

Thurlestone Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 7th July 2014 at 7.30pm in Thurlestone Parish Hall Thurlestone

Present: Cllr Rhymes (Chairman)
Cllr Mitchelmore - Vice Chairman
Cllr N Hurrell
Cllr Munn
Cllr Goddard
Cllr Came
Cllr Zaffiro

In Attendance: Phil Millard (Clerk), Dist Councillor Bramble, County Cllr Rufus and 8 members of the public.

Declaration of Interest:

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 Annual Parish Council meeting held on Monday 2nd June 2014.

Resolved – that the minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on Monday 2nd June 2014 were signed as a correct record.

3. Matters Arising:

a) Parish Hall – Cllr Munn

New water heater installed.
Rock n Roll night on Saturday was very successful.

b. Highways –

Two walls in West Buckland – still not repaired – one by Telephone box and other is the Bridge wall by the water treatment plant. We think this could go back nearly 2 years! Why is nothing being done – we have raised this with Adam Keay a few times. Can we copy in County Cllr Gilbert last E mail – so he can take up with Adam.

Devon County are now in charge of Traffic officers/enforcement – which it is felt is a shambles – can we complain – give instances to County Cllr Gilbert.

Resolved Clerk to copy E mail re walls in West Buckland to County Cllr Gilbert.

c. Footpaths & Heritage Coast/Thurlestone Sands

National Trust have failed to give us any evidence re Thurlestone Sands being Known by any other name. As we have consistently pointed out – the so called South Milton Sands is the car park – not the beach.

d. School – Cllr Rhymes

Report given which covered –

- challenge week in Torquay – 863 children from 19 different schools.
- Working hard re issues raised from ofsted report – some cannot be sorted out until September.
- Currently the school playing field will be a grassed area only – ie no climbing equipment
- Unless they can raise £60k.

e.Trees – Cllr Mitchelmore

- Nothing much happened – trees have been done at Kennedy,s.
- Stumps at Island View still not taken out – can we chase contractor.
- 2 meter reduction re Fir tree on memorial needs to be done as well – can we get quotes.

Cllr Rhymes to chase.

g. Parish Plan

Broadband – BT are progressing roll out and have recently had an update regarding this – we have been promised delivery by autumn 2015.

Mobile Mast – Cllr Dale recently talked to Arquiva (Robert Fogarty) – 40 sites approved including Bigbury. Expects us to be in the second tranche – progressing the more simpler ones first – ours is more complicated re transmission issues (West Buckland) – will be in about 6 months time.

h. Parish Clerk Report

- Report covered – Requested the code for the highway map on the wall in Parish Hall – so we can understand it a bit better – County Cllr Gilbert will email to clerk.
- Broken sign for Whitlocksworthy – top of post office lane has been reported and should be replaced soon.

- Dog Bin by toilets at Golf Club has been moved further up into South Milton Parish Not sure why – can we ask for a replacement.
- I have provided forms for our New Councillor Mrs Zaffiro to complete – Declaration of acceptance of office and Notice of interests.

Clerk to E mail Steve Mason re replacement bin.

4. Dist and County Councillor Report

County Cllr Rufus Gilbert

Report covered –

- Beacon Point footpath should open on 5th July – fencing just being done.
- Hope cove – footpath near the beach – bridge required – funds found and will be sorted out asap.
- Yellow lines through the village will need to wait until 2015 as budget missed for this year.
- Number of small roads being dressed currently quite a few in Thurlestone Parish.
- Kingsbridge day centre saved

Dist Cllr Bramble

Report covered

- Public Toilets – options now outlined and will be discussed later in meeting
- Our plan – will be imposed on SHDC – beginning of next year – we have opportunity to construct our neighbourhood plan alongside SHDC plan.
- We can have someone from SHDC planning to come and talk to us at a Council Meeting.
- Parkfield development – have been forced to resubmit plans re fencing/landscaping by 11th July.
- Still looking at ways to save money –ongoing.

5. Police Business

- Not present.

6. Business by Direction of Chairman

Covered

Neighbourhood Plan –Sub committee meeting in next few days.

Public Toilets – Cllr Munn attended meeting with Stuart Jellings and was given Four options

- We take on cleaning duties for the year (12 months) the council will pay us £2725 for labour. We do however have to insure for £10m.
- We supply cleaner for the winter 4 months and we pay the council £361
- Reduced cleaning over the winter 4 months 2/3 days per week we pay council £1082.

- We take over lock stock and barrel, buildings, maintenance etc they will pay us £6000 per year, possible contract for 5 years.

The closures start 1st November for 4 months.

Discussed all of the above at some length and none are attractive to us – so unless the letter from Stuart Jellings gives any other option then we will allow for the toilets to close for four months over the Winter and gauge reaction.

Clerk to respond to letter when received.

Dog Fouling on children's play area by Island View is a problem – One person causing the problem – has been reported on several occasions – Dog Warden will not do anything.

Dist Cllr Bramble will look into this for us.

Friends of Thurlestone Church Letter – all the council have received a copy of this which gives the background of why it was set up. The letter was discussed at length and council would like to help the Church at this time. We have previously been asked to increase our £300 pa which is for maintenance of the churchyard. However rather than do this we will give a one off payment to them instead and in the interests of fairness (aware the school also needs money for the play area) – which is used by the community after school. School rents playing field from council.

Resolved – As we currently have surplus funds available we will donate £1000 to the church and £1000 to the School (not urgent leave until September) - Clerk to write to The Friends and inform them that we will help with this extra one off payment to the Church.

7.Planning to be discussed:

55/1434/14/F – Application for erection of ground- mounted solar panels(total site area 90 sq.m) with estimated output 15kw at Chuckcheese Farm, Bantham TQ7 3AD by Mr T Passy. **Strongly Object – Visual impact.**

55/1520/14/F – Application for proposed alterations and extensions to balcony at Fiferail, Eddystone Road, Thurlestone TQ73NU by Mr H Cleverly- **No Objections**

55/1535/14/F – Application for replacement single- storey extension at North Upton Barns, Bantham TQ7 3AB – by Mr T Gunning – **No Objections**

Planning Granted

55/0751/14/F – Alterations and single- storey side extension 7 Meadcombe Road,Thurlestone TQ7 3TB by Mr K Broom

55/0638/14/F – Two storey side extension and erection of solar PV array in rear garden, Coronation Cottage, Thurlestone, Kingsbridge TQ7 3LT by Mr J Flew.

55/0738/14/F – Conversion of existing garage to games/utility room, Splinters, Ilbert Road, Thurlestone TQ7 3NY by Mr & Mrs M Offord

8.Finance: Permission was asked to pay:

Julian Lee – grass cutting/maintenance	£290.00
Grant Thornton – Audit fee	£150.00
Thurlestone Parish Hall	£ 60.00
SLCC – Local Council Practitioners Guide	£ 23.00
Total	£523.00

9.Correspondence:

Letter from Grant Thornton re completion of Audit 19.6.14
Email re thank you - donation to Phone Box committee 6.6.14
E mail from Rufus Gilbert re Yellow Line repainting 6.6.14
Letter from National Trust –appeal to save Bantham Beach 19.6.14
E mail reply from Emma Stone – NT – RE Thurlestone sands 26.6.14
Letter from Friends of Thurlestone Church 24.6.2014
Letter from National Trust re Bantham Beach appeal 19.6.14
E mail connecting Devon and Somerset project team 3.7.14
Letter from SHDC tree dept re Grove cottages 3.7.14

10.Circulars and to receive items for next agenda

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Meeting closed at 8.30 pm

To confirm the date, time and place of the Parish Council Meeting as Monday 1st September 2014 at 7.30pm at Thurlestone Parish Hall

9th July 2014

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Chairman