

# THROWLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING IN THE VILLAGE HALL  
ON MONDAY 4<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Cllrs. Jackie Crawford (Chair), David Hatton (Vice Chair) Jon Bell  
**Clerk in attendance:** Julie Macey  
**Members of the public:** Mr. A. Gross

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllrs Dave Jordan, Roger Paul, Julian Edwards, Duncan Vincent, Paul Ridgers, and 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:**

Application for installation of dish antenna on existing tower at Arqiva Transmitting, Way Down, circulated. Notification that above application withdrawn and substituted with new application. Supported.

Application to insert glass panes into front entrance door, Old Rectory Cottage, Throwleigh. Granted.

Application for felling five holly trees at the Hey, Throwleigh. Circulated. No comment.

Application for Listed Building Consent for removal of existing timber shed to allow two storey extension and improvement of house at Langstone Farm, Throwleigh. Documents received include Amended Design and Access Report and Statement of Significance. Following site meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> October, it was concluded to object to the proposals on the basis of proposed extension encroaches on ancient track way, no objection if kept within existing footprint including any overhang, concern re. excessive glazing in close proximity to neighbouring property. Amended plans received taking above into account. Supported.

No response received from DNPA in respect of 2 new field gates at Way Down.

## **FINANCE**

As at 30<sup>th</sup> September, balance of current account £3,311.87 (this includes c/f figure of £1,834.41 from last year) business reserve account £650.18 and emergency account £281.00.

To pay clerk's salary £361.44 plus expenses £65.08. Total £426.52.

Letter from WDBC re. Council Tax Support Grant and possibility of reduction of this by 13.66% for next year i.e. from £135 to £117 circulated. This possible reduction of £32 would be in addition to the non payment of the Burial grant of £162. It was noted that it is possible that this reduction could be an annual occurrence.

An actual against budget expenditure resume was circulated and noted. Setting of precept to be discussed at next meeting.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

(a) Local Governance Boundary Commission: Electoral review of West Devon with results to be published in Autumn 2014. Circulated and noted.

(b) Agenda for Superlink Meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> October together with crime figures circulated and noted. Cllr. Crawford updated the meeting on the main points of discussion at the Superlink which included cuts in grant, jobs, possible introduction of new IT system, use of the buses and optional emergency planning – preparation of a leaflet etc.

(c) Devon Rural Housing Partnership: background paper regarding the organisation, rural housing need and assistance offered. Circulated and noted.

(d) WDBC: Revised Register of Electors noted.

(e) WDBC: Notification of Okehampton Area Community Emergency Planning Workshop on 28<sup>th</sup> November and sand bag request form. Circulated and noted.

(f) DCC: Progress update: Connecting Devon and Somerset – high speed fibre optic broadband. Circulated and noted.

(g) DNPA: Confirmation of DNPA Forum to be held on 29<sup>th</sup> November at 2 p.m. Circulated. Cllr. Hatton to attend.

(h) WDBC: Computer training for Councillors October/November. Circulated and noted.

## REPORTS

None

## PARISH MATTERS

- (a) Draft Parish Council meeting dates for 2014 submitted and agreed subject to availability.
- (b) Devon Libraries: Mobile library – public consultation proposing withdrawal of service at Murchington and reduction of frequency of visits to four weekly at Throwleigh. Consultation ends 30<sup>th</sup> November. Circulated and noted. Cllr. Bell circulated information to Murchington residents on email list.
- (c) Update from Post Office re. temporary closure of Throwleigh Post Office circulated and noted. Cllrs. felt little progress was being made and requested that clerk write to the post office accordingly. The facility was for the village. Cllr. Hatton raised request from Mrs. Perkins that consideration be given for some financial support from the Parish towards the use of the church as a post office if this happened. It was agreed that this would be reviewed at a later date.
- (d) There has been no update in respect of the Throwleigh Centre.

## ROADS

- (a) Notification from SWH regarding several road closures in the area of Gidleigh, Murchington and Langstone Cross. Circulated and noted.
- (b) Cllr. Bell was unable to attend Highway Safety Awareness Course. Subsequent to this various workshops in November and December have been organised to cover basic understanding of safety, obligation of Parish Council volunteers wishing to undertake any activity in vicinity of public highway. Circulated and noted.
- (c) Various correspondence with Steve Dawe of DCC re. grit bin for the hill near Paynes Bridge/Clannaborough Common and potholes circulated and noted. It was agreed that the potholes reported on road between Wonson and Ash and also in Murchington had not been dealt with. Cllrs. agreed to report again.
- (d) Snow Warden and Community Self Help Scheme circulated for updating by Cllrs. and amendments, if any, to be sent to the clerk so that updated version can be placed on parish web site.

## ANY OTHER MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION.

- (a) Cllr. Hatton enquired whether cllrs. were aware of any commemoration of first world war in the village.
- (b) Cllr. Crawford had received concern in respect of some dead branches on the Beech tree at the Old Rectory, Throwleigh. Cllr. Hatton agreed to write to the owner to point out concern and ascertain whether a survey should be carried out.
- (c) Next meeting, 6th January 2014



