

# Thurlestone Parish Council

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## **Minutes of the meeting of the Council, held in the Parish Hall, Thurlestone on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 7.30pm for the purpose of transacting the following business:**

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 items were raised:

A member of the public spoke about the footpath to Dixon's Quay. This path is on private land and has recently been closed off by the landowner. An application for a Map Modification Order is to be submitted to the County Council with evidence that the path has been used as a public right of way for over 20 years. The Parish Council was asked for and gave its support to this letter and will confirm in writing that Dixon's Quay is a heritage asset in the Neighbourhood Plan and that it has been used as a footpath by the public for many years.

**Present:** Councillors Rhymes (Chair), Munn, Mitchelmore, Crowther, Hurrell and Williams

**Apologies:** Councillor Marshall

**In Attendance:** Helen Nathanson (Parish Clerk), County Councillor Gilbert, District Councillors Pearce and Long, 14 members of the public

**1. To receive apologies.**

Councillor Marshall gave his apologies and these were received.

**2. To receive any amendments necessary to Members' Registers of Interests.**

There were no amendments.

**3. To confirm and sign the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019.**

The Minutes were confirmed as a true record and signed.

**4. To consider any matters arising from the Minutes**

The following matters arose:

The Neighbourhood Plan Continuity Committee Terms of Reference had been sent round in draft form by the Chair of the Committee, Councillor Crowther. These will be confirmed at the July meeting to allow councillors more time for discussion.

The removal of trees from the woods opposite Langmans Quarry has been reported to SHDC and the matter is being investigated by the enforcement team.

The Kiftsgate planning application has been refused.

DCC has informed us that the road at the entrance to the Mead Estate is not its responsibility and that it will not pay for repairs.

A new dog litter bin has been installed by the church.

The Thurlestone War Memorial has been listed Grade II.

**5. To discuss and comment on the following planning applications:**

1483/19/HHO

Mr & Mrs R.J. Hill

Householder application for new extension, alterations and creation of additional vehicular access  
Madron Court Lane Thurlestone TQ7 3ND

Councillors discussed this and agreed that a site meeting was required before finalising the response. A meeting was arranged for Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June, after which comments will be agreed and submitted.

To discuss and comment on the following tree works:

1219/19/TCA                      Ms Joanna Gorsuch  
T0082: Holm Oak - Crown lift canopy to 3m from ground level, cuts not exceeding 100mm diameter. To avoid damage to parked vehicles and reduce damage to telephone wires. T0086: Ash - Fell to ground level & replace with Acer Palmatum. Ash tree is being suppressed by Holm Oak tree.  
Furzey Close Thurlestone TQ7 3NP

The application was discussed. Councillor Mitchelmore had visited the site and spoken to the applicants. The Council supports the application.

To note the following exempt works to trees:

1327/19/TEX                      Mrs Philippa Billington  
T20, T21: Sycamore - Fell, fungal decay at base (Kretzschmaria Deusta), evidence supplied.                      Exempt Works  
Oak Wood House, Buckland Park Lane To Buckland Park Bantham Devon TQ7 3AB

1585/19/TEX                      Mr Tim Hassell  
T1, T2: Ash - Fell, failed, rotting stems, immediate threat.                      Exempt Works  
Thurlestone Hotel Eddystone Road To Kerse Cross Thurlestone Devon TQ7 3NN

These were noted.

**6. To approve the End of Year accounts for 2018/19.**

Councillors viewed the Internal Audit Report and read through the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2018/19 Part 3. It was resolved to approve the End of Year accounts for 2018/19 and they were signed.

**7. To note the updated survey on Thurlestone public toilets and to discuss appropriate actions.**

This was noted and it was agreed that the survey is still unsatisfactory. This will be discussed again next month.

**8. To receive an update about the DAAT Landing Site.**

The electrical and groundworks have been completed and we are awaiting the MPAN number so that we can set up the electricity supply. The Chairman thanked all those who had been involved with the project.

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

Councillor Gilbert is following up the issues of parking in the Parish and will report back once he has more information.

He handed out some leaflets which are aimed at residents who might need more confidence when using tradesmen and local businesses.

The Heathfield section of road has been repaired and made good.

DCC has allocated £250k to work with the District Councils to improve the environmental credentials of areas within the Councils' remit.

Councillor Gilbert agreed to help with hastening the investigation into speeding issues in Bantham and the Clerk will email him with more information. He also agreed to allocate Locality funds towards community road signs to encourage drivers to slow down.

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

Councillor Pearce reported that the Council is going to lobby for stricter regulations around building inspection. Currently, building regulations can be assessed by private inspectors and they are not always applying the rules as stringently as local authority inspectors.

There will be an Avon estuary Patrol during high season.

The Devon-wide Housing Assistance Policy will discuss the impact of housing on health and the problems that can be caused by unfit housing. Referrals can be made to Councillor Pearce if there are any residents in need and a fund is available to spend on appropriate home alterations and modifications.

SHDC is going to declare a climate emergency in line with DCC policy, although SHDC is not committing any money towards it at present. They will do whatever is reasonable and practicable to reduce their environmental impact. The new recycling regime will make a contribution to this.

Councillor Long reported that refuse collection over half term was problematic and he reminded residents and councillors to report any problems online so that they can be recorded and action taken. If this does not work, councillors can report the problem directly to the Locality Officers. The SHDC survey of the Thurlestone public toilets is still not accurate and the District councillors support a firmer approach.

**11. To receive updates about the following Parish matters:**

- Highways

BT Cover – a repair order has been issued on BT.

Kerse Cross signpost – this appears to be broken and the Parish will investigate initially before taking it to DCC.

2 potholes have appeared just before the Pump House. Councillor Williams will report it.

**12. To discuss the upkeep and maintenance of Parish assets.**

Councillor Crowther suggested setting up a Working Group for each part of the parish that would oversee the non-designated heritage assets that are listed in the Neighbourhood Plan. An inventory of benches could be included. Councillor Williams agreed to head up a Working Group for Bantham, Councillor Hurrell agreed to head up a Working Group for West Buckland and the Chairman agreed to compile a list of benches for Thurlestone. There will be more discussion at the July meeting.

**13.** To note that nominations are invited for the DALC County Committee.

This was noted.

**14.** To note the current account balance of £24,954.48 to date 1<sup>st</sup> June 2019 and to approve the following payments:

MAT Electrics (DAAT Landing Site works)	£7,864.88
Totnes and South Devon Bookkeeping (Internal Audit)	£200
WPS Insurance	£372.20
Paul Martin (Planting in village)	£25
CLlr Sue Crowther (Land Registry searches for the Parish)	£180
Nick Walker Printing	£69
<b>Total</b>	<b>£8711.08</b>

The current account balance was noted and the payments were approved to a total of £8711.08.

**15.** To note the date of the next Council Meeting on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019 at 7.30pm.

This was noted and the meeting closed at 9pm.

Councillor Rhymes  
Chairman