the finish – Cllr Munn is on the case.
- Broadband/Mast – Lot of work done – Thanked Cllr Came
- Thurlestone Sands – still battling away – thanked Cllr Goddard
- Toilets – facing closure for winter – discussions ongoing.
- School - Staffing problems continue – ofsted inspections – received a good report.
- Stones put in place behind sign at entrance to Village.
- Steve Mullen retired after 30 years service – he will be missed.
- Finally Despite our best efforts Peter Hurrell resigned after 42 years service on the council and thanked him for all he had done over the years.
- Thanked his right hand Man/ Woman? – the Clerk! And also Paul Martin for all his handy work around the Village.

Guests

Ian Bramble – District Councillor

Covered 3 main issues

1. Transformation 18 programme

- Have gone as far as they can with shared services with West Devon
- By 2020 – grant funding to local councils will be stopped
- Large Gap between income and expenditure – next step
- 80% of costs is salaries – so loss of Jobs/reduction of salaries
- Will need to lose 24% of Head count
- Chief executive has retired early – will not be replaced
- They hope to protect/maintain services

2. Boundary survey

- Reduction in number of Wards from 30 to 20
- Has to be done to rebalance – population movements
- Consultation finished – from 2015 will be reorganised into 20 wards (New Thurlestone/Salcombe Ward).

3. Local Plan

Is moving forward – consultations going ahead – want our views.

PCSO Dave Gibson

Dave gave a brief report on the year for Thurlestone – and compared it with the previous year's figures.

2 Burglaries, 7 Thefts, 2 Criminal damage, 5 Misc – this is pretty much in line with the previous year – except for thefts (2 previous year) - mainly due to heating oil thefts. Metal theft is becoming a problem especially copper.

Emma Reece – National Trust Ranger

Community Ranger for South Devon Area – Gave us a power point presentation on the work being done by the National Trust.

Large area covering from Dartmouth to Wembury over 3,000 acres – they are a small team plus volunteers – Richard Snow is the new countryside Manager.

Presentation covered following:

- 1000 meters of fencing moved back from cliff on Bolbery Down to Bolt Tail
- Increased coastal grazing around Sharptor
- Highland Cattle – moved back to S. Milton in Spring
- Scrub cutting – along coastal path – East Soar to Bolberry
- East Soar – Pond Dipping Platforms put in.
- Thurlestone/S.Milton Sands – 2/3rds of Dunes wiped out in storms plus road which has now been put back/re-positioned – after lot of help from locals
- Café at Wembury – made safe/shorn up.
- School Weeks – work with Primary schools – in June and October – 50 things to do before you are 11 and three quarters.
- Bolberry Down – trialling new signs – style.
- Landscaping – East soar Car Park – new parking areas.

Open Forum

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

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Chairman