

Thurlestone Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Council, which was held in the Parish Hall, Thurlestone on Monday 1st July at 7.30pm.

Present: Councillors Rhymes (Chairman), Crowther, Mitchelmore, Marshall, Hurrell and Munn
In Attendance: Helen Nathanson (Parish Clerk), District Councillors Pearce and Long, 8 members of the public

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 points were raised:

There will be a fundraising event in South Milton in aid of Bowel Cancer West, which will be similar to last year's event and which raised a great deal of money.

Mention was made of the condition of the railings and frontage of the school, which some residents feel is looking untidy. This was noted.

1. To receive apologies.

There were no apologies.

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 3rd June 2019.

The Minutes were confirmed and signed.

4. To consider any matters arising from the Minutes.

The following matters arose:

The DAAT Landing Site opening ceremony will most likely take place in September once all aspects of the project are in place.

Speeding in Bantham is still a concern and the possibility of asking DCC for a SCARF was discussed. Councillor Gilbert undertook to speak to the Highways Officer about whether or not Bantham would qualify for this. Councillors were keen to have signs in place to remind people about speeding. VAS signs are a possibility but cannot be approved unless the SCARF process identifies a need. There is though the possibility of installing signs made by local children, which are effective in nearby parishes.

Community Housing

SHDC is still waiting for the Bantham Estate to sign the Option Agreement. The design work will determine the scale of the development. SHDC is now spending time and money on this project which creates a risk for them and they would like to meet with the PC and talk about the project once the land deal is signed. This could take place over the summer if needed.

5. Planning

- To note the minutes of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee on 11th June 2019. These were noted.
- To discuss and comment on the following planning applications:

1775/19/FUL G Fairley

New wooden ramp at South-East end of beach and fence to run along the top of the dunes line to the existing ramp at the North-West end

Leasfoot Beach Thurlestone Golf Club Thurlestone Devon TQ7 3NZ

Thurlestone Parish Council supported this proposal to help manage coastal erosion and dune preservation from on-going damage caused by beach users (Neighbourhood Plan Policy TP23.1 Coastal Management). Councillors considered that the proposal is sympathetically designed, uses appropriate materials and will help conserve and enhance the natural beauty of the South Devon AONB, character of the seascape, wildlife and habitats (Policy TP1.2 & 5 General Development Principles and TP22.1 The Natural Environment).

1855/19/FUL Mr & Mrs R McIntosh

Change of use of existing store room/garage into self-contained holiday unit

Buckland Park Farm Bantham Devon TQ7 3AB

Thurlestone Parish Council supported this proposal to change the use of an existing store room to a 2-bedroom self-contained holiday unit. Councillors considered that the proposal would not have a detrimental impact on the natural beauty of the South Devon AONB, Heritage Coast and Undeveloped Coast since the building is part of an existing cluster of buildings and no external changes are proposed (Neighbourhood Plan Policy TP1.2 & 5 General Development Principles and TP22.1 The Natural Environment). Further, the proposed use as a holiday unit to form part of the applicants' existing holiday lettings business, offered year-round, would make a positive contribution to the local economy (Policy TP8 New Economic Proposals and Policy TP9 Expansion of Existing Businesses). Two planning conditions, however, were requested: one to ensure the building is only used as a holiday unit and another, to address landscaping including replacement of the diseased hedge plants referred to in the applicants' Design and Access Statement.

1752/19/FUL Mr & Mrs Malaperiman

Proposed replacement dwelling in lieu of previously approved alteration & extension application number 0170/19/HHO

9 Old Rectory Gardens Thurlestone TQ7 3PD

Thurlestone Parish Council supported this proposal. The size of the replacement dwelling does not exceed the floor area or total volume of the original dwelling (including alteration and extension under extant planning permission 0170/19/HHO) by more than 25% and the replacement dwelling is located on the same footprint as the original dwelling (Neighbourhood Plan Policy TP7.1ii & iii Replacement Dwellings and Extensions). Councillors considered that the bulk, scale, ridge height, materials and design of the replacement dwelling are in keeping with the form and character of the locality, that there is no unacceptable impact on neighbouring residential amenity and that the design and building materials are appropriate (Policy TP7.1iv Replacement Dwellings and Extensions

and Policy TP1.1 & 2 General Development Principles). Two planning conditions, however, were requested: one requiring nest boxes to be provided for garden birds, as recommended in the Ecological Survey Report by David F Wills on 29 January 2019 (TP.22.2 The Natural Environment); and another requiring approval of the roofing materials (TP1.2 General Development Principles).

1568/19/HHO Mrs P Cox

Householder application for single storey rear extension and conversion of garage to form bedroom and en-suite

11 Court Park Thurlestone Devon TQ7 3LX

Thurlestone Parish Council objected to this proposal. Councillors considered that the proposed conversion of the garage and extension would have an unacceptable impact on neighbouring residential amenity (being located on the boundary with 12 Court Park), that the style, scale and character of the proposal is not proportionate and appropriate to the street scene and that there will be insufficient room for on-site parking (Neighbourhood Plan Policy TP1.1, 2 & 7 General Development Principles).

1665/19/HHO Mr & Mrs Glenie

Householder application for alterations to the garage doors for an existing dwelling

19 Mead Drive Thurlestone Devon TQ7 3TA

Thurlestone Parish Council supported this proposal. Councillors considered that there would be no unacceptable impact on the living conditions of occupiers of neighbouring properties and that the design and building materials are appropriate (Neighbourhood Plan Policy TP1.1 & 2 General Development Principles). A planning condition, however, was requested to limit the impact of light pollution from any artificial light on local amenity that may be associated with the proposal (Policy TP1.4 General Development Principles)

1309/19/FUL: Thurlestone PO and Stores TQ7 3AS

Re-siting of A/C unit further away from Dairy Barn, construction of wooden structure to hide it and to accommodate empty crates and boxes.

Thurlestone Parish Council supported this proposal. Councillors considered that the re-siting of the A/C unit would improve neighbouring residential amenity (being moved further away and housed in sound-baffling casing), that the design and building materials of the structure are appropriate and that the structure will be proportionate in scale and extent to the existing premises (Neighbourhood Plan Policy TP1.1 & 2 General Development Principles and Policy TP9 Expansion of Existing Businesses).

6. To discuss the handover of Thurlestone public toilets from SHDC.

It was noted that a considerable amount of work has taken place to refurbish the toilets and SHDC will also carry out a deep clean before handover. Councillors thanked them for carrying out this work.

The interior of the toilets requires further painting and the PC would agree to do this.

The timing of the handover remains in question and will be discussed by the PC at a meeting over the summer tba.

7. To discuss the ownership and maintenance of the Island View play area.

The play area forms part of the Island View development from the date when it was built and in 1973 the the developer (Fletcher Homes) transferred the land back to Kingsbridge RDC as open space. In 2006 SHDC (statutory successor to Kingsbridge RDC) leased the land to the Parish Council on a 99 year lease for public recreation. The land therefore needs to be insured by the PC and registered. It was agreed that this should be discussed in more detail at a subsequent meeting.

8. To note the DCC grant schemes available to Parish Councils.

These were noted.

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

Enforcement action against poor parking will be investigated and officers will be in Thurlestone and Bantham in the coming weeks.

Speeding in Bantham was discussed again and a recent incident involving motorcyclists when a resident was met with abuse after asking them to slow down. The use of a SCARF was discussed, which is a method of legally measuring speeding and which can be a way of attracting funding to deal with a problem. Councillor Gilbert agreed to ask for Bantham to be added to the list for this. The Parish will need to be involved in working out where the SCARF should be placed.

The rules on speed humps is that DCC does not consider them to be successful; they create pollution and noise because cars are braking and accelerating when travelling over them. VAS signs are an option but require Highways permission, which depends upon the SCARF survey.

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

Councillor Pearce

The green sewage pump box in Bantham is to be moved into the garden of Clock Cottage, which solves the problem of its current siting by the lime kiln, a heritage asset.

New district councillors have been given comprehensive induction training and have been taken on a tour of the district to look at various significant projects.

The dog bin by the cobbled road is not actually a dog litter bin and needs a sign to state that it should only be for dog waste.

Councillor Long

SHDC has taken on powers under the Community Safety Accreditation Scheme which gives designated staff power over anti-social and irresponsible behaviour such as drinking in the streets, dog fouling etc

11. To receive updates about the following Parish matters:

- Highways

Avon loop of the coastal path update. This was noted. Councillors mentioned that cyclists and horse riders have been caught using the coastal path, which is not allowed. The signs to say no cycling are very small and not easy to see so it was agreed to investigate whether or not larger signs can be obtained.

Ownership of the road at the entrance to the Mead Estate

This issue is being dealt with by the Mead Estate.

Discussion was had about Devon County Council schemes to support Parish lengthsman/road wardens/treatment of verges etc and it was agreed to set up a Working Group to look into the requirement and possible funding options.

- Parish Hall

The update was noted.

- Trees

Works to the trees around the bus shelter will take place in the autumn.

Langmans Quarry trees – there is no enforcement action because they were not in a conservation area.

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

The Council is progressing various issues around the maintenance of heritage assets and creating an inventory of the assets and benches. This will be brought to the next meeting and a plan will then be drawn up.

13. To note the current account balance of £16,243.49 to date 23rd June 2019 and to approve the following payments:

DALC Annual Membership Fee	£209.36
Julian Lee, Grass Cutting	£525
Total	£734.36

The current account balance was noted and the payments were approved to a total of £734.36.

14. To note the change to the date of the next Council Meeting: Monday 9th September 2019 at 7.30pm.

This was noted and the meeting closed at 9.20pm.

Councillor Rhymes
Chairman