

THROWLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF A MEETING IN THE VILLAGE HALL
ON MONDAY 2nd MARCH, 2015 at 7.30 p.m.**

PRESENT: Cllrs. Jackie Crawford (Chair). David Hatton (vice chair), Jon Bell, Duncan Vincent
Clerk: Julie Macey
Members of the public: J. Wisniewski, K. and A. Warwick Oliver

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr. David Jordan and Park Ranger Ian Brooker. Cllrs. acknowledged the sad loss of Roger Paul whose contributions to the parish had been great and agreed that he would be missed greatly by all.

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:

Planning appeal. Land at Higher Burrows, Shilstone Lane. Appeal dismissed on 11th February. Summary circulated and noted.

Listed Building consent granted for laying stone on top of existing cement floor at Waye Farm, Chagford. Noted.

Application for prior notification for demolition of garage at Wyndhust, Throwleigh. Supported. Confirmation received and circulated that formal planning permission will not be required.

Replacement garage and store to form part of mitigation for replacement roosting provision for bats.

Application for demolition of existing dwelling, garage and attached structures, construction of replacement dwelling, barn extension to stable block and widening of gateways at Wyndhurst, Throwleigh. Site visit arranged. Application supported.

Advice from DNPA re. Government statement on affordable housing/use of Section 106 agreements. Circulated and noted.

FINANCE;

As at 30th January 2015, current account balance £2,525.96, business account £650.62 and emergency account £281,18. To pay clerk's salary £346.75 plus expenses £8.82 Total £355.57

Credit note issued by village hall against incorrect invoice for use of hall (£45).

Completed precept form forwarded to WDBC for £3,457 (an increase of 1.97%) as agreed.

Confirmation received from DALC stating Parish and Town Councils are not having their precepts capped for 2015/16 (i.e. no referendums)

The government has published the final version of a Transparency Code for small authorities which replaces the need for external audit for parish councils with turnovers less than £25,000 p.a. The code will require the online publication of financial information following an internal audit by the beginning of July. The code is published initially as a recommended practice with a view to making it mandatory by the start of the 2015/16 financial year.

CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) DCC Public Transport review to find savings of £1.7 million from transport budget. Circulated and noted.
- (b) Request for CAB donation circulated and confirmed no money available. Noted.
- (c) DNPA – Parish Council workshop on 11th March circulated and noted. Only clerk to attend.
- (d) WDBC – TAP funds. Further applications to be discussed at Eastern Links meeting on 12th March. Circulated and noted.
- (e) News release from WDBC of rise of 1.9% in council tax for 2015/16. Circulated and noted.
- (f) DNPA email re. Sir Francis Chichester Trust Bursaries for 2015 inviting applications for 16-19 yr olds to attend fully funded places on outward bound skills for life awards course. It was noted that the closing date for nominations is 7th April. Cllr. Hatton to confirm to clerk names of any 16-19 yr olds in the parish. In the meantime clerk to send to the Lyon-Smiths and put email up on notice boards.
- (g) Various correspondence from NHS Northern, Eastern and Western Devon CCG. Circulated and noted. Confirmation that Richard Foxwell and Dr. Alex Degan will attend Annual Parish

- Meeting to discuss progress at Moretonehampstead Health Hub. A notice advertising the event has been placed in April's issue of the Parish Magazine.
- (h) Invitation to the chairman from Dartmoor Trust and DNPA to a preview of Dartmoor Life in the First World War Exhibition in Princetown on 5th March between 6-7.30 p.m.
- (8) **REPORTS**
None
- (9) **PARISH MATTERS**
- (a) Post Office. Confirmation from Cllr. Hatton and Post Office that the hosted outreach service will be opening on 20th January and that opening times are 13.30 to 15.00 on Tuesdays and Fridays. A formal opening will take place by the Bishop of Crediton on a date to be confirmed.
- (b) Various correspondence with Cllr. McInnes who very kindly agreed to £400 from his locality Budget to go towards the provision of a salt spreader for the Parish. Funds received. Salt spreader ordered and delivered. Total cost including delivery, assembly and VAT £468. It is understood from accountant that VAT may be recoverable. Appropriate form received
- (c) Throleigh Centre. Reminder from Charlotte Reynolds of DCC that she is still awaiting details of new trust so that funds can be transferred. Cllrs. Crawford and Bell confirmed all now received and appropriate forms signed. No confirmation to date from DCC re. amount of funds to be placed in the Trust.
- (d) Elections. Numerous correspondence regarding timetables etc., for elections on 7th May. Nomination forms received and handed to councillors at meeting. These will need to be completed together with voting numbers and voting numbers and signatures of proposers and seconders which clerk will supply on request. As they need to be delivered by hand to Tavistock between 26th March and 9th April, and will need checking before 9th deadline, It was agreed to meet on Wednesday, 1st April at the Northmore at 7.30 p.m. to hand over to Clerk. In the meantime a notice of vacancy on parish council has been placed on notice boards.
- (10) **ROADS**
- Various emails to and from Steve Dawe of DCC circulated.
- (a) No salt bags. Confirmation that bags will be delivered and investigation to take place as to why this had not been carried out. Noted.
- (b) Clearing of drains at Ash Bridge/Langstone, Shilstone Lane and around the Cross. Not possible to deploy gulley sucker but gang will be sent to do this. Noted.
- (c) Poor state of repair of road from Wonson to Aysh and beyond. Likely that this road would fall into 'red' category – as beyond economical repair and will need extensive patching/surfacing. In some cases these 'red' roads are closed. Historically SD received maintenance patching money each year which has to cover 23 parishes. It works out about £1,000 per parish and would cover about 4 patches. The road between Wonson and Aysh would need considerably more than 4 patches. SD confirmed he would keep on his list for the forthcoming year but cannot guarantee anything. He will check for potholes in the meantime. Noted. Cllr. Bell asked clerk to report 2 potholes on road from Murchington to aerial mast.

ANY OTHER MATTERS

Date of next meeting : Annual Meeting 13th April, 2015 at 7.30 p.m.