

# Thurlestone Parish Council

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## Minutes of the Meeting of Thurlestone Parish Council held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at 7.30pm in the Thurlestone Parish Hall

**Present:** Councillors Rhymes (Chairman), Goddard, Munn, Zaffiro, Marshall, Mitchelmore and Hurrell

**In Attendance:** Helen Nathanson (Parish Clerk), 13 members of the public, County Councillor Gilbert and District Councillor Pearce

There was be 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:

- The Chairman of the NP Steering Group thanked members of the Group for all their hard work in producing the NP and contributing to the success of the referendum, which had the largest turnout not just in the District but one of the highest in the country . The Chairman of the Parish Council made a presentation to the Project Director on behalf of the Parish as a thank you for her hard work and achievement.
- Devon Air Ambulance Trust (DAAT) Night Landing Site Update. The Team met with Western Power (WP) on site and have 2 quotes: one for WP doing all the work to connect the power in to the field and up to the lighting site; and a second one for just creating a supply into the field. This second option would require a box on the other side of the hedge and would be vulnerable to damage from vehicles whereas if WP does all the work then the meter box would be adjacent to the light. There is a third option to ask for the power cable to be run up to the site but this is likely to be very expensive. The first quote was recommended as the most suitable, even though is it the more expensive one. Discussion was had about this cost and whether or not the grant funding available would cover it. The Parish Clerk will check with DAAT.
- Community WiFi. Agreement is awaited on the location of the base station. The relay station is a temporary structure and it is not clear whether this will ever become a permanent structure: fibre is to be installed later this year which might make the broadband element redundant, depending on the distance of each property from the connection at the road side.

*The meeting convened to discuss the following business:*

**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 Meetings on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018 and Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2018.**

The Minutes were confirmed subject to the following changes:

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June Thurlestone Parish Council Meeting, Item 16

The Council objected to Planning Application 1300/18/FUL Middle Gables and this was registered with SHDC.

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

There were no matters arising.

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

The following matters are under review by the Highways Department:

20mph speed limits

Bus lane violations in the cities

Fine evaders ie anyone who hasn't paid a traffic fine 3 times or more

Road permits and road closure notices – utility companies will have to apply for a permit and it will have a clear time slot on it

Parking on pavements – accessibility issues

Carers' parking permits – how to relieve the burden on carers having to pay or park far away

These topics are in line with those being looked at by other counties and will be adjusted to meet Devon's needs

Councillor Mitchelmore asked how DCC intends to enforce any new regulations. DCC has an enforcement team and this will be employed.

DCC is repainting yellow lines and this has created some problems for residents in areas where a lot of vegetation has grown up and obscured them previously.

**6.** To receive reports from District Councillors Judy Pearce and Simon Wright.

Councillor Wright gave his apologies.

Councillor Pearce gave the following update:

SHDC is holding a Peer Review in September.

A new Corporate Strategy has been released and it is intended to hold consultations to flesh it out.

On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July there will be a consultation in Kingsbridge – also see

[www.engagement.southhams.gov.uk](http://www.engagement.southhams.gov.uk) for the online consultation.

They are looking into tougher penalties for irresponsible dog owners.

The SHDC owned land at the top of Dartmouth (near LIDL) will be used for a joint project with

Torbay Health Trust to create a new Health and Wellbeing Centre.

Waste – The Council will be meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> July to make the decision whether or not to contract out waste services.

Joint Local Plan – a decision is awaited from the Inspector, who it is thought might be waiting for the NPPF.

Homeless Strategy – this will be updated for next year.

**7.** To note the result of the Neighbourhood Plan Referendum and to discuss a proposal to create a Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Group.

The result was noted.

The NP Project Director explained the background to the proposal. The NP Steering Group will end now because the referendum has taken place and it is proposed to have a new group to carry on the remit of monitoring and applying the Plan.

The draft TORs for a NP Advisory Group were discussed. They have been agreed by the NP Steering Group, which was happy with the proposal.

Councillors discussed whether or not there should be a councillor on the Group and agreed that there would be one representative from the Council, which will be Councillor Rhymes.

The remaining members of the Group will be sought by the Group's Chairman in time for its October meeting.

The draft Terms of Reference were approved and a NP Advisory Group was established accordingly.

**8. To discuss the following planning applications:**

1710/18/HHO                      21 Court Park, Thurlestone

Householder application for proposed alterations and extension

NB An Appeal has been lodged by the applicants to the Secretary of State with regards to this site.

**OBJECT**

Thurlestone Neighbourhood Plan Policy TP1.7 states that "A safe means of access and on-site parking should be provided." The Council considered that this extension will not leave enough room for 3 cars and that it will result in on-street parking.

1715/18/FUL                      3 The Downs, Thurlestone

Construction of a single storey detached dwelling with attached garage

**OBJECT**

This site is outside the settlement boundary of Thurlestone where open market housing is not supported unless required to cross-subsidise an affordable housing scheme, which is not the case here (**Thurlestone Parish Neighbourhood Plan, Policy TP4.2**).

The proposal is also in conflict with countryside and landscape policies in the Local Development Framework (**CS9: Landscape and Historic Environment, DP2: Landscape Character & DP15: Development in the Countryside**) and in the emerging Joint Local Plan (**TTV31: Development in the Countryside & DEV25: Undeveloped Coast**) since the site is within the AONB, Heritage Coast and Undeveloped Coast where development is only permitted where it requires a countryside location and meets the essential, small scale and exceptional local development needs of a settlement which cannot be met within development boundaries, requires a coastal location and cannot reasonably be located outside the Undeveloped Coast. None of these requirements are met in the case of this proposal.

2011/18/HHO                      16 Meadcombe Road, Thurlestone

Householder application for balcony rigging wire

**OBJECT**

Thurlestone Neighbourhood Plan Policy TP1.1 – "Proposals should protect residential amenity and should not have an unacceptable impact on the living conditions of occupiers of neighbouring properties."

The Parish Council also asked it to be noted that the rear plans of the house are inaccurate as they are showing 2 glass panels which have in fact been replaced by a breeze block wall.

**9. To note decisions on planning applications.**

There were no decisions.

**10.** To note the Planning Enforcement Cases for the Parish. (Confidential paper)  
These were noted.

**11.** To approve a draft planning permission application for the DAAT landing site.  
The application was not yet ready for approval and will go to the next meeting.

**12.** To discuss and comment on the following licensing applications:

- Hooppells Tor Farm Bed and Breakfast - Application for the sale of alcohol on and off the premises between the hours of 0900 and 2300 Monday to Sunday each day
- Gara Rock Hotel - an application for a premises variation from AG Gara Rock Limited, Salcombe, Devon TQ8 8FA. The application is to extend their Regulated Entertainment and Sales of Alcohol schedules and to also include the Exhibition of Films as a Licensable activity.

There were no comments.

**13.** To discuss the repair of the kerb stones on the cobbled road.

The Yarmer Estate has agreed to pay for the repairs and the Parish Clerk was asked to get quotes for this. The Council agreed that they would like the stones to be tidied up and cemented in as they are: the road needs full repair in the future anyway so a more complete repair will happen at the same time. If there is any further damage Yarmer will be invoiced again.

Discussion was had about putting signs up to say no commercial vehicles.

**14.** To discuss maintenance of public benches and Parish Heritage Assets.

Councillor Marshall requested this item because the public bench opposite the war memorial was in a poor condition, but it has since been repaired to a very high standard by Paul Martin.

There are several benches in poor repair within the Parish: it was agreed first to draw up a map of all benches, then to identify and cost those which need to be repaired. Councillor Marshall agreed to do this for Thurlestone and Councillor Goddard for Bantham.

Heritage assets

The Council was asked to approve a sum of £500 for repairs. The Parish Clerk suggested that, since a budget had not been completed for this FY, the Council might like to draw up a backdated one before agreeing any general spending. This was agreed and a budget will be discussed at the September meeting.

**15.** To approve the accounts for the Year End 2017/18.

The accounts were still with the internal auditor. An extension has been granted by the external auditor but an extraordinary meeting will be needed in order to approve them in time.

**16.** To note the accounts to date for 2018/19 and to approve payment of the following invoices:

1. Parish Clerk Salary and Expenses	£778.60
1. Nick Walker Printing Ltd - NP Posters	£369.00
2. Nick Walker Printing Ltd - NP Papers	£72.00
Total	<b>£441</b>
3. Mr S Hurrell - Supply and fit bollard outside church	£200
7. Thurlestone Parish - Hall Hire	£55

8. Paul Martin Expenses - Street Scene	£40.52
9. Sue Crowther NP Expenses	£83.51
10. WPS Insurance Annual Premium	£372.20

The payments were approved to a value of £1,970.83.

**17. To note the following update on Community Wi-Fi:**

The contract for the base station has been signed and they will be starting to install hardware this week or next. The first thing to go up will be the mast for the repeater station at Buckland Park Farm: in Planning terms it is a temporary structure, which will allow them to get the system working, and establish the level of interest, prior to doing something permanent at a later date.

This was noted.

**18. To note the following correspondence:**

Devon and Cornwall Police and Crime Commissioner Small Grants Scheme - deadline 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2018  
 Launch of the Communities Together Fund (previously the TAP Fund) – deadline 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018  
 National Guide on Dementia Friendly Communities  
 SHDC News Release:  
 Councils' Transformation is complete  
 Partnership announced to build new Dartmouth Health and Wellbeing Centre  
 Tougher Penalties for Irresponsible Dog Owners

This was noted.

**19. To note the date of the next Council Meeting on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018 at 7.30pm.**

This was noted and the meeting closed at 9.10pm.

Councillor Rhymes  
 Chairman