

<b>Date: 5<sup>th</sup> August 2024</b>	<b>Venue &amp; Time: Thurlestone Parish Hall, 19.30 hrs</b>	
<b><u>Present:</u></b> Cllr Rosa Lewis (in the Chair) Cllr Gill Stone Cllr Nigel Hadaway Cllr David Smyth Cllr Eric Palmer Cllr Mike Hodges	<b><u>In Attendance:</u></b> Helen Leather (Parish Clerk) Parishioners/guests: 9	<b><u>Apologies:</u></b> DCC Cllr Rufus Gilbert Cllr Adam Ryan Carter SHDC Cllr Mark Long

**REPORT IT:**

**Potholes:** Members of the public are requested to report all Highways issues through the Highways Website, enabling faster assessment of problem areas which can then be added to the repair/maintenance schedules. You can report potholes, overgrown vegetation, defective signs/lighting and much more.

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/report-a-problem/report-a-pothole/report-a-pothole-form/>

**To report:** Abandoned Vehicle, Damaged or Full Dog Bin, Damaged/Full Litter Bin, Damaged/Full Recycling Bank, Dead Animal, Dirty Beach, Fly Tipping, Litter/Dog Mess, Planning Breach, Stray Dogs, AND MORE...

<https://www.southhams.gov.uk/report-it>

**It takes two minutes to report a problem, please help keep our community beautiful.**

**308. OPEN FORUM**

Cllr Lewis welcomed everyone, reminded all present that during the open forum the Council is only allowed to take decisions on topics publicised on the agenda and on questions submitted in advance. She then asked if any members of the public wanted to speak.

MB from Friends of Thurlestone Church wondered if the Parish Council could make a donation toward the recent remedial works that had been undertaken at Thurlestone Church. This will be added to next month's agenda for discussion.

A representative from Atticus Planning introduced herself and asked if Councillors had any questions regarding Planning Item 2294/24/FUL she would be happy to address them.

MF from Bantham estate apologised about the mix up over the Licensing application for Bantham Quay and the confusion over on and off sales and hoped everyone now understood exactly what the application was for.

**309 COUNTY COUNCILLOR & DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS.**

Email Cllr Rufus Gilbert: [rufus.Gilbert@devon.gov.uk](mailto:rufus.Gilbert@devon.gov.uk)

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Email Cllr Mark Long: [cllr.mark.long@southhams.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.mark.long@southhams.gov.uk)

No Councillor's were present. Cllr Rufus Gilbert had sent a short report to the clerk:

Update on proposed (Devolution) Combined Local Authority for Devon. Devon and Torbay have asked for a meeting with the Deputy Prime Minister/Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, the Rt Hon Angela Rayner MP to discuss the establishment of the Devon and Torbay Combined County Authority. Further details can be found at: <https://www.devontorbaydeal.org.uk/>

CDS super-fast fibre to the premises update: We are near the end of negotiations with Aberdeen/Airband on their withdrawal from rollout of the service across parts of England. The team have worked hard for the best outcome for communities across Devon and Somerset. Cllr Gilbert will let the Council know whether our area is no longer in scope and if not what alternatives will be available.

DCC is on target for a 70% reduction in carbon emissions by 2030.

At present the new government is not addressing any Local Government Reform to resolve the impending funding crisis.

### **310. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllr Rufus Gilbert, Cllr Mark Long and Cllr Adam Ryan-Carter

### **311. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024 were approved and signed and initialled by the Chair.

### **312. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None were received.

### **313. CLERK'S REPORT**

Bantham Swoosh. The organisers were delighted with how the swim and had incredible feedback from the swimmers and kids from the day itself. An internal review of the traffic management supplier is ongoing with RTS and this will determine whether or not RTS will remain as our traffic management supplier for next year. A full report is being written up and will be published in the next edition of The Village Voice.

Ruth Leonard-Williams, Project Manager at Sustainable South Hams had written to councillors They are planning to develop a support package for councillors to help enable more community action around climate and nature. On Friday, 11th October at Follaton House they are coordinating a Symposium for South Hams parish, town and district councillors. The event will showcase a whole range of practical projects to inspire, connect and support action on climate and nature. Cllr Hodges agreed to be the lead Councillor and point of contact for this.

South Hams Arts Festival. Plans are afoot to create a district-wide arts festival for the South Hams next summer. In conjunction with South Hams District Council, NDP Circus is working on delivering a festival across the district in the summer of 2025. The festival would bring together community organisations focused on the arts and culture, while encouraging collaboration with town and parish councils too. The festival would also bring together event organisers to help co-ordinate activities in each area. The key theme of the festival would be

climate change, a subject of importance to South Hams District Council. The 2025 arts festival is predicted to cost around £175,000, and they will again look to secure funding from the Arts Council and private sector, as well as town and parish councils. They will also aim to work with arts organisations locally to co-ordinate events. Further details about the proposal can be found at the following website:

<https://mg.swdevon.gov.uk/documents/s31974/Appendix%201%20NDP%20Circus%20Proposal.pdf>

The Devon Air Ambulance Landing site lights were due to be repaired on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2024.

South Hams District Council has introduced the use of Parish Housing Profiles within the District. These are a key piece of evidence to inform elected Members, communities, Registered Providers and other interested parties on what the Affordable Housing need is in each of your parishes. Profiles have been created for every Parish within the South Hams to highlight the housing circumstances on a local level. The profiles will be used to justify and explain the housing need in a clear, easy to read format. For more information see the website at <https://www.southhams.gov.uk/preview-link/node/1882/1368ac1d-14ad-40c5-a2d6-4107c69c371d>

Road closure from Langmans Cross to Henrietta Cottage, West Buckland, 7th – 11th October 2024 for new water connection. No traffic will be permitted during the works. The alternative, signed, route for vehicles will be via - ROAD FROM LANGMANS CROSS TO HENRIETTA COTTAGE, CHAPEL CROSS TO LANGMANS QUARRY, WEST COTTAGE AND VICE VERSA

#### **314. COUNCILLOR REPORTS ON AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY**

Cllr Hadaway reported that fundraising to raise funds for the replacement school playground equipment was going well. There was no further news on the speeding issues from Devon County Council to date.

Cllr Palmer reported that the flooding issue on the top road into Thurlestone had finally been solved. Devon Highways have been to clean and jet the chambers and during the latest rain there had been no flooding issues.

Cllr Smyth reported that he would be meeting with Ros Davies on 6<sup>th</sup> August 2024. Ros is rights of way warden for the south west of the County (covering part of the South Hams and West Devon areas). They will be discussing the funding of repairs to rights of ways.

#### **315. BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED:**

- a) South Hams parish and town transport survey. Cllr Lewis asked if all councillors could contribute to this survey, and Cllr Hodges will lead on it. Ideas will be discussed at the next meeting.
- b) Dark Skies leaflet update. Cllr Hodges reported that the leaflet was at the final stages of design with just the photographs to be decided.
- c) Footpath 7. Cllr Smyth reported that the footpath was now open. Cllr Smyth said that the landowner had deemed that it was safe for the public to use the footpath, and DCC had lifted the TTRO (Temporary Traffic Restriction Order).
- d) Bantham Parking Update. Cllr Smyth had heard from DCC that the removal of the yellow lines could be undertaken, but probably not for 2 years. Cllrs agreed to see if other pinch

points on the roads within the parish needed to be addressed so that they could be completed at the same time. Cllr's will report back on any areas of concern at the next meeting.

### 316. PLANNING & ENFORCEMENT (RESPONSE DATES NOTED)

**Full details of all applications and Parish Council responses can be found by entering the reference number on the South Hams District Council planning portal**

<https://apps.southhams.gov.uk//planningsearchmvc>

- **2294/24/FUL** – Wragmoor, Bantham, TQ7 3AJ. Proposed replacement of 2 no. dwellings. **29 August 2024**. The agent from Atticus planning was in attendance. Councillors asked her for clarification on the siting of the plans before commenting further.
- New premises licence from Bantham Estate Ltd for Bantham Quay Coronation Boathouse, Kingsbridge, TQ7 3AP. The application is for: Sale of alcohol for consumption off the premises - Monday to Sunday from 08:00 – 17:00. Opening Times - Monday to Sunday from 08:00 – 17:00.  
**Thurlestone Parish Council Object**
- **2323/24/TCA**. Pear Tree Cottage West Buckland TQ7 3AH. G1: 15 x Ashes - Fell trees situated along the boundary of the Bantham estate, the trees are either completely dead or very heavily infected with Ash Dieback, once the trees start to fall apart, they have the potential to; damage other healthy trees in vicinity and/or Bantham estate's stock fencing, block the adjacent brook causing flooding, or injure residents. Once the trees have been removed, replanting with suitable trees will be possible. **Thurlestone Parish Council Support.**
- **1419/24/FUL** - Staff Accommodation, Thurlestone Hotel, Thurlestone, TQ7 3NN. Change of use of staff accommodation to four-holiday lets. Ratification of decision following site visit.  
**Thurlestone Parish Support.**

### SOUTH HAMS DISTRICT COUNCIL DECISIONS:

**1135/24/HHO** - The Coast House, Glebe Field, Thurlestone, TQ7 3NA. Householder application for store/ workshop/ studio incidental to Main House (Retrospective). **Approved**

**2116/23/FUL** - Worthy, Bantham, TQ7 3AA. READVERTISEMENT (amended description and plans) Conversion, restoration and alterations of outbuildings associated with the farmhouse, conversion of Southern Barn to provide holiday let and Northern Barn to provide ancillary accommodation, and associated landscaping. Demolition of Piggery & replacement with walled garden with natural pool and poolhouse. **Approved**

**0388/24/FUL** - Land at SX663 436, Bantham, Kingsbridge. Change of use of land to surf school & siting of two storage containers (retrospective). **Refused**

**1430/24/HHO** -9 Parkfield, Thurlestone, TQ7 3NW Householder application for proposed single storey rear extension including roof glazing. **Approved**

**1498/24/HHO** - 5 Valleyside, West Buckland, TQ7 3AE - Householder application for replacement conservatory, loft conversion, rear extension to create office, utility and erect new porch. **Approved.**

**1484/24/HHO** - The Dog Watches, Bantham, TQ7 3AN - Householder application for extension & alterations to dwelling. **Approved**

**1883/24/HHO**- The Coast House, Glebe Field, Thurlestone, TQ7 3NA. Householder application for gabion wall & level changes (retrospective). **Under Consideration,**

**1842/24/HHO** - 25 Mead Drive, Thurlestone, TQ7 3TA. Householder application for partial demolition of existing Southeast facing conservatory to include new replacement windows and doors with new solid roof and roof lights over with external cladding to new gable. **Approved**

**1868/24/PIP** - Land At Sx 679 437 West Buckland - Application for permission in principle for construction of 2 dwellings. **Withdrawn.**

**1825/24/TPO** - Buckland Park, Bantham - T1: Sycamore - central stem has died following previous storm damage, due to decline and proximity to property tree to be felled. T2: Ash – some crown has torn out, re-pollard to prevent further tear outs damaging the cabin below. T19: Davey Elm continue monitoring, no works currently required. **Under Consideration.**

**1791/24/LBC** – Nuthatch, Thurlestone, TQ7 3NJ - Listed Building Consent for internal and external works. **Approved.**

**1419/24/FUL** - Staff Accommodation, Thurlestone Hotel, Thurlestone, TQ7 3NN. Change of use of staff accommodation to four-holiday lets. **Approved.**

**0919/24/CLE** - Land At Sx 664 436 Bantham. Certificate of lawfulness for existing use of land as an overflow car park. **Approved.**

**317. FINANCE & GOVERNANCE Receipts & Payments – Month 5**

**Councillors agreed to pay** –Clerk’s Salary. INV2690– Thurlestone Parish Hall Hire for £12.00. Paul A Barlow – repair to West Buckland defibrillator - £91.58

5 August 2024 (2024-2025)

**Thurlestone Parish Council**

Prepared by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name and Role (Clerk/RFO etc)

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name and Role (RFO/Chair of Finance etc)

<b>Bank Reconciliation at 30/06/2024</b>			
	Cash in Hand 01/04/2024		38,091.42
	<b>ADD</b> Receipts 01/04/2024 - 30/06/2024		21,365.08
			59,456.50
	<b>SUBTRACT</b> Payments 01/04/2024 - 30/06/2024		7,706.29
<b>A</b>	<b>Cash in Hand 30/06/2024</b> (per Cash Book)		<b>51,750.21</b>
	Cash in hand per Bank Statements		
	Petty Cash 30/06/2024	0.00	
	Current Account 30/06/2024	23,688.61	
	Deposit Account 30/06/2024	28,061.60	
			<b>51,750.21</b>
	Less unrepresented payments		
			51,750.21
	Plus unrepresented receipts		
<b>B</b>	<b>Adjusted Bank Balance</b>		<b>51,750.21</b>
	<b>A = B Checks out OK</b>		



**318. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS**

2<sup>nd</sup> Sept, 7<sup>th</sup> October, 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

**319. CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting Closed at. 20.45 pm.

**Signed as a true record:** .....

**Print Name & Date:** .....

Agenda Items and Updates; where possible please submit to the Clerk one week prior to the meeting to ensure time for inclusion, circulation, and study. If a Council Member is unable to attend a meeting it would be appreciated if they could submit a brief précis of progress on their actions, if applicable, (to the Clerk for distribution) together with their apologies.

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