

IThurlestone Parish Council

**Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council on
Monday 4th October 2021 at 7:30pm in Thurlestone Parish Hall.**

There was an open forum of 15 minutes 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 matters were raised:

A resident asked for an update about the garden waste bin collections and whether or not there would be a rebate on council tax for the non-collection. District Councillor Judy Pearce responded and explained that these collections are a discretionary service and that a rebate is therefore not appropriate. SHDC has agreed to the suspension until FCC has enough drivers but not indefinitely.

A question was asked about what is being done to get new drivers. District Councillor Pearce explained that FCC is working hard to do this but that the shortages are affecting all parts of the country. She is aware that collections are still being missed and advised residents that they must report them online within 3 days of the missed collection.

The meeting convened.

Present: Councillors Rhymes, Crowther, Mitchelmore, Munn, and Williams

Apologies: Councillors Marshall and Hurrell

In Attendance: Helen Nathanson, District Councillor Judy Pearce and 5 members of the public

1. To receive apologies.

It was resolved to accept the apologies.

2. To receive any amendments necessary to Members' Registers of Interests.

There were no amendments.

3. To confirm the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on Monday 6th September 2021.

It was resolved to approve the Minutes of the meeting.

4. To consider any matters arising from the Minutes, including the following updates:

- Repairs to the Cobbled Road – these took place in the week of 27th September. The works have now finished and the road is open. Councillors praised the contractor for doing such a good job and residents commented on how cooperative they had been in allowing access.
- Phone box garden plans – a quotation has been received for the work for a cost of £1,455. It was decided to accept the quote and to apply to both District Councillors for a donation from their Locality funds.
- Airband – the surveys are in progress and we await more information.
- Traffic wardens in the Parish – DCC have explained that the Parish is an area that is not within a standard patrol, therefore is mainly covered by request. The team did receive a request to attend Bantham (via the website) in July, and in response attended four times that month, issuing three fines for parking contraventions. Later visits indicated the issue reported was no longer occurring, therefore other priorities were attended. Communities are encouraged to report issues through the website www.devon.gov.uk and any requests for enforcement will be actioned within the week.
- A new site notice has been placed for West Buckland farm and the deadline for comments has been extended.

5. Planning

- To comment on the following planning applications:

3306/21/HHO 16 Court Park Thurlestone TQ7 3LX

Householder application for proposed replacement extension and installation of weatherproof cladding on West elevation

Thurlestone Parish Council supported the application.

Councillors considered that the proposed replacement extension is subordinate in scale and form to the existing dwelling (NP Policy TP7 (2i)); that both the extension and installation of weatherproof cladding on the West elevation would not have an unacceptable impact on neighbouring residential amenity (NP Policy TP1.1); that the proposed design and building materials used are proportionate and appropriate in style, scale and character to the location of the dwelling on the edge of the settlement (NP Policy TP1.2); and that there will be no impact upon the character and quality of the natural environment and South Devon AONB (NP Policies TP1.5 and TP22.1).

3282/21/FUL Thurlestone Court Residential Home Thurlestone TQ7 3LY

Change of use to hotel staff accommodation

Councillors noted that the application had omitted to address NP Policy 16.2 which restricts the change of use of the former care home (a C2 residential institution) to a use that meets local housing needs (in accordance with NP Policy TP3 - Affordable Housing). They requested more information to justify the building's proposed use for hotel staff accommodation and confirmation that a condition would be acceptable to ensure that the building is not disposed of, in whole or part, on the open market as this would be contrary to policy.

2786/20/FUL West Buckland Barn, Bantham, TQ7 3AJ

READVERTISEMENT (Revised plans and amended development description) Erection of new agricultural/estate store
Councillors discussed this and agreed that they needed more time to consider the response which will therefore be agreed via email before submission.

- To note the following decisions on planning applications which were agreed via email since the last meeting. Full comments can be viewed on the SHDC website.

3077/21/FUL West Buckland Farm, West Buckland, TQ7 3AH

Replacement dwelling with landscaping and retention of outhouse as covered parking

3011/21/HHO 1 Avonside Bantham TQ7 3AR

Householder application for renovation and single storey side extension

3027/21/FUL Vineyard North of Lower Aunemouth, Bantham. TQ7 3AD

Temporary installation of two rows of Paraweb Fencing to protect planted windbreaks

3027/21/FUL Vineyard North West of Buckland, Bantham. TQ7 3AD

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6. To receive updates about general Parish matters, including:

- An update from Friends of Thurlestone Church - Councillor Sian Williams explained that extensive repairs had been carried out on some of the church windows and more work is due soon. The current Churchwarden and Chairman will be stepping down and councillors commented on what great work was done by them and the Friends to keep the church looking lovely.
- To receive an update about the Island View Play Area lease – Councillor Sue Crowther explained that the 99-year lease with SHDC was agreed in 2006 but that it wasn't registered because the freehold title was missing. SHDC subsequently registered the freehold title in its name and she has now re-applied to register the PC lease.

She also confirmed that the lease required the land to be used for public recreation only, that it needed to be insured by the PC and that the PC was responsible for its maintenance, including grass cutting and hedge trimming when required and also to maintain the fences, pathways and gates within the area. SHDC is not responsible for any accident, injury, damage or loss of property sustained on the land.

- To receive an update about the Thurlestone public toilets
 - a) Some minor defects have been reported via the SHDC cleaning team. These will be repaired for us by the SHDC Maintenance Team and councillors confirmed that we will use SHDC for future repairs and maintenance.
 - b) Councillors are asked to consider how to raise money for repairs and maintenance in future, including initiating discussions with the Golf Club about potential contributions. It was agreed to set up a separate meeting to discuss this and the above issues in more detail and Councillors Rhymes, Munn and Marshall will be involved.
- Repainting of yellow lines in Glebefield – the contractor has been asked to do this asap

7. To hear reports from County and District Councillors and to ask any questions arising.

District Councillor Pearce gave the following updates:

Afghan refugees -because of the housing situation in the region they have not offered housing but have offered the services of their letting agency to any councils in the region who might have some. SHDC has declared a Housing Emergency because there are approximately 3,000 fewer lets at the moment than normal and local people are finding it difficult to find somewhere to live. This is having a knock-on effect on businesses who can't get staff. She said that the business rate loophole which people are using for holiday rentals meant that parish councils were missing out on these properties contributing to local services. SHDC is lobbying Government to change this and local MPs are helping.

8. Accounts

- It was resolved to approve the following payments:

Date	Payee	Total	VAT	Net	Details
	H Nathanson	£410.83			Salary, Printing, Zoom licence, Travel
	H Nathanson	£18.00			3 x Land Registry plans for 1 Avonside planning application
	Julian Lee	£370.00			Grass Cutting

9. The following items of correspondence were noted:

South Hams District Council has adopted a 20-year vision for the District that will help businesses and residents to thrive. Developed through an ongoing consultation with local residents and businesses, detail about the strategy can be found at this link - [Better Lives for All](#).

10. To note the date of the next meeting on Monday 1st November 2021 at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. This was noted and the meeting ended at 9. 25pm.

Councillor Jack Rhymes
Chairman