

THROWLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF A MEETING IN THE VILLAGE HALL
ON MONDAY 9th January 2017 at 7.30 p.m.**

PRESENT: Cllrs Jon Bell (chair) Jackie Crawford (vice chair) David Hatton, David Jordan, Julian Wisniewski, Ann Warwick Oliver, Paul Ridgers (part of time)
Clerk: Julie Macey

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr. Duncan Vincent and Ian Brooker

MATTERS RAISED BY PARISHIONERS: None

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: previously circulated and were signed by the Chair as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING: At last meeting discussion took place in respect of possible closure of Okehampton Hospital. It was agreed that Parish Council would object to the proposal.

PLANNING:

Agricultural workers dwelling, Part Moor Farm, Throwleigh Road. Grant of outline planning permission with conditions. Circulated and noted.

Leigh Bridge Farm, Murchington. Refusal of planning permission. Noted. Cllr. Jordan requested copy of refusal.

Listed Building Application for proposed erection of oak timber garden room with low granite wall at St. Olaves Cottage, Murchington. No objection. Circulated and noted.

Confirmation from Ian Brooker that footpath no. 9 diversion was approved by members and would be posted for public view by end of January. Parish Council confirmed that they have not been notified of this other than from Ian Brooker nor have they seen copy of approved plan.

Chagford School: Various correspondence re. plans being available to view on 12th December with 20th December being end of consultation period. Confirmation from Gay Hill that the consultation is to consider the plans not the rights or wrongs of a new school. Circulated. Newsletter received and circulated from Chair of Governors urging support for the plans submitted. E mail from planning officer confirm Parish Council are welcome to comment if they wish prior to February Committee. There will not however be an official request. Having studied the plans, the Parish Council agreed to object to the proposals on the basis of scale/massing of building, layout (too close and facing road) height of building (should be set down), unimaginative design and unsympathetic use of materials (aluminium windows, use of concrete on elevations) contrary to policy COR 4. The number of toilets for use by the children was questioned as to whether adequate.

FINANCE;

Bank statements awaited confirming £3,543.34 in current account, £651.27 and £281.40 in business and emergency account. To pay: SLCC membership £67, and clerk £406.87 plus travel expenses £22.74. Total £429.61.

Clerk confirmed we should be in budget for 2016/17 albeit no provision was made for Government salary increase from year 2015/16.

Draft budget presented for 2017/18 which shows an increase of 3.22% (£126) to cover reduced council tax support grant and increases in Government pay scales from 1st April and increase in internal auditor's fees.

The Government has confirmed that referendum principles will not apply this year. Circulated and noted.

No acknowledgment received in respect of cheque sent to the treasurer in respect of Methodist Chapel burial grant

CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Details received from DCC regarding Highway Community Enhancement Fund – a fund to provide some financial assistance for those parishes who wish to carry out self-help work within their communities. Those signed up to Road Warden scheme will receive priority application status. Circulated. Cllr. Bell requested that details be sent to him again so that he could consider the matter further.

- (b) Email from DNPA requesting comments on consultation of new local plan following planning workshop on 8th November. Closing date 16th December. Circulated and noted.
- (c) Email from DNPA re. consultation on proposed removal of public payphones on Dartmoor. Telephone at Wonson to be removed but not phone box. Circulated and noted.
- (d) Eastern Link Meeting. Notes on previous meeting and crime figures circulated and noted. It was reported that further burglary carried out in Murchington prior to Christmas.
- (e) Various correspondence from Clerk of Eastern Link re. hire of Throwleigh village hall for meeting on 14th September 2017. It was agreed that £25 would be the charge. Confirmation from Eastern Links that unspent TAP funds could be rolled over into the following year. The priority however should be to allocate all funds in the current year. Circulated and noted.
- (f) Poster from Gay Hill received re. launch of Providence School Charity at Throwleigh Village Hall on 21st January at 7.30 p.m. Circulated, noted and put up on notice boards.

REPORTS

None

PARISH MATTERS

- (a) Defibrillator: Confirmation received from BT that the council now owns the phone box in the centre of Throwleigh. Equipment paid for and should be delivered next week. Clerk to book electrician. Cllr. Warwick Oliver agreed that she would monitor the equipment once installed and find someone else to assist her. She also agreed in conjunction with WI to organise training session with Community Heartbeat Trust once clerk had received all the documentation.
- (b) Superfast Broadband: Confirmation from Connecting Devon and Somerset that BT Open Reach have incurred difficulties finding suitable location for second cabinet (Whiddon Down R2) to service 34 out of 35 properties in Throwleigh. Circulated. Meeting took place on Monday with Open Reach, CDS, Cllr. Hatton, Kim Warwick Oliver and clerk to see whether we could assist. A possible location was identified and the owner to be approached accordingly.
- (c) Cllr. Bell confirmed that their application to the Dartmoor Communities Fund in the sum of £2,510 to put towards cost of a new shed for archive and floor for the Village Hall had been successful.

ROADS

- (a) Darryl Jagger (DCC) kindly organised salt bags to be distributed following request albeit no longer DCC policy to do so. Circulated. It was noted with thanks the excellent job Darryl Jagger had carried out since taking office.
- (b) Clerk attended part of Highway Conference. Nothing new to report.
- (c) Confirmation from Clerk to South Tawton that we have been successful in our bid for £396 of TAP funding to cover clearing ditches etc. Schedule of lengthmen's duties forwarded to councillors so that a schedule of works can be formulated with Warren Dawes. The £396 was to cover 6 x 4 hour monthly sessions during the winter period. As we are now January, it was agreed that perhaps for the first session it would cover an eight hour session or two four hours in January, one 4 hour session in February, nothing in March in light of possible lengthmen's visit 21st/22nd March, one in April and the remainder next autumn. Clerk to contact Warren Dawes and ask him to liaise with Cllr. Wisniewski to whom he would report with Cllr. Jordan assisting.
- (d) Signposts. Estimate in the sum of £480 (special price for Throwleigh inc VAT) received from Tich Scott for reinstatement of 4 signposts which have fallen down with tanzalized posts set in galvanized post receivers with postcrete around receiver. Application made for funds from Locality Budget. We should hear whether successful by end of month.

ANY OTHER MATTERS:

Dates for this year's meetings:-

6th March,

10th April Annual Meeting

8th May

3rd July

4th September

6th November