

# Thurlestone Parish Council

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## Minutes of the Meeting of Thurlestone Parish Council held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018 at 7.30pm in the Thurlestone Parish Hall

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

**In Attendance:** Helen Nathanson (Parish Clerk), County Councillor Rufus Gilbert, District Councillors Simon Wright and Judy Pearce, 20 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 comments were made:

- A request was made for a dog litter bin in West Buckland, preferably by the telephone box or somewhere central. The Chair agreed that one was needed and SHDC will be approached to see if this would be possible.
- In the fields opposite The Mead, an event is taking place to raise money for Bowel Cancer West and a member of South Milton attended to provide details.
- On behalf of the Yarmer Estates Committee, a letter was read out regarding Planning Application 2541/18/VAR. The new landscape plan has been considerably altered since the original application, which was approved in accordance with the original drainage plan based on the previous landscaping. This seems to invalidate the original drainage plan and it was requested that the Parish Council request the involvement of SHDC Building Control in this matter.
- Community WiFi – The base station wirelesses and repeater wirelesses are installed and all that is needed is to connect the base station to the BT Fibre Network. There seems to be a capacity issue within BT at present so a 4G mobile signal is being picked up and converted to provide the service in the meantime.

*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 9<sup>th</sup> July 2018 and Monday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

The Minutes were approved and signed.

**4.** To consider any matters arising from the Minutes of the last meetings.

The following matters arose:

An update was given about the Devon Air Ambulance Trust (DAAT) Landing Site. A grant of £15,000 will be given by DAAT which will cover the majority of the works, leaving a sum of c£3,000 to be found by the Parish.

Western Power will carry out the works to connect power and MAT Electrics will carry out the groundworks. The planning application has been submitted and we need to wait for formal approval before commissioning the works.

There is a 13-week lead-in time for the Western Power work, so it is unlikely that the light will be in place before Christmas.

An update will be placed in Village Voice, along with details of fundraising if people would like to contribute.

Councillor Wright agreed to contribute £150.

Councillor Pearce will contribute and will let us know the amount once she has checked her funds.

#### Planning application updates

Updates were given on relevant planning applications: all information is available on the South Hams District Council website.

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

- The Golf Club barrier is down, barring cars, and a resident has been in contact about this because the Club does not have permission to do this. Highways are meeting with Councillor Gilbert to discuss it and he asked for the Council's view on the matter. Councillors acknowledged that, at some point in the future, the Club would be legally allowed to stop up the road and agreed that they did not object to the barrier being down. However, it is also locked, which is more of a problem, and they would like this to stop.
- On 2<sup>nd</sup> October, West Alvington road is being resurfaced and will be closed at night.
- The wall in West Buckland is finally to be repaired.
- Councillors asked about the flooding the Bantham lane, near Reynolds Park. Highways is being consulted on this as a complaint has been made by the residents.
- Councillor Gilbert agreed to contribute £1,000 towards the cost of the DAAT Landing Site and will forward the grant form to the Parish Clerk.

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

Councillor Pearce gave the following updates:

- The Joint Local Plan (JLP) – an interim letter has been received from the Inspectors and the main point of note is that the requirement for 10 houses to be built in AONB villages is to be removed. There will be no settlement boundaries in the JLP but provision will be made to respect any boundaries set in adopted Neighbourhood Plans. It is now 14 months since the JLP was submitted and SHDC members are hoping that they can consult on the amendments at the end of October, with a view to completion by Christmas and adoption before the 2019 elections.

Councillor Wright gave the following updates:

- Procurement – SHDC continues to look at outsourcing its waste systems and will decide on 27<sup>th</sup> September whether or not to move on to final phase, with a final decision due on 6<sup>th</sup> December.
- Join the Conversation is a new engagement portal which can be accessed via the SHDC website.
- The Lotto has been an initial success and has raised £27,000 in its first year for local charities.
- There is now paid advertising content on the SHDC website.

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

2541/18/VAR Trehearne, 13 Eddystone Road, Thurlestone, TQ7 3NU

Variation or Removal of Condition to accord with amended landscaping plan

This was discussed. Councillors decided to OBJECT to these revised landscape proposals on the basis that no drainage details have been produced to show how any increased surface water run-off that may result from the additional paving and bowls court at the rear of the property, is to be provided for. Surface water drainage is an issue for the Yarmer Estate and inadequate provision on this site may pose a flooding risk to neighbouring properties.

**8.** To note the decisions on planning applications listed.

These were noted.

**9.** To note the Planning Enforcement Cases for the Parish.

The Confidential Enforcement cases for the Parish were noted. District Councillor Pearce recommended that all the outstanding Thurlestone cases be removed and the list closed. She will email details to councillors for agreement.

**10.** To discuss a response to the SHDC consultation on the pre-planning process.

This was discussed and it was agreed that the Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Group (NPAG) will draft a response to the consultation which will be circulated to councillors for approval before submission.

**11.** To note that the Neighbourhood Plan Advisory Group (NPAG) will hold its first meeting on Tuesday 4th September. One of the key items on the agenda will be to discuss an application to nominate the Thurlestone garage site as an Asset of Community Value and to look at other employment uses for the site.

This was noted.

**12.** To note the correspondence from SHDC about the closure or handover of Thurlestone public toilets and to discuss setting up a Working Group to investigate this in more detail.

This was discussed and it was agreed to set up a small Working Group to look into the costs and issues. Councillors Rhymes, Munn and Marshall will be members of the Group and others will be invited to join as required. A new meeting will be set up with Cathy Aubertin.

**13.** To receive updates about the following Parish matters:

**Parish Hall**

The Open Gardens made a lot of money and gave half to the Church.

Autumn fair – councillors were reminded that they usually give a present each towards the raffle.

Councillor Zaffiro will coordinate.

**Trees**

The trees around the school field are getting very high and it was suggested that a letter be sent to the Chair of Governors.

A complaint has been received about the large trees in the hedge along Court Park Lane. Councillor Mitchelmore has approached the owner – the residents do not own the lane or hedge but the landowner will crown lift in the autumn.

**Highways**

Following a visit from Highways, these works have been agreed: double yellow lines down Warren Hill and removal of all the road signs; resurfacing of Glebe Field; clearance of the vegetation and overgrown hedges along the path next to the garage site.

Councillors also agreed to request removal of the double yellow lines outside the pub.

**14.** To discuss the Armistice Centenary commemoration.

Councillor Marshall has various large poppies, banners and bunting from the Royal British Legion, which he will use to decorate the telephone box. Bantham and Buckland were keen to have some too, so he will ask for more. There will be an exhibition of Thurlestone in the First World War, to be held in the Parish Hall as part of the centenary remembrance.

**15.** To note the updated 2018/19 budget.

This was noted. The 2019/20 Budget will be decided at the December Parish Council meeting.

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

1) Parish Clerk Salary 25/06/18 – 26/08/18	£636.30
Expenses 25/06/18 – 26/08/18	£45.87
2) DAAT Planning Application Costs to Parish Clerk	Planning App £117
	Location Map £21
3) Simon Hurrell	
Repair to stone wall on Warren Hill, Thurlestone	£154
Re-lay kerb stones next to war memorial, Thurlestone	£139
4) Totnes and South Devon Bookkeeping, Internal Audit 17/18	£200
5) Nick Walker printing – NP materials	£87

The accounts were noted and the payments above approved.

**17.** To note the general correspondence listed.

This was noted.

Meeting of the AONB Partnership Committee on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September at 10.30am – 12.30pm in Marlborough Village Hall.

The Parish Clerk will attend the meeting.

Proposed Merger of Devon and Cornwall Police and Dorset Police

Councillor Marshall got in touch with the Police about this and, as a result, he has also been contacted by the local policing teams about attending Parish Council meetings. There are 2 PCOs in Salcombe who are responsible for Thurlestone and they will start attending meetings. They do come into the Parish but tend to use unmarked cars.

The Parish Clerk will also attend the DALC Annual Conference on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2018 at a cost of £25.

**18.** To note the date of the next Council Meeting on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018 at 7.30pm.

This was noted. The meeting ended at 2055.

Councillor Rhymes  
Chairman