Thurlestone Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 11th May 2015 at 7.30pm in Thurlestone Parish Hall Thurlestone

Present: Cllr Rhymes (Chairman)
Cllr Marshall
Cllr Hurrell
Cllr Mitchelmore
Cllr Zaffiro

In Attendance: Phil Millard (Clerk) and District Cllr Pearce, plus 7 members of the public.

Declaration of Interest: None

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. Appointment of Parish Councillors:

- a. Councillor Mitchelmore proposed Cllr Rhymes as chairman and this was seconded and approved.
- b. Cllr Rhymes proposed Cllr Mitchelmore as Vice Chairman and this was seconded and approved.
- c. Parish Hall representative Cllr Zaffiro was approved.
- d. Tree Warden/Police Liason Cllr Mitchelmore was approved.
- e. Friends of Thurlestone Church Phil Millard will continue to do this.
- f. Parish Plan Cllr Marshall was approved.

2. Apologies for absence and to consider whether to approve reasons given.

Cllr Goddard and Cllr Munn – Holiday and County Cllr Gilbert unavailable.

3.The minutes to confirm and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 13th April 2015 and the Annual Parish Meeting on 27th April 2015.

Resolved – that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 13th April 2015 and the Annual Parish Meeting on the 27th April 2015 were signed as a correct record.

4. Matters Arising:

a) Parish Hall -

No Report

b. Highways -

Sea View Terrace – complaints have been received re Parking for school – Cars are parked Which obstruct the road – ongoing daily problem during term time.

Cllr Rhymes will take up with our local Policeman who lives nearby and ask him to liase with the school.

Drains still blocked through the Village and Wall in West Buckland below the Phone Box still not sorted.

Resolved – Clerk to contact Highways and chase.

c. Footpaths & Heritage Coast

The path by the bench on footpath to Golf course from Island View across the fields Is overgrown – suggested we contact/raise with Bantham Estates to see if they can Cut back.

d.Trees -

No report – however crown reduction to the large fir tree by the Memorial is to be Done once all quotes received.

d. Parish Plan

No report – But regarding lack of progress re the Mast it was suggested we write to our MP to see if anything can be done.

Resolved Clerk to write letter.

e. Parish Clerk Report

- Accounts agreed by internal auditor and need to be signed by the Chairman and sent to external auditor.
- Register of Interest & Declaration of acceptance need to be signed and given to Clerk ASAP.
- DALC councillor courses now available gave dates of one coming up in our area and asked for anyone interested to let me know.
- Mandate needs to be updated re new signatories and delete people who have come off the council.

- Letter from Pensions Regulator re new scheme for Parish Council –Clerk to be contact point.
- Letter from HM Revenue re unpaid tax for PAYE re clerk urgent send letter of complaint to Douglas Tonks who operate our PAYE.
- Website have authorised purchase of software package £125 aprox will need people to help once set up to regularly keep the data up to date.
- Need to get a separate hardrive to back up my Laptop will purchase asap.

5. Dist and County Councillor Report

District councillor Jude Pearce gave a short report

This included -

- Cost reduction programme is continuing
- There are ongoing problems within the planning department contract officers are being used a lot and there are now no assigned officers for cases.
- The talk from David Cohen at our Annual meeting gave impression that Parish Councils are not listened to this is not the case but they do have to comply with National Policy guidance.
- It was also stated that SHDC was afraid to take cases to appeal because of cost again not the case as there are no costs usually – only in exceptional cases.
- If we are having problems with SHDC tree department (no response) should E mail them with any problems via clerk.

6. Police Business

No report – not present.

7. Business by Direction of Chairman

Chairman welcomed Cllr Marshall back onto the council

Cobbled Road – Still no answer regarding ownership – after discussion suggested That a meeting is arranged with Bantham Estates and Yarmer to see if we can agree a way forward and at least in the meantime cover the cost of urgent repairs.

Resolved – Clerk to email Cllr Goddard who has been dealing with this – and ask to arrange meeting ASAP.

Problems regarding visibility at Aune Cross junction – it was requested that perhaps mirrors could be put up on telegraph pole – unlikely this would be allowed – but perhaps trees etc could be cut back to help visibility. There is a problem with speeding vehicles going in and out of Bantham here.

Resolved - Clerk to Email Highways and ask if they could do something to help.

The grass area at Island View and also the raised path – need cutting more often – Cllr Rhymes to ask Julian Lee to do this. Also the Plant box -by sign as coming into village Needs to be moved back – as obscures vision for cars coming off Court Park – liase with POTS.

8. Planning to be discussed:

55/0803/15/F – Application for erection of double garage with ancillary accomodation within the roof space on site of redundant studio and store. Replace existing conservatory with extension and alterations to driveway at Burwood, Thurlestone TQ7 3LZ by Mr & Mrs Coppock – **No objections**

55/0969/15/F – Application for extension and alterations to Westering, Bantham TQ7 3AD – by Ms S Wigg – **No Objections**

Planning Granted

55/2663/14/F – Change of use of garage to dwelling at Shepherds Patch by Mr & Mrs Dawes

55/2946/14/F – Erection of new House at 20 Meadcombe Road, Thurlestone BY Mr & Mrs Hart

55/3033/14/F – Culvert Works at Thurlestone Golf Club, Thurlestone

55/0602/15/MIN – Non Mat Amendment Granted at The Whiddons, Bantham by Mrs K Werburgh **55/0049/15/F** – Erection of new single storey dwelling at 45 Mead Drive, Thurlestone By Eagle Developments(Plymouth) Ltd

55/0155/15/F – Raising of lower terrace level to match upper level at Pilchard Cellars, Batham by Mr & Mrs Tuckey

55/0157/15/LB – Listed building consent for part enclosure of open porch, The Cottage, Thurlestone. TQ7 3NJ BY Mr & Mrs Leadbetter

55/052415/F – Erection of conservatory and decking at 9 Parkfield, Thurlestone TQ7 3NW.

9. Finance: Permission was asked to pay:

Zurich Municipal – PC Insurance policy £1,132.81

Devon County Council – Quarterly rent re play area £ 20.00

Total £1,152.81

Remittance advice re 1st Instalment Precept £8378.41 Cheque from Parking Control for £33.33 re parking fees commission.

Agree and sign the Parish Council Annual return for year ended 31st March 2015

10. Correspondence:

Email – TAP Funding –Review of Process 15.4.15

Email – SHDC Planning dept re – 9 Parkfield 15.4.15

Email – Devon Highways re speed limit 15.4.15

Email – re 16 Meadcombe outbuilding 17.4.15

Email – DC Highways re Parish Lengthman 2015/16

Letter from Zurich Insurance renewal of PC policy and invoice 22.4.15

Letter from HM CUSTOMS & Excise re PAYE outstanding tax 17.4.15

Parking Ticketing Ltd – letter and invoice re y/e 31.3.15.

Minutes from Thurlestone Neighbourhood Plan Committee 23.4.13

SHDC Letter re designate a neighbourhood plan area from Thurlestone 24.4.15

Highways – Temporary road closure - Bantham cross to sloop inn 5.7.15

11. Circulars and to receive items for next agenda

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Meeting closed at 8.45 pm

To confirm the date, time and place of the Parish Council Meeting as Monday 1^{ST} June 2015 at 7.30pm at Thurlestone Parish Hall