

Thurlestone Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 14th May 2012 at 7.30pm in Thurlestone Parish Hall Thurlestone

Present: Cllr Rhymes (Chairman),
Cllr Peter Hurrell
Cllr Nigel Hurrell
Cllr Mitchelmore
Cllr Munn
Cllr Came
Cllr Goddard

In Attendance: Phil Millard (Clerk), Dave Gibson PCSO and Ian Bramble and 12 members of public.

Declaration of Interest: Cllr Nigel Hurrell and Cllr Goddard re Sloopside, Bantham – (Planning Sec 8) and did not vote. Cllr Rhymes on Schools – (Sec 3d schools)

The 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. Cllr Hurrell proposed Cllr Rhymes as Chairman and this was seconded and approved.
- b. It was decided to not appoint a Vice Chairman and in absence of chairman will rotate around other councillors.
- c. School Representative – Cllr Rhymes was approved.
- d. Parish Hall representative – Cllr Munn was approved.
- e. Tree-Warden/Police Liason – Cllr Mitchelmore was approved.
- f. Friends of Thurlestone Church – Kit Marshall will continue to do this.
- g. Parish Plan – Cllr Came was approved.

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

Sir Simon Day was due to attend but could not for medical reasons.

3. The minutes to confirm and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on Monday 2nd April 2012. LGA1972, Sch 12 para 41(1).

Resolved – that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 2nd April 2012, Annual Parish Meeting 23rd April 2012 and 24th April 2012 planning meeting were signed as a correct record.

4. Matters Arising:

a) Parish Hall – Report by Cllr Hurrell

Parish Hall clock now in place – looks very good. Ceremony will be arranged in due course.

b) Highways

Parking by War memorial – still a problem on the corner number of cars parked past the sign. Reluctant to issue tickets – as sign up the lane has been removed.

Resolved to order a new sign asap will try to get a different colour one - blue (not as bright).

C. Footpaths & Heritage Coast/Thurlestone Sands

Thurlestone Sands – will try to arrange a meeting with SHDC – Chairman – will write outlining the problems that have been created by South Milton Sands debacle. Will liase with District councillor Bramble.

D. School – Cllr Rhymes

New flat roof is leaking and SATS are taking place this week. Federation Status – consultation finishes on the 29th May. Will then collate information and then decide. Of 120 approached only 17 replies.

On playing field NO dog signs have gone missing and people have been on there with dogs. Need to get new signs to stop this asap.

Letter to school required to state council wants a representative in any new structure if federation proceeds.

Resolved to write letter to school – Parish Clerk to Action.

e.Trees - Cllr Mitchelmore

Martin Grose has cleared path by Hotel.

Fir tree came down in Island View play area and just missed two cars. Rest of the trees could come down and need to be assessed – meeting to be arranged with Simon Putt from SHDC to see if they need to come down.

F.Parish Plan – Cllr Came

Mobile Mast

Rodney Stidston is involved with the mast company and is now progressing the survey which is needed to see if the mast is viable and then used to attract a company to rent the site and put a mast up.

Broadband – This is an objective of the Parish Plan and if we are not to be left behind essential. Connecting Devon& Somerset are working towards 85% coverage in rural areas – but hinted that it was unlikely that Thurlestone would get assistance.

RCBF – have applied to get a grant. Application needed to progress – consultants need to do a report – cost could be up to £30k. This seems a lot but can get funds from various Sources – eg Devon Renaissance £800, S Devon coastal group £12500 applied for. Pots have applied for a further £9,500 also £5,000 from Sir Simon Day. £500 will be given by Thurlestone Hotel if matched by Parish Council – PC will discuss and give decision at future meeting.

Resolved to bring budget figures to next meeting so council can evaluate if we can afford extra demands going forward.

g. Parish Clerk Report

The Jointing Post on the corner just before the Village sign – have taken advice and think it is still live- which could be problematic to move – may also be there to conduct electricity. Can approach BT and see what they say – address is The Chairmans Office BT, Newgate Street, London.

Resolved will write and ask.

Parish Council accounts completed and ready to go to auditor for checking. Small discrepancy of £3.00 – auditor will check for us.

Resolved Chairman to sign and clerk – forward to auditor.

Zurich Insurance – renewal now due – have been offered a guaranteed premium for 1 yr, 3ys and 5ys – 5ys being the cheapest. It does however lock us into Zurich for 5 years. We did try and rebroke last year and this is a bespoke policy for Parish councils – so very difficult to get better terms. Recommend take 5 year offer.

Resolved – confirm to Zurich we are happy with the 5 year premium guarantee and wish to proceed on that basis.

Burnt House – chased had not been done even though reported over 2 months ago as a breach – will put as urgent now – so should be seen asap and will then report back to us.

5. District Councillor's Report

Report Given which included.

Election of new Chairman – Rosemarie Rowe and Brian Carson as Vice Chairman.
Localism Bill – main problem around cost of services – can not identify these – so PC,s cannot commit to take these on.

Neighbourhood plans – Rebecca Black did presentation which indicated that if you do not want development – do not need a plan.

Ian does not think this is quite the case and it may be that we need to consider this more carefully before discounting. There are other options that could be used.

Need to have discussion around this and should be put on the Agenda for next meeting.

6. Police Business

Report given by Dave Gibson PCSO on previous 12 months
Thefts up 100% 10 this year 5 last year.
Dwelling burglaries big increase and opportunist thefts on increase.

Took questions – main concern was over the new 101 phone number and problems getting to talk to someone.

7. Business by Direction of Chairman

Jubilee – Raffle tickets now on sale with excellent prizes!
Cheese and Wine lunch very successful – raised £644 after costs.
Beacon needs to be lit at 10.15 pm on the day and wood will be brought to the site that day.

Commemorative Coins have been received ready to be handed out to the children.
School play area – some equipment needs to be looked at but will be replaced at some point.

Phone Box in West Buckland – Resident (Duncan) wants to adopt their phone box and has big plans for it – but can only be purchased by Parish Council. After discussion it was agreed we would adopt provided at no cost to PC now or in the future.

Resolved to sign agreement.

Xmas tree – Len Hubbard memorial tree has died – letter from Potts offering funds etc
Think it should be moved to a better site – but where?

Resolved to meet and discuss 5.45 tomorrow at War Memorial. Agreed to new position on the memorial green – new tree to be planted asap.

8. Planning to be discussed:

55/0909/12/F – Application to alter existing ridge line to bed 4/annexe. Replace existing windows. Pitched roof to existing entrance porch. New Utility area for Edgecombe House, West Buckland TQ7 3AQ by Joe Owen. **No Objections**

55/0951/12/F – Application for extension to existing property and replacement balcony to Sloopside, Bantham TQ7 3AJ by N Lynch. **Object - Scale and design of extension detrimental to appearance and character of existing dwelling and the locality.**

55/1022/12/LB – Application for consent for repairs to listed building North Upton, Bantham TQ7 3AB by Miss M Celliers. **No Objections.**

9. Finance: Permission was asked to pay:

The Royal Mint - 100 Diamond Jubilee £5 coins	£600
Peter Hurrell Builders (Phone Box renovation)	£500
Total	£ 1100

1st Instalment precept received £7,446.81 24.4.12

10. Correspondence:

Notice of Annual Audit y/e 31.3.2012
SHDC Works to trees in a conservation Area – AllSaints Church 55/0737/12/TCA
E mail to Planning re Furlong Gate, Eddystone Road – Objections 3.4.12
Email from DALC re General Power of Competence briefings 20th April 2012
Letter to 15 Court Park Road re Hedge 5.4.2012
Letter from Zurich Insurance re renewal of PC insurance
E mail SHDC re School Pay Area 10.4.12
Email SHDC re new code of conduct 12.4.12
Email - Mobile Library Service 21.4.12
E mail Special Events Form – insurance cover
Email re potential mast site Thurlestone – Phone Mast Co
Renewal Documents from Zurich Insurance Insurance policy
Invoice The Royal Mint re Diamond Jubilee £5 coins
Temporary prohibition of through traffic in West Buckland 11-15th June
Trees in a conservation Area – All Saints Church 55/0737/12/TCA
Super Cluster Meeting Agenda 10.5.12

11. Circulars and to receive items for next agenda

South Hams Society Bulletin March 2012
Voluntary Vine – South Hams CVS April – June 2012
Beesounds Poster
The Clerk Magazine – May 2012
Clerks Councils Direct May 2012
Neighbourhood Planning Slide Show

Meeting closed at 8.30 pm

**To confirm the date, time and place of the next Parish Council Meeting as Monday
14th June 2012 at 7.30pm at Thurlestone Parish Hall**

15th May 2012

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Chairman

