

THROWLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING IN THE VILLAGE HALL
ON THURSDAY, 3rd NOVEMBER, 2014 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Cllrs. Jackie Crawford (Chair). David Hatton (vice chair), Jon Bell, David Jordan, Roger Paul

Clerk: Julie Macey

Members of the public: Colin Childs and Lisa Lyon

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr. Paul Ridgers and Park Ranger Ian Brooker.

Following the resignation of Julian Edwards, interest has been shown by Julian Wisniewski in becoming a councillor. It was agreed that following further discussions, he would be invited to the next meeting in January.

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:

Throwleigh Conservation Area. Proposed tree works, the Barton, circulated. No objection to removal of Leyland cypress. Confirmation received from DNPA that tree will not be protected. Noted and work completed.

FINANCE;

As at 30th September current account £3,894.97 (precept of £1,597.50 received) business account £650.50 and emergency account £281.14. To pay Throwleigh PCC burial grant £330, Providence Methodist Church £110, Hawthorns Accounting Services (part payment for year) £50, Clerk's salary £383.04 plus expenses £19.11. Total £402.15

Letter received from WDBC re. council tax support grant to town and parish councils confirming we are likely to receive a 15.37% reduction in the grant for 2015/16 reducing it from £117 to £99. (This reduction of £18 added to the previous year's reduction of £32 and non payment of burial grant £162 would make a total reduction of £212 over the two year period). Noted.

Request from Jane Jecks of South Tawton Parish Council that Throwleigh joins with South Tawton for application for tap funding to assist in Youth Cricket in Chagford. Circulated, noted and agreed.

CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Letter and report from DNPA regarding pre application planning charges, requesting views by 21st October. If such charges were approved, they would not be introduced before April next year. Circulated and noted.

(b) Notification of super link meeting to be held on 8th December and minutes of previous meeting. Circulated and noted. Cllr. Crawford confirmed that she would attend.

(c) WDBC dog control orders circulated. Cllr. Hatton confirmed that these were being placed on both church gates.

(d) Letter from DCC re. Tough choices – proposals for budget savings for 2015/16 in waste management. Circulated and noted.

(e) Notification from DCC re. mobile library timetable for 2015. Circulated, noted and placed on notice board.

(f) Letter of thanks from Friends of Chagford Library for Throwleigh's support in their campaign to save Chagford library. Circulated and noted.

(g) Invitation from NHS Northern, Eastern and Western Division CCG to hear proposals for future community health services at a public meeting to take place on 3rd November between 6-8 p.m. and Invitation to open day at Moretonhampstead Hospital on 14th November. Circulated and noted.

(h) Letters from Northern, Eastern and Western Devon CCG setting out urgent and necessary measures to address patient demand and link to online survey. Circulated and noted.

(i) Email from DNPA confirming leave of absence of John Shears and appointment of Kevin Ball as Parish Link member. Request for meeting dates and attendance required by Parish. Circulated and noted. Clerk confirmed attendance at annual meeting and inclusion on circulation list of minutes. Dates for meetings next year to be forwarded once agreed.

(8) **REPORTS**
None

PARISH MATTERS

- (a) Throwleigh Centre. Under offer for £140,000 with completion 14th November. Throwleigh's Trustees, Cllrs. Crawford and Bell. Trust deed to be forwarded to trustees on receipt from Gay Hill. Colin Childs and Lisa Lyon (the purchasers) in attendance at the meeting confirmed that they intended to turn it into a Community Arts Centre, starting in the New Year and would hope to continue the weekend outward bound courses.
- (b) Throwleigh web site. Handover taken place to Kim Warwick Oliver. Kim will also take on Church friends' site. One reply to advert in Parish Magazine. Clerk confirmed thanks and that vacancy filled.
- (c) Throwleigh Village Hall. Application to Dartmoor Communities Fund. Cllr. Paul Ridgers and Throwleigh Parish Council both confirmed their support of the application. Circulated and noted.
- (d) Broadband. Response from Kim Warwick Oliver to Vodaphone proposal circulated and noted. Various correspondence from Cllr. Sheldon of WDBC, the latest confirming updating of Whiddon Down Exchange and fibre to cabinet expected by end of March 2014 circulated and noted.
- (e) Post Office. Progress on going. Plan is for opening on 13th January on Tuesdays and Fridays 1 – 3 p.m. However approval awaited from Church for digging of trench for cables.
- (f) Proposed parish meeting dates for 2015 subject to village hall availability Monday, 5th January, 2nd March, 13th April (Annual Meeting) 11th May, 6th July, 7th September and Monday, 2nd November.
- (g) Sandbags, currently kept in village hall, sufficient. Cllr. Jordan confirmed that both he and Cllr. Vincent had a supply of salt.

ROADS

- (a) Snow warden scheme for 2014/15 to be updated. Cllr. Jordan confirmed he was investigating second hand salt spreader.
 - (b) Email from Peter Bennett re. road markings in Murchington circulated. Clerk forwarded to Steve Dawe who has confirmed he will follow up.
 - (c) Road Warden Plan.
- Clerk outlined day seminar for Parish Councils on 17th September and discussed mixed press reports. Nine week public consultation ending 5th December currently underway. Questionnaire www.toughchoices.co.uk which asked for comments on cost saving measures such as reduction in salting network, no provision of grit/salt for bins, reduction in lengths men services, no weed control, Road warden to fill in potholes etc received and discussed. The Cllrs. agreed that they would not be filling in potholes and that any reduction in lengths men services was short sighted as damage to roads through flooding would be exacerbated. Cllrs. would prefer to employ own lengths man and be reimbursed by County Council for the cost of this. Parish Council and parishioners to complete the questionnaire.

ANY OTHER MATTERS

Cllr. Hatton confirmed report of criminal damage to some gardens in Shilstone Lane by chemical sprayed on grass and plants. Police aware and investigating.

Date of next meeting 5th January, 2015

