

Date: 2nd September 2024	Venue & Time: Thurlestone Parish Hall, 19.30 hrs	
<u>Present:</u> Cllr Rosa Lewis (in the Chair) Cllr Gill Stone Cllr Nigel Hadaway Cllr David Smyth Cllr Eric Palmer	<u>In Attendance:</u> Helen Leather (Parish Clerk) Parishioners/guests: 13	<u>Apologies:</u> DCC Cllr Rufus Gilbert SHDC Cllr Mark Long Cllr Mike Hodges

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.

318. 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.

MF from Bantham Estate reported that the estate is researching the feasibility of a new playground within the estate grounds.

A MOP stated that in 2010 Thurlestone was voted Village of the Year, but since then the state of the village has disintegrated with lots of rubbish and overgrowth vegetation along the roads. JR stated that cars were parking along the bank by the golf course as the yellow lines could no longer be seen and there was lots of rubbish being left there. Cllr Lewis said she would look into it and the clerk will ask SHDC about a road sweeper and contact the owners of the houses.

JR thanked SHDC for replacing the dog bin in the village.

SW Read out a statement addressing her concerns about other organisations on Social Media posting about the Parish, in particular Bantham Estates. She sought assurances that the Parish Council would not align itself with such groups. Cllr Lewis responded that the PC is neutral and there is no alignment with any social media or group.

JP queried that at the SHDC licensing sub committee meeting the Chairman had invited Cllr Stone to come forward on behalf of the Parish Council and to also represent Save Bantham's views. Cllr Lewis replied to JP that the Chair's statement had been incorrect and that Cllr Stone only represented the Parish Council.

319 COUNTY COUNCILLOR & DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS.

Email Cllr Rufus Gilbert: rufus.Gilbert@devon.gov.uk

Email Cllr Samantha Dennis: samantha.dennis@swdevon.gov.uk

Email Cllr Mark Long: cllr.mark.long@southhams.gov.uk

Cllr Dennis reported on a number of survey's that are relevant to the parish.

Hidden Homelessness – <https://southhamscab.org.uk/help-pioneering-research-into-hidden-homelessness-in-the-south-hams/>

Polling stations - <https://www.southhams.gov.uk/elections-and-voting/statutory-review-polling-districts-and-places>

320. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Rufus Gilbert, Cllr Mark Long and Cllr Mike Hodges.

321. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 5th August 2024 were approved and signed and initialled by the Chair.

322. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were received.

323. CLERK'S REPORT

Following a request from Friends of Thurlestone Church, the clerk had drawn up a Draft Grants Policy and circulated to all councillor's so that the application process was fair and visible to all. All councillors agreed and approved the adoption of the policy.

The clerk has had a number of quotes for the provision of a new compliant website and hosting of email addresses for the councillors. Prices are around £260 per year. A full report will be provided and councillors can decide on the best provider.

324. COUNCILLOR REPORTS ON AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY AND BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED:

- a) Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 - Schedule 14 Application - Informal Consultation on application to add two public footpaths through land at Aunecliff – Dixons Quay, Thurlestone. Graham Gilbert was invited to speak on this by Cllr Lewis as he is key to this initiative. He asked the council to publicise the application as much as possible. Copies of the original statements that parishioners had provided can be provided to anyone who requests one. They can contact the parish clerk for further information at: thurlestoneparish@gmail.com.
- b) Proposal by LJL Property Estate Management on behalf of Yarmer Estates Thurlestone Limited to install 'hidden entrance' signs on each side of the Ilbert Road. Councillors agreed this was a sensible measure. The clerk will request photos of the proposed signs.
- c) SOUTH HAMS FESTIVAL 2025 - Town and Parish Councils' support and participation. Cllr Dennis suggested that the parish might look to fund existing projects in the parish as there are lots of existing voluntary groups that are already involved in arts projects.

- d) South Hams parish and town transport survey (Cllr Lewis). To be discussed at the next meeting.
- e) Dark Skies leaflet update (Cllr Hodges). Cllr Hodges was absent – will be added to next agenda.
- f) Support for Climate and Nature – Sustainable South Hams (Cllr Hodges)
- g) Footpath Funding from DCC (Cllr Smyth). Cllr Smyth reported that the council was still waiting for a proforma from DCC for funding for the upkeep of the public footpaths in the council. The council is still awaiting £610 from DCC for work already carried out on the footpaths. The concern is that if urgent major works become necessary requiring the parish council to incur significant costs then there would have to be a clear assurance from DCC for appropriate reimbursement before the work is commissioned. Otherwise, bearing in mind the delays in reimbursement to date, the council could find itself significantly out of pocket. The alternative, and preferable, course of action would be that an estimate is sought from the contractor and DCC provide the funds in advance.

325. 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. Extended deadline to **27th September 2024**. Council are still awaiting further details from agent before a decision is made.
- **2569/24/TCA** - Kennedy Thurlestone TQ7 3NP. T1: Ash - remove due to dieback. **13th September 2024. Thurlestone Parish Council Support.**
- **2502/24/HHO** - 6 Lambs Close, Thurlestone, TQ7 3PF. Householder application for extension of terrace. 26 September 2024. Thurlestone Parish Council Support.
- **4261/23/FUL** - 6 Old Rectory Gardens, Thurlestone, TQ7 3PD. Application for raising of roof ridge height, two dormer windows & roof lights. 26 September 2024. No decision. Site Visit Planned.
- **2461/24/FUL** - All Saints Church, Thurlestone, TQ7 3AS. Installation of new handrail to west door steps in Churchyard. 19 September 2024. Thurlestone Parish Council Support.

SOUTH HAMS DISTRICT COUNCIL DECISIONS:

- **New premises licence from Bantham Estate Ltd for Bantham Quay Coronation Boathouse.** Bantham Estates original criteria for the Licence at Coronation Boathouse included on and off sales, and events. Accepted as an error on their part conditions correcting this were imposed by Bantham Estate themselves. A Licence was granted and Cllr Stone confirmed Coronation Boathouse is Licensed for the storage, packing and distribution of wine bottles only. Approved with the following conditions:
 - No sales or consumption of alcohol on site.
 - Off-sales only - via online.
 - All alcohol to be in sealed bottles/tins.
 - No events will take place in Coronation Boathouse.
 - No public access to Coronation Boathouse in relation to the sale or storage of alcohol.
- **2323/24/TCA.** Pear Tree Cottage West Buckland TQ7 3AH. **Approved.**
- **1419/24/FUL** - Staff Accommodation, Thurlestone Hotel, Thurlestone, TQ7 3NN. **Approved**
- **1883/24/HHO- The Coast House, Glebe Field, Thurlestone, TQ7 3NA. Approved**

- **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. **Lesser Tree Works Allowed**

326. FINANCE & GOVERNANCE Receipts & Payments – Month 6.

Councillors agreed to pay – Clerk’s Salary. INV2706 and INV2711– Thurlestone Parish Hall Hire for £12.00 each. Justin Lee – July Invoice £225. Governance. New bank mandate to be signed.

See Appendix A, B and C for transactions

327. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

7th October, 4th November, 2nd December.

328. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting Closed at. 20.25 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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