

THROWLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF A MEETING IN THE VILLAGE HALL
ON MONDAY 5TH JANUARY 2015 at 7.30 p.m.**

PRESENT: Cllrs. Jackie Crawford (Chair). David Hatton (vice chair), David Jordan, Duncan Vincent
Clerk: Julie Macey
Members of the public: J. Wisniewski, A. Gross

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr. Paul Ridgers and Park Ranger Ian Brooker, Cllrs. Roger Paul and Jon Bell

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. Correspondence with DNPA regarding outcome. Still unknown and shown as work in progress on Planning Portal. Noted.
Listed building application for laying stone on top of existing cement flooring on ground floor at Waye Farm. Circulated and confirmed no objection.

FINANCE;

As at 28th November current account balance £3,002.82, business account £650.56 and emergency account £281.16. To pay SLCC renewal membership £77 and clerk's salary of £301.20 and expenses £8.82 = £310.02. Emails from DALC and SLCC received re. 2014/16 National salary award for clerks to be paid an increase from 1st January 2015 subject to satisfactory review and one off non-consolidated payment of £100 in December 2014.. Cllrs. agreed review to scale 23 - £10.836 per hour from 1st January 2015 and non consolidated payment of £100. Clerk confirmed an error in her computation of fees for first 4 invoices this year, resulting in an overpayment of £81.60. It was therefore agreed that she be paid £18.40 instead of £100 in respect of non-consolidated payment.

An invoice for use of the village hall for 2014 and correspondence from Chris Ball. Clerk confirmed that these fees were paid in July and invoice incorrect. Further evidence supplied to this effect and no further response received. It was noted that the fees for use of village hall are to be increased this year from £45 to £85.

Clerk confirmed that we are within our budget for the year. A draft budget for 2015/16 to include increased village hall fees, Hawthorn accounting fees and clerk's salary review was discussed. Without contingency or any allowance for highway matters including salt, this showed an increase in precept of 1.97%. In the event that a nominal sum was added to cover contingencies, this would increase the precept by over 14% which was agreed unacceptable. It was agreed unanimously to increase the precept by 1.97% to £3,457,

CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Various correspondence from NHS Northern, Eastern and Western Division Clinical Commissioning Group re. urgent and necessary measures circulated and noted.
- (b) Agenda and Minutes of Eastern Link meeting on 20th November circulated and noted. Cllr. Crawford confirmed she was unable to attend Super Link meeting due to an emergency.
- (c) TAP Fund. Thank you from Jane Jenks for Throwleigh's support to their application for a Mobile cricket net for Chagford Youth Cricket Club. Circulated and noted.
- (d) WDBC. Notification of change of floodline telephone number. Circulated and noted.
- (e) WDBC. Notification that all prospective nomination papers for Election including Parish Elections must be handed in in person to the Returning Officer or by the Parish clerk by 4 p.m. on 9th April. The notification included a timetable. Circulated and noted.
- (f) WDBC confirmation that any amendments to electoral register will be sent by email next Year.
- (g) New parish councillor. Various correspondence with WDBC re. co-option of new councillor, notice of vacancy in office of councillor and up to date forms in respect of register of interests and acceptance of office. A Notice of Vacancy was placed on notice boards prior to Christmas and will expire shortly, In the event that there were no replies to vacancy, Julian Wisniewski confirmed his interest in co-option but thought that this should wait until after May elections.
- (h) Notification from DNPA that John Shears' leave of absence from the Authority has now

ended. Circulated and noted.

(8) REPORTS

- (a) Cllr. Hatton reported on the DNPA Forum he attended which included the reduction in their funding, More than Meets the Eye, superfast broadband, charges for pre. application planning advice, Dartmoor Cuckoo project and his talk on the new Throwleigh Post Office. Noted.

(9) PARISH MATTERS

- (a) Post Office. Copy of letter to Penny Perkins from DNPA Director of Planning circulated and noted. On the basis of assurances given, Planning Director satisfied that formal planning permission not required. Request however to be informed when works to trench start so that inspection can take place. Cllr. Hatton confirmed background to this and confirmed that inspection took place by archaeologist, the support of local people and Cllr. McInnes in coming forward with grant monies to cover part of the cost with the Post Office covering the remainder. Trench now completed and post office should be open for business on Tuesday 20th January from 13.00 hrs. for 1.5 hrs and at a similar time on Fridays. Parishioners to be notified accordingly. Noted.
- (b) Throwleigh Centre. Update awaited from Gay Hill re. Trust Deed. Noted
- (c) Neighbourhood Watch. Email from Cllr. Hatton forwarding police email re. chemicals sprayed on two separate occasions on plants in gardens in Throwleigh area. Noted.
- (d) Parish meeting dates for forthcoming year confirmed by village hall. Noted.
- (e) Super fast broadband. No update. It is understood that Whiddon Down may have this.

(10) ROADS

- (a) Update from Cllr. Bell awaited. Cllr. Jordan confirmed that he had carried out further research into salt spreader and that this was likely to cost in excess of £300 plus transportation costs. Clerk to approach Cllr. McInnes to ascertain whether grant monies would be available.
- (b) Road markings in Murchington reported by Peter Bennett have been changed. Noted.
- (c) Road Warden Plan.
Form on tough choices completed and returned to DCC within time scale. In Eastern Link's Minutes, reference made that road warden scheme was not practical in current form and precept planning for 'devolved responsibilities' was to be raised at Super Link meeting in December as to where parishes are expected to get the funding from to do this. Clerk confirmed Cllr. McInnes response to this that Parishes were not expected to get involved in mending potholes except in exceptional circumstances in agreement with DCC highways.
Chagford and South Tawton applied for TAP funding to cover costs of employing a worker 1 day in each parish for maintenance works. Email received from Benjamin Pell who carries out lengthsman duties, grass cutting etc., for North Tawton, Chagford, South Tawton and Moretonhampstead offering his services. Noted and confirmed that Parish had no money to cover the costs.
- (d) It was noted that no sand bags along the road side had been distributed this year. The roads have been extremely icy on several occasions recently, particularly near Ash Bridge/Langstone. This is as a result of water on the road/blocked drains. The clerk to follow both of these up with Steve Dawe. It was generally felt that the lengthsman's performance had not been satisfactory this year.
- (e) The very poor state of the road between Wonson and Ash and beyond was brought up again – ongoing for almost 2 years (Steve Dawe aware). Clerk to take matter up again with Steve Dawe.

ANY OTHER MATTERS

Cllr. Hatton confirmed expenses incurred by Kim Warwick Oliver in respect of software required when taking over Parish, Church and Village Hall web site in the sum of £71.44. Cllrs. agreed to reimburse this amount.
No update in respect of outcome of Chagford School from Governors other than that on Chagford Forum. Clerk to follow this up.

Date of next meeting 2nd March 2015