

Thurlestone Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Thurlestone Parish Council Monday 14th May 2018 in Thurlestone Parish Hall

Present: Councillors Rhymes (Chairman), Marshall, Mitchelmore, Munn, Goddard, Zaffiro and Hurrell

In Attendance: Parish Clerk (Helen Nathanson), District Councillor Judy Pearce, 12 members of the public

The meeting opened at 7.30pm.

An open forum was held 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 points were raised:

- The Council was asked for its views on the proliferation of notices on the school railings.
- The large pothole at the entrance to the cattle grid at The Mead is very dangerous. It was reported on the 3rd April, along with the one next to it. An assessment should have taken place in early May but no feedback has yet been received.
- Devon Air Ambulance night landing site – there will be a meeting on 4th June at 6pm in the Parish Hall. An information leaflet has been distributed to houses which would have sight of the mast and a copy was given to the Council for information.
- The community heating project – a copy of the April bank statement is needed to send to WRAP. The Parish Clerk will arrange.
- Community broadband update – a transmitter and relay station will be in place soon in Thurlestone, with appropriate permissions.

The Council then convened to discuss the following business:

1. To elect the Chairman of the Council.

Councillor Rhymes was proposed by Councillor Mitchelmore and seconded by Councillor Marshall and was elected to be Chairman of the Council for the following Council year.

2. To elect the Vice Chairman of the Council.

Councillor Goddard proposed and Councillor Munn seconded Councillor Mitchelmore and he was elected to be Vice Chairman of the Council for the following year.

3. To elect representatives to the following external bodies:

Parish Hall – Councillor Rhymes proposed and Councillor Munn seconded Councillor Zaffiro as Parish Hall representative and she was elected for the following Council year.

Tree Warden – Councillor Goddard proposed and Councillor Rhymes seconded Councillor Mitchelmore as Tree Warden and he was elected for the following Council year.

Neighbourhood Planning Group – Councillor Mitchelmore proposed and Councillor Marshall seconded Councillor Goddard to be the representative on the Neighbourhood Planning Group and he was elected for the following Council year.

4. To receive apologies.
There were no apologies.

5. To receive any amendments necessary to Members' Registers of Interests.
There were no amendments.

6. To confirm and sign the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on Monday 9th April and the Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 23rd April.
The Minutes were confirmed as a true record.

7. To consider any matters arising from the Minutes.
There were no matters arising.

8. To receive a report from County Councillor Rufus Gilbert.

Councillor Gilbert raised the following matters:

The road from Aunemouth Cross to Bantham – the Swimming Society has a road closure from 6am to 12.30pm on 14th July and a diversion will be in place.

Road repairs – there is a significant backlog after the snow. There is funding in place but a manpower shortage is holding up repairs. Members have been asked not to queue jump and repairs will be prioritised on safety grounds only.

Councillor Gilbert has agreed to join the Cabinet of DCC with a portfolio of Economy. He will also stay on the Executive of SHDC for one more year, after which he will be leaving the Council.

The expanded Ward has proven to be more work than anticipated, and it shows no signs of slowing.

9. To receive reports from District Councillors Judy Pearce and Simon Wright.

Councillor Wright sent his apologies to the meeting.

Councillor Pearce raised the following matters:

Waste Procurement – SHDC is trying to align with the Devon Waste Partnership. They are looking at working with an external provider, with all present employees transferred across under TUPE.

The Executive has agreed to look at pay on entry for some public toilets. Figures for Thurlestone have still not been made available but Councillor Pearce will chase this up.

The NP will be discussed at Council this week.

The Executive discussed electric car charging points and it was agreed that there should be points in Kingsbridge and Salcombe. DCC has funds available so SHDC will not have to pay a substantial amount. A question was asked about the need for car charging points in the Parish and possible locations.

Rectory Gardens – a question was asked about the trees on the plot and whether they can be removed. Councillor Pearce agreed to find out more information.

10. To discuss and approve the adoption of an email for the Thurlestone Parish Clerk.

It was proposed that a dedicated email should be set up for use by the Parish Clerk to provide continuity in future and to present a more official means of communication. Two options were discussed:

- a. A Gmail address. This has the advantage of being at no cost and very simple to set up. The disadvantage is that it is generally considered to be less professional because it is a free service which anyone can use.
- b. An email linked to the Parish website. This provides the more official option. The disadvantage is that it costs approximately £45 per year which would be invoiced to the Council by the website administrator.

After discussion it was agreed to set up an email linked to the Parish website at a cost of £45 per year. It was also noted that the Gmail addresses for Thurlestone Parish Clerk@gmail and tpc@gmail have been set up and can be used in future if required.

11. To approve the following payments:

Marlborough Parish Council – Second Hand Gritter	£1,700
RS Plant – dumper hire for raised path	£54

The invoice for RS Plant Hire was approved for payment. The payment to Marlborough Parish Council was approved but no invoice was apparent so the Parish Clerk will check this first.

12. To note the following correspondence:

SHDC News Release Devon Building Control Partnership Launches New Website
Improving Air Quality – Public Consultation open 20th April – 20th June

This was noted.

13. To note the date of the Referendum on the Thurlestone Neighbourhood Plan which is 28th June 2018. More information is available through the following link:

<https://www.southhams.gov.uk/article/3882/Neighbourhood-Development-Plans-and-Orders>

This was noted.

14. To discuss and comment on the following planning applications:

2756/17/HHO 16 Mead Drive, Thurlestone, TQ7 3TA

Householder application for internal alterations, external modifications to windows, walls and gable roofs and associated external works

Entered in error - this application has been previously discussed.

1218/18/FUL Clock Cottage, Bantham To Aunemouth Cross, Bantham, TQ7 3AN

Temporary change of use, for 1.5 years, of farmland to use of land for the siting of welfare cabins and parking of vehicles and plant for contractors working on the construction project at Clock Cottage

Supported.

15. To note the date of the next Council Meeting on Monday 4th June 2018 at 7.30pm.

This was noted.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Councillor Rhymes (Chairman)