

THURLESTONE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting

Date: 3rd April 2023		Venue & Time: Thurlestone Parish Hall, 19.30 hrs
Present: Cllr Sue Crowther Cllr Paul Gunning Cllr Rosa Lewis Cllr Jill Munn (Chairman) Cllr Adam Ryan-Carter Cllr Gill Stone Cllr Sian Williams	In Attendance: Kathy Harrod (Parish Clerk) SHDC Cllr Mark Long SHDC Cllr Judy Pearce Parishioners/guests 21	Apologies: DCC Cllr Rufus Gilbert

REF 2023/24 MINUTES

126 Welcome & Apologies

127 OPEN FORUM

There was an open forum of 15 minutes at the beginning of the meeting to allow members of the public to ask questions or make comment regarding the work of the Council or other items which affect the Parish. The following matters arose:

- a. With regards to the agricultural barn, this is a greenfield site in the AONB only 160 meters from Bantham. It will be 70 meters long, with five bays, each capable of taking full sized tractors or other equally large vehicles. It can be viewed at the top at Thurlestone and is in direct line of sight in West Buckland. The original application included vehicles such as manitou etc yet when Planning Officer Cheryl Stansbury asked for a list of vehicles the applicant only included vineyard vehicles. Highways have suggested a 25 meter entrance due to the turning circle of the vehicles – they have also suggested the area is paved. This application would be detrimental to the Dark Skies Policy, there is downlighting on all bays, plus significant spill from the vehicles and barns. With washing/maintenance etc this will be a big industrial site. Two entrances will be required as the applicant will need to get to Farms Only turn. Highways have neglected to note that West Buckland road is a main thoroughfare for Bantham including cycles, surfers, visitors etc. Increased pedestrian traffic over summer months makes for a dangerous cocktail. A suggestion was made for South Hams District Council to have a planning meeting at the site, Thurlestone Parish Council have already been to the site.
- b. The applicants from Leonards Close attended to answer questions regarding their application should the need arise.
- c. West Buckland latest application: The splay is what you would expect for a modern industrial estate. That lane is the only option for people to walk/cycle/drive. It is imperative that this is a major consideration.
- d. Regarding Coronation boathouse, the applicant responded to planners points.
 1. Demonstrate need to change use of the building – the applicant confirmed demand for boat storage. The threshold of change of use is nowhere near being applied.
 2. The Health & Safety Report is not a report, it is essentially an email that does not give sufficient information and covers none of the points regarding the building being allegedly condemned. Evidence and a full response is required.
 3. The applicant states the property needs to be used as a holiday let if to be viable. There is a strong need for marine workshops and marine applications.
- e. A question was raised regarding site visits to the Bantham Boathouse.
- f. The Estate says they can only afford to repair cliff face if they get planning permission given. Yes, locally Clock Cottage is largely left empty – if there is a desperate need for income why is this property not regularly let? The parishioner raising this point felt it a complete nonsense to marry the two elements of this application together.

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- g. It was noted that when Historic England became involved 2 years ago, they were horrified that the application had been submitted and provided services at no charge to provide their report. The boathouse is either dangerous or it is not – it cannot be both.
- h. Samantha Dennis one of the candidates for the upcoming South Hams District Council elections introduced herself. Samantha has family in Thurlestone and had worked with many people in the room. She has been very active in our communities for many years, a former Chairman of the Kingsbridge & Salcombe Chamber of Commerce and one of the organisers of Kingsbridge Celebrates Christmas amongst other things. Samantha is looking to meet many of the electorate in the next month and will be knocking on doors and speaking with parishioners at every opportunity. Please contact Samantha if you have any questions for her.

To receive reports from County and District Councillors and to ask any questions arising:

DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT: Cllr Rufus Gilbert, Email: Rufus.Gilbert@devon.gov.uk

No further report received.

REPORT IT:

Members of the public are requested to report all Highways issues through the Highways Website, enabling faster assessment of problem areas which can then be added to the repair/maintenance schedules. You can report potholes, overgrown vegetation, defective signs/lighting and much more.

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/>

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS:

Email Cllr Judy Pearce: cllr.judy.pearce@southhams.gov.uk

Email Cllr Mark Long: cllr.mark.long@southhams.gov.uk

1. It was noted that the footpath to Coronation Boathouse is under the remit of Devon County Council – furthermore, it is either safe or it is not, there cannot be a situation whereby the path is unsafe for pedestrians but acceptable for Estate use.
2. **Photo ID will be required for the May 4th Elections for anyone intending on voting at a polling station. No ID is required for postal votes. If a parishioner does not have the required ID they can either apply for a postal vote or to SHDC for a Voter Authority Certificate. More details can be found at <https://www.southhams.gov.uk/voter-ID>**

It takes two minutes to report a problem, please help keep our community beautiful.

<https://apps.southhams.gov.uk/webreportit>

Abandoned Vehicle, Damaged or Full Dog Bin, Damaged/Full Litter Bin, Damaged/Full Recycling Bank, Dead Animal, Dirty Beach, Fly Tipping, Litter/Dog Mess, Planning Breach, Stray Dogs, AND MORE...

The Meeting Convened

128 **Declarations of Interests and amendments to Members' Registers of Interests.**

A declaration was made by Cllr Crowther in respect of Finance & Governance, the Councillor abstained from this discussion.

129 **To confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 6th March February 2023.**

It was resolved to accept the minutes as a true record of the meeting.

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130 Clerks Report:

- a. Local Elections. The closure for nomination submission is Tuesday 4th April at 4pm, all forms must be hand delivered to Follaton House by this time. A list of those standing for election will be issued by South Hams District Council on 5th April.
- b. We have requested quotes for the repairs to the raised path.
- c. The Insurance review has commenced, Cllr Crowther and I reviewed and updated the Asset Register, full details of our insurance requirements are being provided to both our existing broker and to Zurich Insurance.
- d. Details of the proposed sites/dates/times for speed checks have been provided to Devon County Council Highways.
- e. P3 – this is in hand with documentation being finalised.

131 BUSINESS TO BE NOTED/DISCUSSED:

- a. Bantham Swoosh: Update from Meeting, See Appendix A and B.
- b. Aune Estuary Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ) – Ecology. See Appendix C.
A parishioner has raised potential damage currently being caused to the ecology of the estuary and the specifically the intertidal mud up the creek from the lime kiln. Photos have been provided showing plant machinery down on the estuary (dumper truck and tracked excavator), undertaking works to widen the tracks serving the Bantham Estate. There is also heavy machinery tracks through the intertidal mud leading towards the lime kiln from the head of the estuary. The MCZ designates the Intertidal mud as a Broadscale marine habitat under Schedule 2 Protected Features.
A map of agreed access points has been provided, there are tracks to the lime kiln that are not part of those agreed access points, this is a marine conservation zone with protected species. The estate have an agreement with MCZ and there are certain points of the foreshore that should not be driven on. The information will be passed on to the MMO by Cllr Stone.
- c. Coronation Planning Update:
6th May: Livestreaming of the Coronation at Thurlestone Parish Hall
7th May:
 - 11.10am Coronation Celebration Service All Saints Church.
 - Coronation Big Lunch: From Noon, The Marquee, Thurlestone Village Centre. Live music. Children's Entertainment. Afternoon Tea and much more! Please bring your own picnics/blankets and beverages. ALL WELCOME!8th May: The Big Help Out – Thurlestone Parish Hall from 2pm
Cllr Stone has mocked up some leaflets for the events taking place over the weekend. They can be distributed across the parish. It was resolved to print the invitation subject to the individual organisers support. Cllr Stone to carry forward.
- d. There will be a change to bus services operating in the Kingsbridge area from 1st April. The 160 Kingsbridge Town Service and 162 Loddiswell to Hope Cove "hail & ride" services have been saved but, the full services were not saved as a decision has been made not to operate these routes on Saturdays. This means that the villages currently served by the 162 will have no weekend service at all. Kingsbridge Town Council are prepared to take the lead in investigating alternative means of serving the affected villages, but only if the parishes involved desire it. If a good response is received they will set up a Steering Group in Kingsbridge on which there would be representatives from the interested parishes. The Council resolved to support this with Cllr Lewis acting as our representative.
- e. It was resolved to change the lighting in the public toilets to motion activated LED lights.
- f. Police & Crime Commissioners Councillor Advocate Scheme, 23rd March Meeting Update:
Cllr Gunning provided the following details -
 - There is a new ANPR camera which has gone live in Dartmouth.
 - There are a growing number of thefts of bikes and mopeds. This started in the Torbay area and is now spreading across the South Hams.
 - The biggest operation being worked on presently is regarding cable thefts from the National Grid.
 - In the last 14 days, there were 32 crimes in Kingsbridge and the surrounding area, this was mostly theft of fuel from filling stations. Graffiti is on the rise as is catalytic convertor thefts.

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- There have been numerous reports of dogs worrying livestock – a note will be coming out to parishes to remind people that there are a lot of lambs in fields.
- We are seeing a drug use increase in the area. The main drug of preference to users is now ketamine due to the increased cost of cannabis.
- Road signs in the area are being uprooted and then laid down on verges – no one currently knows why or who is responsible.
- Kingsbridge Police Station is to open the front desk again – a very welcome development.

132 Planning & Enforcement

a) LIST OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED/FOR DISCUSSION:

Full details of all applications and Parish Council responses can be found by entering the reference number on the South Hams District Council planning portal <https://apps.southhams.gov.uk//planningsearchmvc>.

1. 0401/23/HHO, 2 Leonards Close, Thurlestone, proposed landscaping work, including widening pathway to side of property, creation of sunken garden area, construction of replacement retaining walls and raised beds 13/4 **OBJECT**.
2. 2605/22/FUL, Coronation Boathouse, Bantham, READVERTISEMENT (Revised plans & additional information) Proposed conversion of first floor into holiday let & cliff stabilisation works(part retrospective) **OBJECT**.
A request was made for the planning application to be taken to committee if the planning officer is minded to approve.
3. 2602/22/LBC, Coronation Boathouse, Bantham, READVERTISEMENT (Revised plans & additional information) Listed Building Consent for proposed conversion of first floor into holiday let & cliff stabilisation works **OBJECT**.
4. 0856/23/FUL, Summerstrand, Eddystone Rd, Alteration to existing garage to form ancillary accommodation (resubmission of 2614/22/FUL) 20/4 **OBJECT**.
5. 0816/23/HHO, 12 Court Park, alterations & extension to existing bungalow - Reduced extent of works approved 3527/21/HHO 27/4. **SUPPORT**.
6. 1102/23/TCA, 11-13 Parkfield, Thurlestone, Elm - Coppice due to proximity to footpath & road and Dutch Elm Disease
7. 2786/20/FUL, Bantham Estate, Erection of new agricultural store. Request by Cllr Stone for councillors to consider if any further response is required to their submission of 15th March 2022.
Further comments will be made regarding the Highways document.

b) SOUTH HAMS DISTRICT COUNCIL PLANNING & TREE DECISIONS/OUTCOME:

1. 2786/20/FUL, West Buckland Barn, TQ7 3AJ. **No Decision Yet.**
2. 0915/22/FUL, Land off Bantham Beach Road. **No Decision Yet.**
3. 2605/22/FUL, Bantham Boathouse. **No Decision Yet.**
4. 2606/22/LBC, Bantham Boathouse. **No Decision Yet.**
5. 2643/22/VAR, Thurlestone Hotel. **No Decision Yet.**
6. 3013/22/FUL, Aune Cliff. **No Decision Yet.**
7. 3366/22/CLP, Onnalea, Bantham. **No Decision Yet.**
8. 4118/22/FUL, Edgecombe House, West Buckland. **No Decision Yet.**
9. 4482/22/HHO, 2 North Upton Barns, 16/2. **Withdrawn.**
10. 0219/23/COM, Old Rectory Cottages, Thurlestone. **Objection, recommended refusal.**
11. 4393/22/HHO, Clanacombe Lodge, West Buckland, 0322/23/HHO, 31 Court Park, Thurlestone. **No Decision Yet.**
12. 4405/22/HHO, 24 Mead Lane, Thurlestone, 0412/23/HHO, 21 Mead Lane, Thurlestone. **No Decision Yet.**
13. 0365/23/NMM, Bolt View Glebe Field, Thurlestone. **Withdrawn.**

c) ENFORCEMENT

Please note that the Enforcement Lists are confidential and issues concerning Enforcement cannot be discussed at a public meeting.

South Hams District Council are responsible for the enforcement of all planning breaches, the Parish Council have no authority to deal with issues of this nature.

Please will all parishioners continue to report full details of any violations that do not adhere to the original application for which permission was granted. ALL violations can be reported to Enforcement via

www.southhams.gov.uk/article/3043/Report-a-Planning-Breach

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133 Receipts & Payments – see Appendix A:

a. Receipts & Payments: Month 1

Clerk Salary & HMRC, Parish Hall Hire £30, EDF Energy £10, Public Toilets Water £112, EDF DAAT £7.08, Cllr Crowther 2 HMLR Title Documents £21.90, South Hams District Council PAYE £120, Public Toilets £162.48 & £205.46.

The Councillors resolved to accept the payments and signed the mandate.

b. Governance:

Internal Audit: Details of documentation required for the internal audit have been received. Priority will now be given to finalising the 2022/23 accounts and issuing all year end documents.

External Audit: Due to the income level of Thurlestone Parish Council an external audit is required.

Documentation will be provided once the year end has been completed.

134 **Close of Meeting:** At 21.35hrs the Chairman declared the meeting closed.

135 Next Meeting Dates: 15th May, 5th Jun, 3rd Jul, 4th Sept, 2nd Oct & 6th Nov, Thurlestone Parish Hall 7.30pm

Signed as a true record: _____

Print Name & Date: _____

Agenda Items and Updates; where possible please submit to the Clerk one week prior to the meeting to ensure time for inclusion, circulation, and study. If a Council Member is unable to attend a meeting it would be appreciated if they could submit a brief précis of progress on their actions, if applicable, (to the Clerk for distribution) together with their apologies.

Distribution List: Cllrs Crowther, Gunning, Lewis, Munn, Ryan Carter, Stone & Williams. **For Information to:** County Cllr R Gilbert, Dist. Cllr Judy Pearce, Dist. Cllr Mark Long, Thurlestone Parish Website: <https://www.thurlestoneparish.co.uk/>

Receipts & Payments March 2023:

4 April 2023 (2022 - 2023)

Thurlestone Parish Council PAYMENTS & RECEIPTS LIST

Bank	Cheque No	Description	Supplier	VAT Type	Net	VAT	Total
Current Account	DD	Payment - Public Toilets - Wab	Pennon Water	X	-112.00		-112.00
Current Account	83	Payment - Coronation Expense	Hire Class Marquee Hire	S	-1,550.00	-310.00	-1,860.00
Current Account	DD	Payment - Public Toilets - Elec	EDF Energy	L			
Current Account	84	Payment - Coronation Expense	Zaffiros	X	-500.00		-500.00
Current Account	82	Payment - Coronation Expense	Custard Storm Productions	X	-425.00		-425.00
Current Account		Payment - DAAT Landing Site	EDF Energy	L	-6.51	-0.33	-6.84
Current Account	85	Payment - Signage	Road Signs Direct	S	-155.40	-31.08	-186.48
Deposit Account	Monthly Interest	Receipt - Interest (Gross)	Lloyds Bank	X	13.15		13.15
Current Account	86	Payment - Public Toilets - Elec	EDF Energy	L			
Current Account	Localities for Hedge Cl	Receipt - Localities Grant	Devon County Council	X	100.00		100.00
Current Account	M12	Payment - Salary Payment	Parish Clerk	X	-453.14		-453.14
Current Account	6	Payment - Training	Devon Association of Local C	S	-218.00	-43.60	-261.60
Total					-3,306.90	-385.01	-3,691.91