

Thurlestone Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting Held on Monday 3rd July 2017 at 7.30pm in Thurlestone Parish Hall Thurlestone

Present: Cllr Rhymes (Chairman)
Cllr Mitchelmore (Vice Chairman)
Cllr Marshall
Cllr Goddard
Cllr Munn
Cllr Hurrell
Cllr Zaffiro

In Attendance: Phil Millard (Clerk), Cllr Pearce (District Councillor), Paul O'Dwyer PCSO and 10 members of the public.

Declaration of Interest: None

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

Cnty Cllr Rufus Gilbert Unavailable and Dist Cllr Simon Wright

2. The minutes to confirm and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 5th June 2017 and the minutes of the Short Planning Meeting held on the 19th June 2017.

Resolved – that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 5th June 2017 and the minutes of the short planning meeting on the 19th June be signed as a correct record.

3. Matters Arising:

a) Parish Hall –

Wine and Cheese evening on Saturday was well attended (70 people) and was very successful.

b. Highways –

Parking – Glebe Field by the school is in a very bad state – due to traffic around the school - after discussion it was felt that a meeting with Adam Keay with Cllr Mitchelmore would be a good idea – as there is a lot of damage – not just the odd pot hole.

Resolved Parish Clerk to Email Adam Keay to request he contact Cllr Mitchelmore re meeting.

Narrow stretch of road by merchant gardens is getting dangerous with speed of traffic – is there any way to slow the traffic (speed bump?) – could ask Adam Keay – Cllr Mitchelmore can ask when he meets him.

Roadside Banks/hedges very overgrown(road near the Old Chapel) in West Buckland – Cllr Hurrell to identify the owners – so we can write letters to them asking for them to be cut back

Grass is causing line of sight problems in some areas – grass has been cut recently but not by SHDC.

c. Footpaths

Car park overlooking Thurlestone Sands is now charging £3.00 - pay at Gastro Bus. Bench at Island view has been renovated and grass around it cut. – the path in the next field towards the Golf Course is not a public footpath but is used as one. This was looked at about 5/6 years ago – enquire with DC – when next path review will be done. We could then exert pressure to get this path marked as public.

Peter Hurrells bench still not in place – the green hut is being rebuilt but very slowly – can we email the golf club to get them to hurry up!

Resolved - Parish Clerk – Contact Devon County Council re path review and Email Golf Club re Peters Bench.

d.Trees – Cllr Mitchelmore

Nothing to report.

d. Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Goddard

Peer review completed –The healthcheck reviewer is happy with it but there are a few technical points to put right. The committee next meets in September should have a draft by then – then goes to open consultation.

Chris White – Then gave an update re the Community Heating Project – funds will now be released to enable the feasibility study to take place.

Also had a meeting with Bantham Estates regarding setting up a community Wi-Fi – as any scheme would need their co-operation. Met With Ryan the Estate Manager – who advised they already have free Wi-Fi set up on the beach car park. Does not see any need to expand it.

Can still progress with a scheme – but would need the co-operation of Bantham and West Buckland residents – would need to raise about £3k to put infrastructure in

Then would need customers – need a champion from each Village (Cllr Goddard volunteered for Bantham) – to take on – would need to set up a meeting – August?

Would be best to involve Bigbury as well – which would benefit as well.

Could we email the Parish Clerk in Bigbury to see if interested.

Then arrange a meeting place (Parish Hall) and date – for meeting to discuss – Flyers probably needed to advertise.

Parish Clerk/Chris White to contact Bigbury PC and then take forward.

e. Parish Clerk Report

This will be my last report – as I have today handed in my letter of resignation – I intend to work on for two months to allow for a replacement to be found. So my last day will be the 4th of September. I have drafted an advert for the local paper which will go in for this week and next. **Cost will be £225+vat and would seek council's approval for this. (Given)**

As it is my last report – I can say what I like within reason!
I have done 8 years as Parish Clerk – it is a lot more involved now – lot more planning issues. My observation as clerk and this is my personal view backed by personal experience – is that we only have problems with planning applications from 2nd Home owners. As they are not here for most of the year they don't seem concerned about upsetting their neighbours or the disruption to the rest of the village.

The cobbled road by the church – 8 years ago I was told we owned it – however I could find no proof of this – after exhaustive investigations we found that it was gifted to the council in 1920 – from Evans Estates – but nothing was ever signed. As we have maintained it since 1920 we should try and obtain ownership – which is what we are now trying to do.

Thurlestone Sands – very disappointed with the National Trust and South Milton Parish Council who continue to try and lay claim to the southern end of the beach. The whole of the beach is Thurlestone Sand – as evidenced by Ordnance Survey maps and historical maps going back to 1887.

Following the BBC spotlight programme about this issue in May 2013 – South Milton wrote to us – and we replied. I am not sure these were ever made public but I have a copy which I will give to Village Voice – as it highlights our deep division on this matter. Please look at the latest Ordnance survey map and you will see that the car park area behind the beach is indeed called South Milton Sands!

Finally – I will miss this council – you are a great mix of people. A good mix – very balanced – not afraid to speak your minds and we have 2 ladies now as well.

I would urge you all to carry on – I know it's voluntary – but you all have the best interests of the Villages at heart. Please carry on the good work!

I am not leaving the Village – in fact I am populating it – as my daughter, her husband and my two grandsons are coming here to live!

Jack – I will miss most of all – the excitement – will he - won't he (turn up).

I think we were the perfect double act – Local and blow in!

I think the biggest thing was that we trusted each other completely. Jack trusted me to get on and do my job and would always back me up if I needed him to.

I knew if I needed him to do something he would do it – eventually!

He is a very good chairman – and so I hope he carry's on – he is much younger than the rest of us – let's face it!

4. Dist and County Councillor Report

District Councillor Judy Pearce gave short report

- Plans for Kingsbridge's development are now available – go to the website.
- Bins – Tetrapac cartons can now be recycled in the blue bag.

- Brown bins – there are plans to separate food waste out of the brown bins into caddies for a weekly food collection. Garden waste in brown bins will still be collected fortnightly, but it will be an opt in chargeable service, probably £35 pa.
- No food in the black bins as it effects the incinerator.
- The £250k subsidy paid by DCC for SHDC to use the Torr Quarry depot is being withdrawn from April 2018, putting an immediate cost pressure on the waste collection service.
- Next year's budget is not good - £600k deficit – West Devon's is £1m – Government subsidy stops.
- Scheme to invest in Commercial property is being considered by local councils which involves a lot of risk – give your views/feedback on this to Judy
- West Devon has already decided to go ahead!
- Because of the deficit it is being considered to join SH with West Devon to save money – this would mean equalisation of council tax – for us it would mean £60pa increase.(Again give your views on this to Judy). There will be a consultation on the two councils merger plan, but it is hoped the consultation would come before, rather than after, the decision to merge so that it didn,t appear a “done deal”.
- Has not had the revised traffic plan for the Tribal Clash from Charlie Ansell.

5. Police Business

Paul O,Dwyer our new PCSO attended the meeting and gave us an update.

- Within the last 30 days – 2 crimes in the area – one a theft (between friends) and the other common assault. Same time last year 1 crime!
- He is very busy meeting Parishes – recommended closing windows – even if popping to the beach – as there are opportunists about.
- Holiday period is coming – increase in traffic and road rage.
- He has given talk to the youngsters at Pearson's preschool group in the village.
- Asked if he could attend the school one morning – as parking is still a problem.
- Neighbourhood watch has been replaced pretty much by Face book and twitter.
- There is a new ALERT service (on Devon & Cornwall Police Website) via your mobile or computer – you can register and get updates about crime in the area.
- Mobile phones – can text to 999 – and register.

6. Business by Direction of Chairman

Tribal Clash – Charlie Ansell who attended the meeting – was asked about the Traffic Management Plan – HE SHOULD HAVE A SIGNED OFF COPY BY NEXT WEEK.

He would also submit a full report by the end of the month.

He had also stated in an email that the event would be a benefit to the community – was asked how? Unfortunately he could not think of one!

In open forum at the beginning of the meeting a lot of concern was expressed regarding the lack of communication between the organisers and the residents.

Bantham Swoosh – No complaints received about it – but it did involve traffic at 3.00 am through West Buckland!

7.Planning to be discussed:

1850/17/HHO – Application re proposed dormer window at Bantham House, Bantham TQ7 3AJ – by Mr & Mrs Kirvan- **Object – unsightly – detrimental effect on the street scene, will affect nearby listed buildings.**

1643/17/HHO – Application for single storey extension of rear facing bedrooms, single storey extension to front, move and replace existing porch, add hard standing parking with new front access and lowered kerb at 5 Court Park, Thurlestone TQ7 3LX by Mr C Woodford.
Object – Overdevelopment -Overbearing and Un-neighbourly

1715/17/HHO – Application for installation of solar PV panels, Erection of green house in front garden, retaining wall along east rear boundary, build a timber fence boundary to replace existing fence, build a rendered block along north boundary. Install a timber fence to replace existing fence and extend it to wall to provide screened area at **8 Whimbrels Edge**. **Object – Green house will be unsightly and should be moved to the rear.**

0485/17/FUL – Revised Plan (drawing no 05B) – with the proposed air source heat pump relocated from the west elevation to the east elevation of the proposed dwelling at **Plot 45 Mead Drive**.

Object – this is a minor amendment and does not address any of the main objections eg Overbearing, un- neighbourly etc

8.Finance: Permission was asked to pay:

P Millard (Clerk Salary – June)	£368.88
Zurich Municipal – Parish Council Policy	£1,126.38
Malcolm Franke & Co Ltd – Internal Audit	£180.00
Julian Lee – Grass Cutting (May-June)	£260.00
Thurlestone Parish Hall (room rental (April-June)	£ 80.00
SHDC – Annual insurance and inspection fee for School play area	£156.00
Total	£2171.26

9.Correspondence:

Email re 20 Meadcombe road – enforcement case closed 13.6.17
Letter to Chris White re Wrap Rural Community Renewable Energy Fund – condition of offer 14.6.17
Email re 11 Meadcombe Road, Thurlestone - enforcement no 014115 closed.
Email from Becky Clarke re beaches and cleaning 15.6.17
Email from Cllr Goddard re Wi – Fi mobile signal for Bantham and West Buckland 19.6.17
Road Traffic Notice re Bantham Swoosh road closure 24th June
Zurich Municipal – invoice and local council policy schedule 12.6.17
E mail from Malcolm Franke re internal Audit 28.6.17

10.Circulars and to receive items for next agenda

Lloyds Bank – information about financial services compensation scheme
The Mission to Seafarers Magazine
Clerks & Councils Direct – July 2017 Magazine

Meeting closed at 9.0pm

To confirm the date, time and place of the Parish Council Meeting as Monday 4th September 2017

4th July 2017

Chairman