

Thurlestone Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 6th July 2015 at 7.30pm in Thurlestone Parish Hall Thurlestone

Present: Cllr Rhymes (Chairman)

Cllr Munn

Cllr Goddard

Cllr Mitchelmore

Cllr Hurrell

Cllr Marshall

Cllr Zaffiro

In Attendance: Phil Millard (Clerk) and County Cllr Rufus Gilbert and Cllrs Pearce & Wright (District Councillors), Plus 7 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.

None.

2. The minutes to confirm and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 1st June 2015.

Resolved – that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 1st June 2015 were signed as a correct record.

3. Matters Arising:

a) Parish Hall – Cllr Zaffiro

Nothing to report.

b. Highways –

Pot hole deep one between Whitley Cross and A379 – Left hand fork – needs reporting.

West Buckland – the bank which is in danger of collapse – has been looked at by Highways Engineer and the bank strimmed/cut back. Still no date as to when it will be done – although we are assured it is scheduled! **Will ask Adam Keay (Highways) again!**

Replenishing of yellow lines – not done – when will it be done – Rufus to find out.

Parking in Bantham is a problem as there is a lack of enforcement – Cllr Goddard has received a reply to his letter about this – but this implies it is not cost effective – need to come at peak times ie Weekends and Holiday period.

Resolved – Clerk to report pot hole to Highways.

c. Footpaths & Heritage Coast

There is a pile of grey shale above Leas foot beach – needs to be cleared asap – this is Golf Club responsibility – suggested we Email Steve Gledhill at Thurlestone Golf Club.

The South West Coast Path at Leas foot beach needs a better solution and a bridge such as the one at Hope Cove was suggested (see Parish Clerk Report).

d. Trees – Cllr Mitchelmore

Nothing to report – very quiet at moment.

Martin Gross has some large branches which have fallen off very large tree in his garden – he will apply to have the tree taken down – we will not have any objections to this.

d. Neighbourhood Plan/Mobile Phone mast/Website – Cllrs Goddard & Marshall

Next meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan team is on 13th July in YEO room – Phil Baker (Strategic Planner) is to attend.

Mast – Arqiva have been contacted and various options are being looked at – such as The mast in Bigbury being higher to give some coverage to Bantham/West Buckland and a mast at Galpton may help the other side of the Village. Cllr Marshall has a meeting with a representative from Arqiva to look at any other options and will feed back to us at our next meeting.

f. Parish Clerk Report

- PAYE – new system almost in place – Clerk will be paid monthly from July onwards- as this will enable us to monitor payment of tax to HMR&C – monthly standing order set up.
- HMR&C have written to us again and we have 7 days to come up with a repayment Plan or they will enforce the debt. Total amount is £1302.09 – Could pay this over 6 months – however this is problematic as we do not have a meeting next month – so would suggest we pay it in 2 payments - £650 now and the balance plus any interest in September. Have spoken to Revenue and explained situation and that need councils agreement to any repayment plan.
- Have also E mailed the solicitors acting to try and get money back from Newman Tonks Ltd to see if any progress is being made. It was also suggested that we contact Police or any other agency (Trading Standards) to report Newman Tonks.
- Cllr Goddard has also drafted a letter to NALC – who were responsible for us using Newman Tonks which has now resulted in a major loss of funds to the council.

- The road closure from A379 to Bantham on Sunday re the organised swim from Aveton Gifford to Bantham – 400 swimmers! – was not notified to us – the organisers should have done this – Highways are aware of our unhappiness in this matter and hopefully lessons will be learned if it is to happen again next year!
- The road which was destroyed by the storms by Leasefoot beach – will not be reinstated – however the footpath is a mess and needs to be sorted out - a new path down onto the beach would be problematic and too expensive. So will use existing diverted path – but will need to be tidied up etc. A Bridge similar to the one at Hope Cove was suggested as a solution.
 - Japanese Knotweed – Highways have been approached but they advise they have no plans to do anything about it – so will need to come up with a plan ourselves!

4. Dist and County Councillor Report

Dist Cllr Simon Wright came to introduce himself.

Dist Cllr Pearce gave a short report which included

- New systems are bedding in at SHDC
- There will be a new customer service phone line – for Parish Councils
- There is a meeting on the 27th re new system – good idea for someone from council to go.
- There are 3 lots of Japanese Knotweed towards Mallards – need to sorted out.
- Bantham – Chaos for couple of hours on Sunday caused by 2 cars parked on Yellow lines.
- Wooden Bridge over towards Thurlestone Sands has been renovated – good job done – have used a composite wood/plastic for a lot of it.
- Planning advert for new planners – should sort out problems once recruited.

County Cllr Gilbert – Report covered

- Apologised but will not make the Thurlestone Church Fete this year.
- The boundaries are currently being reassessed – consultation period.
- Will lose East Allington but gain others such as Modbury – will increase from 13-16 Parishes.
- We can have our say as to the name of the new area.
- It had been queered in open forum about box 5 – which was to be upgraded re the New broadband by BT – had not been mentioned –and will supply Mead and Yarmer where most people live. Rufus will find out and let us know.

5. Police Business

No report.

6. Business by Direction of Chairman

Road by Church – Cllr Goddard is to arrange meeting with Bantham Estates, Church and Yarmer – to discuss repair ASP- but difficult to get everyone together – Holidays etc. Also need two more quotes for the work.

It was mentioned by someone that there was Scam going around where someone (Well dressed) comes to your door with a bunch of flowers and you have to pay for delivery by card only – card is then cloned by their machine – targeting elderly – so beware!

7.Planning to be discussed:

55/1291/15/F – Application to extend property over two floors at 1 SeaView Terrace Thurlestone TQ7 3NQ by Mr T Hodges. **No Objections**

55/1292/15/F – Application for alteration and extension to dwelling at 7 Edwards Close, Thurlestone TQ73BP by Mr & Mrs E Nixon. **No Objections**

55/1296/15/F – Application for Single storey extension to reception classroom by All Saints Primary School. **No Objections**

55/1369/15/F – Retrospective Application for ancillary accommodation above approved garage/workshop to include external raised platform for access at first floor at Pear Tree Cottage, West Buckland TQ7 3AH by Mr & Mrs C Wells. **Strongly Object – Unauthorised dwelling created above garage should be a storage room – recommended removal.**

8.Finance: Permission was asked to pay:

Grant Thornton fee for 2015 Annual Return	£120.00
P Millard Monthly salary - SO	£330.39
SHDC – Inspection of School Play Area	£120.00
HMR & C – Unpaid tax - Clerk	£650.00

Total £1229.39

BACS payment in from HMR&C re VAT repayment of £310.48 Credit.

9.Correspondence:

Email to Highways re drains,Japanese Knotweed and pothole 3.6.15
Letter from Grant Thornton re 2015 Audit and invoice 4.6.15
Letter from Links Court Management committee re Leasefoot 5.6.15
Letter from Dr Sarah Wollaston MP re mast 10.6.15
Letter from Lloyds Bank Bus Bking re bank mandate changes (any 2 to sign) 15.6.15
Letter from Rebecca Newman accounting services re PAYE 16.6.15
Email from Cllr Pearce re 7 Sea View Terrace, Thurlestone 19.6.15
Letter from HMR&C re unpaid income tax – final demand 23.6.15

10.Circulars and to receive items for next agenda

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Meeting closed at 8.25 pm

To confirm the date, time and place of the Parish Council Meeting as Monday 7th September 2015 at 7.30pm at Thurlestone Parish Hall

9th July 2015

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Chairman

