

THROWLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING IN THE VILLAGE HALL
ON MONDAY 11th March, 2013 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Cllrs. Peter Bennett (chair), Jackie Crawford (vice chair) Julian Edwards, Dave Hatton, Roger Paul
Clerk in attendance: Julie Macey

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllrs. David Jordan, Duncan Vincent, Paul Ridgers, Park Ranger Ian Brooker

MATTERS RAISED BY PARISHIONERS: None

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

MATTERS ARISING: None other than those raised under the various headings

PLANNING:

Murchington Conservation Area. Proposed tree works at St. Olaves Cottage. Supported.

Confirmation received that Authority has not protected trees.

Listed Building Application to install replacement timber windows at Waye Farm, Newton Abbot. Supported. Permission granted.

Monks Withecombe. Changes of use from art gallery to mixed use for art gallery, weddings, conferences, corporate and training events and painting classes (part retrospective application)

No objection. Conditional permission granted and copy circulated.

Listed building application for proposed single storey rear extension replacing previous timber shed at Wayside, Throwleigh. Supported. Location plan out of date. Planners attention to be drawn to this.

Listed building application for proposed repair and improvement of existing cart shed at Wayside, Throwleigh. Supported. Location plan out of date. Planners attention to be drawn to this.

FINANCE:

As at 30th January current account balance £2,162.59, business acc. £649.94, emergency account £280.89.

To pay clerk's salary £268.34 plus expenses £59.81. Total £328.15

The estimated Parish Precept form for 2013/14 was submitted mid-January for sum of £3,286 showing a reduction of £32 on previous year. WDBC advised subsequently they may not reimburse Parish with burial grant contribution of £162 and has recently confirmed this to be the case. Paul Seaton Burn has confirmed that maintenance of church yard is paid out of capital not revenue. Cllrs. agreed to cover deficit of £168 out of emergency funds and to reimburse St. Mary's in full. Letter to both St. Mary's and Providence Methodist to be sent outlining the position and confirming the position regarding future payments will be reconsidered in twelve months' time.

Clerk to check whether salary scale should be increased, how Hawthorn Accounting will deal with PAYE and report also on possible increase of 1% in all rates from April, 2013.

CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Thank you letter from Citizen's Advice Bureau for donation circulated.
- (b) Minutes of Eastern Link Meeting of 6th February circulated and noted. Next meeting June.
- (c) Invitation from WDBC to attend Parish Council Planning workshops on 2nd April circulated.
- (d) Letter from WDBC setting out Government advice regarding dispensations circulated and .noted

REPORTS

None.

PARISH MATTERS

- (a) Update on free computer training. Cllr. Edwards reported feedback was good. He had made 6 visits and was now following up.
- (b) Various correspondence, notes on meeting in respect of closure of Throwleigh post office. Date for closure now changed to Thursday, 21st March. Cllr. Hatton confirmed that PCC accepted alternative location in principle and had gone out for consultation. It would not be a speedy process with installation of telephone line etc. Current foot flow to post office 60 people a week.
- (c) Greyhound bus service. Various correspondence between Council and Western Greyhound. Letter from W.G. outlined new service from 15th April and confirmed there would broadly be a bus every hour between Okehampton and Exeter with more buses through the villages. A new timetable would be available shortly.
- (d) Throwleigh Centre. Various correspondence in respect of possible sale circulated. Latest communication outlines possibility of sale proceeds being managed by Okehampton Education Foundation as a restricted fund to be used for the young people living in Throwleigh, Gidleigh, Drewsteignton, and Chagford. A report outlining this proposal may come to the West Devon County Committee on 27th March.
- (e) Details of £94 million contract with BT to deliver superfast broadband access across Devon and Somerset circulated and noted.
- (f) 100 sandbags from WDBC delivered to Clerk to be kept at village hall.

ROADS

- (a) Correspondence from Richard Taylor Young and Highways' engineers re. white lines on Roads and maintenance works circulated and noted. It was agreed that Highways had carried out a substantial amount of maintenance work recently. Further correspondence from RTY re. mud from muck spreading on Shilstone Lane. It was agreed that Clerk should put him in touch with relevant person from DCC Highways.
- (b) Correspondence from Steve Dawe re. works between Torhill and Waye Farm to be carried out on 25th March.
- (c) Various correspondence re. cleaning of road gullies to take place from 15th March. Prepared list of location of gullies forwarded to Highways.
- (d) Discussion re. area of land at Waye Common opposite aerial which was used for storage of Highway materials. It was agreed to keep an eye on this.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chair confirmed that sadly he would be resigning from the position of chair and member of Parish Council after the Annual Meeting in April due to ill health. Discussion took place regarding co-option of new member. The next meeting will be held on Monday, 13th May, 2013 at 7.30 p.m.

