

THROWLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING IN THE VILLAGE HALL
ON MONDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER, 2012 AT 7.30 P.M.

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

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr. 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: Saplings in road and review of snow warden scheme to be dealt with under the various headings.

PLANNING:

Higher Shilstone Farm. Listed building application for repairs to internal gable wall to lower barn. Supported. Granted

Retrospective application for replacement stables/haystore at The Stables, Throwleigh House, Throwleigh. Supported. Granted.

Outline application for erection of agricultural dwelling at Well Farm, Throwleigh. Supported. It was questioned whether this site fell inside the boundaries of the parish. Clerk to check and alert planning officer accordingly.

Proposed conservatory to side of house at Little Orchard, Blackaton. Supported.

Proposed change of use from art gallery to mixed use for art gallery, weddings, conferences, corporate and training events and painting classes (retrospective application) at Monks Withecombe, Chagford. Supported.

FINANCE:

As at 30th July, current account balance £2,281.96.. As at 29th June, business reserve account £649.98 and emergency account £280.82. To pay: clerk's salary £296.10 plus expenses £8.82. Total £304.92.

The external auditor has agreed the accounts for the year ending 31st March 2012 with no issues raised. A certificate has been received and notice prepared to be posted on notice board, giving members of the public 14 days to inspect the accounts.

2nd instalment of precept should be received shortly. Expenditure in line with budget. Burial grant etc., will be paid after next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Amendments to register of electors received and noted.
- (b) Various correspondence regarding joining with Chagford and Drewsteignton for application for TAP funding. Following lengthy discussion on this subject and its ramifications including liability on contract of employment, it was concluded that the Parish were unable to fund a continuation of a project beyond expiry of TAP funding and would not proceed with this.
- (c) Training course organised by DALC. Expressions of interest invited and noted there was no interest.
- (d) Various correspondence regarding Members' code of conduct, completion and return of Members' interest forms which have been returned. Clarification received in respect of delegation of decision making which cannot be delegated to a councillor. Declaration of Acceptance forms were completed at the meeting. New Code of Conduct has been placed on Parish council web site.
- (e) Correspondence from WDBC regarding dispensations under the new standards regime and suggested dispensation request form. Circulated and noted.

REPORTS;

Draft Council Tax support scheme from WDBC (www.westdevon.gov.uk/support) Consultation pack from August to October in the light of changes to council tax benefit proposed to be introduced next year. This had been discussed at Eastern Link Meeting. Cllr. Bennet outlined the changes which can be seen on the above web site.

PARISH MATTERS

- (a) An update was given in respect of Beating of the Bounds. It was confirmed that despite the weather, funds raised on the day covered the costs.
- (b) Cattle grid at Moortown. Reported and remedial action taken.

ROADS;

- (a) Saplings in road between Blackaton and Wonson. Visit by Highways. Unable to locate. Grid Reference given subsequently.
- (b) Snow warden scheme. Clerk to email list of 4 x 4 drivers and volunteers to all councillors so that list can be updated.
Cllr. Jordan asked whether TAP funding could be used for salt spreader. Cllrs. Bennett to discuss with Alan Robertson on Thursday although it was thought it may be unnecessary expense.
- (c) Abnormal growth of hedges in area discussed. It was agreed that hedge in Ash was particularly difficult and that Clerk write to Mrs. White and Mr. Ziegler requesting that it be cut.
- (d) It was agreed that a purge on highway drainage took place. Cllr. Paul would circulate a map upon which each councillor could enter areas which needed attention so that this could be dealt with all in one go.
- (e) Flooding at Monks Withecombe was discussed. It was agreed that Cllr. Edwards would explore various remedial possibilities and report back accordingly. The Lorams would be approached in the meantime.

A.O.B.

Pond clearance has been organised for 1st November. Poster to be put up on notice board.

Date of next meeting: Monday, 12th November at 7.30 p.m.