

Thurlestone Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council, held in the Parish Hall, Thurlestone on Monday 13th May at 7.30pm.

There was an open forum 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 were raised:

A new sign has been placed at the top of the lane down to Coronation Quay stating that the road is private, which is a change to previous understanding. This was discussed in more detail later in the meeting.

Present: Councillors Rhymes, Crowther, Mitchelmore, Marshall, Williams and Hurrell

Apologies: Councillor Munn

Present: Helen Nathanson (Parish Clerk); County Councillor Gilbert; District Councillors Pearce and Long; 9 members of the public

1. To elect the Chairman of the Council.

Councillor Rhymes was proposed by Councillor Marshall, seconded by Councillor Crowther and duly elected.

2. To elect the Vice Chairman of the Council.

Councillor Munn was proposed by Councillor Rhymes, seconded by Councillor Mitchelmore and duly elected.

3. To receive apologies.

It was resolved to accept the apologies from Councillor Munn and to allow her to sign her Declaration of Acceptance of Office at the June meeting of the Council.

4. To elect representatives to the following roles:

Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Group Members – this group will be re-named the Neighbourhood Plan Continuity Committee - Councillor Crowther was proposed by Councillor Marshall as the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Mitchelmore and duly elected.

Parish Hall Representative – Councillor Hurrell was proposed by Councillor Rhymes, seconded by Councillor Mitchelmore and duly elected.

Tree Warden - Councillor Mitchelmore was proposed by Councillor Rhymes, seconded by Councillor Hurrell and duly elected.

Representative on Friends of Thurlestone Church - Councillor Williams was proposed by Councillor Rhymes, seconded by Councillor Marshall and duly elected.

5. To adopt the General Power of Competence (GPC).

It was resolved to adopt the General Power of Competence.

6. To confirm and sign the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on Monday 1st April 2019 and the Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 1st April 2019.

It was resolved to approve and sign the minutes above.

7. To consider any matters arising from the Minutes.

No reply has been received from the SHDC Tree Officer about the trees opposite Langmans Quarry and this needs to be followed up.

The dead trees along Mallards Lane still need to be removed and the landowner has agreed to do this.

An update was given about the lane down to Coronation Quay. We are awaiting further information about this matter and it was agreed that the historic use of the lane should be investigated.

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

0306/19/HHO Kiftsgate Bantham Kingsbridge TQ7 3AD

Householder application to replace existing double garage with new triple garage and storage above

Revised plans have not yet been provided so the Clerk was asked to contact the Case Officer again to request scaled plans.

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

The condition of the road outside Heathfield has been discussed and will be repaired on Friday or soon afterwards.

The state of the road just before you enter the Mead Estate has been noted and the Highways Officer has been asked to review it for repair, depending on funding.

Councillor Gilbert clarified that he is no longer a District Councillor but remains a County Councillor.

DCC has experienced many budget stresses but the books have been balanced at end of year.

DCC has signed up to a commitment to environmental improvements across the County.

Councillor Gilbert left the meeting at 8.10pm.

10. To receive reports from District Councillors Judy Pearce and Mark Long.

Councillor Pearce reported that last year's budget was closed in balance.

The SHDC Annual Meeting of the Council will take place later in the week and it will then become clear who is on which Committee. There is a small Conservative majority in South Hams and West Devon District Councils but they are the only ones in Devon.

Councillor Long introduced himself and said that he was looking forward to the new role.

A question was asked about the dog bin near the war memorial in Thurlestone because it is consistently overflowing. The Buckland one also needs emptying. Councillor Pearce will take this up with the Council.

11. To receive an update about Community Led Housing.

Councillor Crowther gave an update about the meeting on 12th April between Rob Ellis (SHDC) and herself, Councillor Pearce and local resident, Jess Wellens. Rob was informed of the numbers in the parish who are eligible for community housing and it was confirmed that the Bantham Estate is willing to sell SHDC six plots for community housing at £10,000 per plot with no open market

housing. Rob explained that the project can now go ahead as a community trust or through the Parish Council, which would be the preferred route for SHDC. SHDC will carry out the initial feasibility studies of the site in West Buckland, including looking at highways, landscape and ecology. SHDC is keen to get started because the ecology survey needs to start in spring and continue until autumn. They also have teams of experts to appoint, including architects and highways consultants. Rob will now start discussions with the Estate about the option agreement.

12. To receive updates about the following Parish matters:

- Highways
Matters dealt with above.
- Parish Hall
There will be a fundraising event in June.
- Trees – Councillor Mitchelmore has been to assess some trees by Grey Gables which are earmarked for removal. He is unsure about ownership and has advised the owner accordingly.
The trees around the bus shelter need tidying up – this will go on the agenda for July to engage a contractor for the autumn.

13. To discuss the SHDC survey of the Thurlestone public toilets.

This was discussed and will be on the agenda for next month. There was some confusion about whether or not the second survey was a new one and this will be checked.

14. To note that the Thurlestone War Memorial is being assessed for addition to the List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest and that comments have been invited from the Parish. This was noted and councillors support the addition.

15. To receive an update about the DAAT Night Landing site.

Councillors noted that there should be money remaining from donations once the works are completed and that this will be used for ongoing use and maintenance of the site.

16. To discuss the frequency of grass cutting around the Parish.

This was discussed and it was agreed to make the following additions:

Island View Green – grass to be cut and collected every ten days until the end of August.

The raised path which runs from opposite the pub along to the Old Rectory – the hedge to be cut back to the edge or as much as possible to clear it to walk through.

17. To note the current account balance of £26,182.47 to date 1st May 2019 and to approve the following payments:

Sue Crowther	NP Expenses	£84.13
Thurlestone Parish Hall	Hall Hire Jan – Mar 2019	£88.00
Helen Nathanson	Parish Clerk Feb – May 2019	£1,055.95

The accounts were noted. It was resolved to approve the payments listed above to a total of £1,228.08.

The Clerk will arrange for new councillors to be added as signatories.

18. To note the date of the next Council Meeting on Monday 3rd June 2019 at 7.30pm.

This was noted and the meeting ended at 8.45pm.

Councillor Rhymes
Chairman