

# Thurlestone Parish Council

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## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 7th September 2015 at 7.30pm in Thurlestone Parish Hall Thurlestone

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

In Attendance: Phil Millard (Clerk) and County Cllr Rufus Gilbert and Cllrs Pearce (District Councillor), Plus 11 members of the public.

### **Declaration of Interest: Cllr Goddard – Planning – Section 7 - Clock Cottage**

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.**

Cllr Munn – Bereavement.

**2. The minutes** to confirm and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 6th July and Planning meeting 5<sup>th</sup> August 2015.

**Resolved – that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2015 and 5<sup>th</sup> August 2015 were signed as a correct record.**

#### **3. Matters Arising:**

##### **a) Parish Hall – Cllr Zaffiro**

Nothing to report.

##### **b. Highways –**

Traffic enforcement officer was in Thurlestone recently – and we are aware that 8 cars were booked on a recent weekend. Bantham on the other hand has not been aware of any presence!

### **c. Footpaths & Heritage Coast**

Summer cottage in West Buckland - the path up through the woods needs to be cleared/sorted out by the Land owner.

### **d. Trees – Cllr Mitchelmore**

Martyn Grose has decided not to take down the large tree in his garden – will tidy it up instead.

School – there are a number of trees/bushes at bottom of playing field which need cutting back/reduced – will have meeting with Chairman of council to take forward.

There is an application for work to be carried out at Merchants Garden – will arrange a meeting to discuss.

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

There is a Public Meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm at the Parish Hall – there has been a lot of work to get to this point and for the meeting to take place.

Website is progressing – good work and should see results soon.

Broadband – BT Engineer recently advised (visiting a customer in village) that the Mead and Yarmer would probably get connected in the Spring! Not this Autumn as we have been promised. The top of the Village may get it sooner. Cabinets are in place.

### **f. Parish Clerk Report**

**PAYE** – Forwarding the cheque £650 to HMR&C which will repay the debt re unpaid income tax for clerk. New PAYE System is working well – have to raise monthly cheques – but we are getting monthly acknowledgements from HMR&C.  
Douglas Tonks Ltd – have gone into liquidation (June).

**Pear Tree cottage** – No progress re the retrospective application – case officer is away until 14<sup>th</sup> September.

**The Pile of shale** at Leasfoot beach was reported to the golf club and they have promised to move it – but have not said when.

**Our letter to BT** about their appalling service to the village has not warranted a response from them or from their complaints department! Although our MP who was copied in – has had reply/excuse.

#### **4. Dist and County Councillor Report**

##### **Dist Cllr Pearce gave a short report which included**

- Alcohol – Revised draft Alcohol and entertainment Licensing Policy comments requested of town/parish councils by 6<sup>th</sup> November.
- TAP funding – amended process – deadline 18<sup>th</sup> December – and no longer needs to be joint with other councils – will give decision by 14<sup>th</sup> January 2016.
- Affordable housing - SHDC can now include smaller sites – 2 houses or more.
- Planning – Development management committee still want Parish Council input at public speaking slot as they value our opinion – following pilot scheme.
  - Devon Home choice – parishioners must register if they want to be eligible for affordable housing.

##### **Resolved – TAPS - put on agenda for next meeting to discuss**

##### **County Cllr Gilbert – Report covered**

- Hopecove Scaffold Bridge - £25k scheme to go ahead.
- Buckland Wall – no news but confident it will be done soon.
- Broadband – Laurent Boon has promised will be in by Autumn - We have it in writing!
- Bantham parking enforcement officers should have gone over the summer to enforce parking restrictions – however no sign of them!
- Roads are to be X Rayed – to look at their condition underneath.

#### **5. Police Business**

No report – not present – but we are aware of a lawn mower theft from a shed and a cat was shot with a pellet gun. Cats leg had to be removed.

We have never met Steve Mullins replacement – suggested we write /email her ask if we could meet her.

##### **Resolved – Clerk to email/write**

#### **6. Business by Direction of Chairman**

- Cobbled road – Still researching ownership – Land Registry – have sent 62 pages of questions. New owners of Bantham – no reference to it in their papers. Chairman to pursue get help via local solicitors.
- Parish Hall - Autumn Fair – Cllr Zaffiro to organise raffle and prizes.
- Mineral Survey – clerk contacted Devon CC and it does not affect us.

#### **7.Planning to be discussed:**

**55/1690/15/F** – Application for extension and alterations to Clock Cottage, Bantham TQ7 3AN by The Bantham Estate. **No Objections**

**55/1657/15/F** – Application to Demolish existing building, erect replacement dwelling and detached garage at Furlong Gate, Eddystone Road, TQ7 3NU by Mr B Tindale. **Object – Sited too far forward which affects neighbour.**

**Planning Granted**

**55/1291/15/F** – Application to extend property on two floors – 1 sea View Terrace, Thurlestone TQ7 3NQ .

**8.Finance: Permission was asked to pay:**

Newman Accounting – Clerks mthly Pay (July)	£330.39
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Julian Lee – Grass Cutting	£250.00
HM Revenue & Customs	£650.00
Thurlestone Parish Hall	£ 81.50
Devon County Council – Playing Field rent	£ 20.00
P Millard - Expenses 3 months	£161.03

**Total £2153.37**

**Re-investment of deposit funds £10,690.05 for 3m to 19<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

**9.Correspondence:**

Letter to NALC re Douglas Tonks Ltd – 8<sup>th</sup> July 2015

Email re TAP Fund Process 2015/2016 6.8.15

Letter from HM Revenue & Customs re Tax Debt 5.8.15

Letter of Complaint to CEO BT re phone problems in Village 10.8.15

Email re Bus Service changes – S.HAMS 11.8.15

**Letter re Thurlestone Parish Hall Autumn Fair Raffle 14.8.15**

Email to Devon Communities re Douglas Tonks 17.8.15

Letter to Douglas Tonks Ltd re o/s tax dated 17.8.15

**The Gazette – notice to wind up Douglas Tonks dated 6.5.15**

Temporary road closure notice Aunemouth Cross – Chapel Cross 8.9.15

Email –Devon Minerals Plan consultation by DCC August – 16.11.15

Email – Devon Highways re collapsed wall Sunny Banks, Thurlestone 3.9.15

Letter from SHDC Trees re Merchants Garden work 4.9.15

**10.Circulars and to receive items for next agenda**

South Hams District Council Dog Control Orders FROM 1<sup>ST</sup> October 2015

Clerks and councils Direct Sept 2015

The Clerk Magazine Sept 2015

**Meeting closed at 8.45 pm**

**To confirm the date, time and place of the Parish Council Meeting as Monday 5th October 2015 at 7.30pm at Thurlestone Parish Hall**

**10th September 2015**

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**Chairman**

