

THROWLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING IN THE VILLAGE HALL
ON MONDAY, 5th September, 2011 AT 7.30 P.M.

PRESENT: Cllrs Peter Bennett (chair) Jackie Crawford (vice chair), Julian Edwards, David Hatton, Roger Paul, Duncan Vincent. James McInnes (part of time)
Clerk in attendance: Julie Macey

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllrs David Jordan, Paul Ridgers and Park Ranger Ian Brooker

Cllr. Bennett welcomed Cllr. James McInnes to the meeting and gave a brief description of the effect the snowfall and icy conditions had had on Parishioners for the last two winters. He confirmed that people had moved out of Murchington and Throwleigh as a result of them being unable to get to work and also the effect on essential services such as doctors, police, bus service etc. The merits of the snow wardens' scheme were discussed at length and it was agreed that subject to his agreement, Cllr. David Jordan would be the best placed point of contact for Highways on the ground. Cllr. Bennett agreed to speak to Cllr. Jordan in this respect. In the event of the Parish embracing the scheme, training would be given and 5 tonnes of grit delivered. It was agreed however that the snow clearance route needed extending and Cllr. Bennett confirmed he would draw up a plan in this respect to be forwarded to Councillor McInnes. It was agreed that ice was also a great problem and that being over 200m, gritting was also required along the extended route in freezing conditions. The conditions affected the parish of Gidleigh as well. Cllr. McInnes confirmed he would come back on these issues following receipt of the plan. Cllr. McInnes discussed the reorganisation and reduced funding of the County Council, reduced bus services, possible rebate back to Parishioners and middle management review at district level.

MATTERS RAISED BY PARISHIONERS: Damage to verges by tractor and trailer along Shilstone Lane. (Ward) It was agreed that this occurred at harvest time of year and that Mr. Scott should take this matter up directly with Mr. Ward.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: These have been previously circulated and were signed by the Chair as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING: The County Council's reply to the parking/hedge issue with regard to the bottleneck on road near Church which prevented on occasions the bus and emergency vehicles getting through was discussed. It was agreed that Cllr Bennett would obtain minimum widths required for these vehicles to pass through and any history of problems encountered prior to a meeting with County Highways.

PLANNING:

Proposed conversion of outbuilding into habitable space at Moorstone Barn, Muchington. Supported. Revised plans for conversion of Moorstone Barn, Murchington. Supported on proviso that use is ancillary to main dwelling.

Cllr. Bennett explained the position in respect of the Parish objecting to an application and the parish recommending an application and an officer objecting. It was agreed that an appropriate paragraph would be added to the Parish's planning response form to cover this.

Feedback from DNP Enforcement Officer re. Monks Widecombe weddings was noted.

FINANCE: As at 29th July Current Account balance £1,765.95. No statements had been received for reserve account or emergency account. Previous balances of £649.68 and £280.66 respectively were noted. It was agreed that Cllrs. may consider purchasing grit spinning equipment in the future using monies out of the reserve account.

To pay: Clerk's salary £296 and expenses £8.82. Total £304.82 for July and August.

Clerk confirmed that the Audit Commission had approved last year's accounts and that the relevant form would be posted on notice boards shortly.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- (a) Amendments to register of electors. Noted
- (b) WDBC Cl. McInnes' letter re. West Devon Town and Parish Voice regarding proposed changes to link committees and super link session in July. Noted.
- (c) DNPA letter regarding authority's 60th Anniversary Community Quiz planned date 11th October and 25th November. Noted.
- (d) WDBC Emergency Planning Update. Noted

- (e) DNPA Director of Planning. Clarification regarding planning scheme of delegation (parish council objections) discussed under planning section.
- (f) Exchange of correspondence re. knotweed in grounds of Old Vicarage noted and confirmed as in their own grounds, nothing could be done at present.
- (g) DCC. Tour of Britain Cycle Tour. Noted
- (h) WDBC Review of Polling Districts. Noted
- (i) DALC Affordable Housing Workshop. Confirmation that no Cllr. was able to attend.
- (k) Notes from Eastern Link Committee and change of date of next meeting noted.
- (l) List of Eastern Link Committee members noted.
- (m) Minutes of DNPA planning workshop noted.
- (n) Various emails re. Beating of Bounds next year noted. Information pack should be received in March next year.
- (o) Correspondence received from Lord Lieutenant regarding Queen's Jubilee next year. It was agreed that Gidleigh may want to join forces in this respect. Clerk to contact accordingly. Clerk to also discuss suggestions box with publican.
- (p) SLCC Devon Branch newsletter re. Govt. White paper noted.
- (q) Chagford Rec, Trust AGM on 19th September noted. Cllr. Vincent confirmed he may attend.
- (r) DCC Cllr. McInnes Highways Surgery on 22nd Sept. noted.

REPORTS

1. DNPA: Development Management and Delivery Development Plan Document July 2011 had been circulated amongst Cllrs. Cllr. Bennett agreed to forward all individual comments to DNPA by deadline date of 23rd September. DNPA's summary of consultation events were noted.

PARISH MATTERS: Email from Parish Ranger regarding pond clearance and suggested date for this of Friday, 28th October was noted. Cllr. Paul confirmed he would come back to the clerk on the date so that she could inform Mr. Brooker and put posters up around the village to enlist support.

ROADS:

None save those mentioned above

Next meeting: 7th November at 7.30 p.m.