

Thurlestone Annual Parish Meeting

Members of the Public and Press are welcome to attend

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on the 29th April 2013
At 7.30 pm in Thurlestone Parish Hall

Present: Rufus Gilbert – Devon County Council (Conservative Candidate)
Chris White – Project Manager – Thurlestone Broad Band Project

In attendance: 18 Parishioners/Councillors and Phil Millard (Clerk).

The meeting was opened at 7.30 pm. Welcomed everyone and introduced the evening's speakers.

Chairman's Report

Chairman – unfortunately did not appear – so no report was available – I am sure it would have been very interesting covering all the main highlights of the year such as

- Very Successful Diamond Jubilee celebrations/Beacon
- Len Hubbards Xmas Tree
- Launch of Broadband project
- Planning Breaches at Burnt House
- Continuing Battle of Thurlestone Sands
- Various Falling Trees dealt with
- Planning battles- Summer Cottage etc
- Won Runner Up in the Best Kept Village competition (Large Village Section)
- School became a federation!
- Clerk Moved House!
- Rocks obtained and finally placed behind sign to Village!

Finally he would of I am sure thanked everyone for their hard work during another very busy year.

Guests

Rufus Gilbert

Lived in South Hams for 30 Years. Studied agriculture to Diploma Level. Worked in Framing and then moved on to a full and adventurous life overseas, much of which was spent in the front line of oil exploration – Australasia, Middle East, Far East and Africa.

Retired – Moved to South Hams in 1983 - bought Village Shop in East Portlemouth – became known as Harrods on The Hill – also bought the Kiosk – Tea Garden in 1984 which they still own..

Keen sailor – runs a Yacht charter business in Salcombe.

In 2002 moved to Kingsbridge and bought Washbrook Farm – small holding keeping specialist sheep from which his wife(Sandy) produces yarn for a growing eco-fashion enterprise.

District councillor for Kingsbridge – looks after a budget of £5m.

- Serves on the executive of SHDC (The Cabinet)
- Environment portfolio – rubbish, recycling
- Also covers – Car Parks – Public Lavatories (48)
- All Parks – open spaces
- Dog Control

Followed this with a question and answer session.

Answered a couple of questions re proposed 4m shutting of some toilets.

Chris White – Project Manager/Thurlestone Broad Band Project

Chris came to update us on where we are as regards funding and also re mobile mast situation.

We have a Broadband Project and also a telecommunications project – should these be one – Yes – integrated approach is best as fibre optic cables are needed for both. May need masts as well as cable for the Broad band.

Advantages are we can speak to more than one provider – if we can get a Bakul into The village can then compete with BT.

Need to work together or could have possible duplication.

The Broad band project is currently stuck – as we need information as to whether we are in 90% or 10% i.e. the 90 % that government has said will get broadband.

Network needs to be designed by a provider to say where best to put masts. May need 2/3 to bounce signal around the Parish.

Do we need one on the other side of the Valley to ensure Bantham and Buckland get mobile coverage – will ask consultant.

Open Forum

There being no other business, thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.35 pm.

30th April 2012

Acting Vice Chairman

