

THROWLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING IN THE VILLAGE HALL
ON MONDAY 6th January 2014 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Cllrs. Jackie Crawford (Chair), David Hatton (Vice Chair) Jon Bell, Julian Edwards, David Jordan, Duncan Vincent

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllrs Roger Paul, Paul Ridgers, Park Ranger Ian Brooker and Clerk Julie Macey

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:

Letter from Stephen Bell, DNPA re. review of enforcement service and the monitoring of residential development with occupancy conditions attached to agricultural dwellings, ancillary accommodation and holiday units. Circulated and noted.

Notification that proposed tree works to The Hey will not be protected with a Tree Preservation Order. Circulated and noted.

Email from Ian Brooker confirming James Aven will come back as and when he has something to report re. two new gates at Way Down. Circulated and noted.

Confirmation of grant of conditional planning for erection of 0.6m dish antenna on tower at Way Down. Circulated and noted.

Grant of conditional planning permission for two storey extension and improvement of house at Langston Farm, Throwleigh. Circulated and noted.

Proposed erection of implement shed at Higher Burrows, Shilstone Lane, Throwleigh. Object.

Application refused. Circulated and noted.

Proposed erection of agricultural storage building at North Wonson Farm. Object. Application Withdrawn. Circulated and noted.

Proposed removal of agricultural ties at Prairie Cottage and Kitson View, Murchington. No objection/ Neutral view. Circulated and noted.

Proposed erection of livestock building at Mount Pleasant Farm, Murchington. No comment. Circulated and noted.

Proposed extensions to existing dwelling house at Wyndhurst, Throwleigh. Circulated. Site meeting to be arranged for 10th January. Subsequently cancelled.

FINANCE

As at 30th November balance of current account £2,885.35, business reserve account £650.18 and emergency account £281.00

To pay. Membership to SLCC £76 and clerk's salary £361.44 and expenses £8.82. Total £370.26.

Information from WDBC regarding precept for 2014/15 circulated and noted. It was agreed to increase the precept by 2%.

CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Updates from Connecting Devon and Somerset circulated. It was noted that no further developments.
- (b) Minutes of Superlink meeting on 24th October and Eastern Link meeting on 21st November Circulated and noted.
- (c) Agenda and notes for DNPA Forum meeting circulated and noted. Cllr. Hatton who attended the meeting stated that only 8% of planning applications result in refusal.
- (d) Correspondence from Local Government Boundary Commission regarding commencement of consultation re. new ward boundaries. Consultation closes 3rd Feb. Circulated and noted.
- (e) Letter from Dartmoor Trust re. co-ordinating an exhibition exploring First World War impact on Dartmoor community to be held in summer 2015. Circulated and noted. Cllr. Bell has offered support.
- (f) Email from DCC regarding consultation on possible measures affecting transport and concessionary bus travel in Devon in order to reduce costs. Circulated and noted.
- (g) Email from WDBC requesting Councillors' views re. possible installation at some point of telephone line with Wi Fi broadband in village halls (funding to be provided for installation and 12 months' cover by tap funding). Circulated and agreed the proposal now out of date.

- (h) Invitation from Western Power to stakeholder workshop to discuss their business plan on 10th February. Circulated and noted.
- (i) Invitation from DCC to attend event to discuss strategy re. accommodation for older people with dementia or mental health needs. Circulated and noted.

REPORTS

None

PARISH MATTERS

- (a) Parish meeting dates for year circulated and noted.
- (b) Update on Throwleigh Centre, DCC confirm still waiting from the Charity Commission. Circulated and noted.
- (c) Update from Post Office confirming they have not yet found a sub-postmaster. circulated and noted. Cllrs. requested clerk to invite a representative of the Post Office to attend next meeting so that the different options could be discussed.
- (d) Various correspondence with Mrs. Dickenson re. beech tree at Old Rectory and Confirmation that she will contact tree surgeon in the New Year circulated and noted. It was reported that the tree had been damaged in recent storms.

ROADS

- (a) Notification from SWH regarding several road closures in the Gidleigh/Throwleigh/Way Down to Monk's Withecombe area in December. Circulated and noted.
- (b) Completed schedules sent to Highways for lengthsman's visit in December and forthcoming visit on 21st February. Circulated and noted.
- (c) Email from Head of Highways, DCC regarding legacy of storm events of 2012, seeking Reductions in expenditure for 2012/14 and putting forward link to www.toughchoices.co.uk which sets out various proposals to achieve reductions in expenditure. The choices include reducing substantially visits of lengthsman. Consultation period for comments ended on 13th December, Circulated and noted.
- (d) Log no 13637355. Report to Highways on 28th December re. erosion of highway near grid Ref. 660-898 (Pykes Meadow/Lower Shilstone) As no response/action from highways, clerk borrowed cones from Police Station to warn people of danger.
- (e) A general discussion took place re. the state of the roads following the considerable rainfall. The road from Higher Murchington towards Wonson grid ref. 682 889 to 685 882 and the road from Barrow Way Cross 673 895 to Forder/Aysh 661 898 required repairs to the surface and should be reported. Also the severe flooding at Monks Withecombe on a new area of the road towards the A382. Subsequent to the meeting the Clerk can confirm that this flooding is known to Highways who have had difficulty in clearing the stone drain.

ANY OTHER MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION.

Next meeting, 3rd March 2014

