

THROWLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING IN THE VILLAGE HALL
ON MONDAY 7th March, 2016 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Cllrs. Jackie Crawford (chair) David Hatton (vice chair), Jon Bell, Julian Wisniewski and Ann Warwick Oliver

Clerk: Julie Macey

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllrs. Paul Ridgers and Ian Brooker

MATTERS RAISED BY PARISHIONERS: None

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

MATTERS ARISING: None other than those raised under the various headings

PLANNING:

Single storey double garage/workshop with log store, alterations and extension to existing vehicle track at Clannaborough Cottage, Throwleigh. Granted and noted.

Proposed internal alterations and replacement windows at Waye Cottage, Chagford. No objection. Granted and noted.

Installation of mobile telecommunications and ancillary equipment involving erection of a 12m high telegraph pole, Higher Murchington Farm, Chagford. Circulated. No objection. Granted and noted.

Change of use from art gallery to mixed use of art gallery, weddings, conferences, corporate and training events and art classes (retrospective) at Monk's Withecombe, Chagford. Circulated. No objection provided previous planning conditions and restrictions apply. Cllr. Crawford confirmed that this was a permanent position. Granted subject to conditions and noted.

Listed building application and application for full planning for erection of timber conservatory together with new low wall running from conservatory to boundary at St. Olaves Cottage, Chagford. Circulated. No objection.

Proposed close in and make changes to north elevation of existing agricultural store (retrospective) at North Wonson Farm, Throwleigh. Circulated. No objection.

FINANCE;

As at 1st March current account £2,767.60, business account £651.01, emergency account £281.31. Completed precept form submitted to WDBC. To Pay: Clerk's salary of £303.41 plus travel expenses £8.35 and printer ink £65.35. Total £377.71.

CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Email from Gay Hill re. dementia awareness session in Okehampton on 4th February. Circulated and noted.

(b) Various correspondence re Parishscapes/Moor than meets the eye project. Open day on 12th March in Islington. Circulated and noted. Notice to be placed in April edition of Parish Magazine regarding ideas/discussions to take place at Parish AGM on 11th April. In the meantime brief discussion taken place with Michael Pagent.

(c) Email from Channel 4 re. forthcoming programme on B & B's. Circulated. Response sent from clerk with ideas for finding potential groups of people to participate. Poster put up in local pub. Noted.

(d) January edition of Mortonhampstead healthcare newsletter circulated and noted.

(e) Email from Gay Hill enclosing prospectus for devolution deal worked up and agreed by Heart of the South West to put to government. Circulated and noted.

(f) Various correspondence on TAP funding/On the Edge project. Confirmed that Throwleigh will support project. Application to be discussed at next Eastern Links meeting. Copy of agenda received and circulated together with police report which did not mention Throwleigh. Clerk to contact writer of the latter and point this out.

REPORTS

None

PARISH MATTERS

(a) Superfast Broadband. Cable in trench now filled in and awaiting to connect electrics. With regard to Airband, permission for pole in Murchington granted. Application for pole at Buttern Farm

withdrawn. It is understood that three other sites in Gidleigh are being considered. Clerk to forward councillors link to Airband to register their interest if required.

(b) Defibrillator. Various correspondence with Belstone Parish Council and BT. Application to use phone box registered with BT and consultation process (90 days) with local authority commenced. If approved, Throwleigh Parish Council will enter into an agreement with BT to purchase the phone box for £1 and add phone box to insurance policy.

(c) Various correspondence with DNPA regarding repair/reinstatement of damaged signposts and possible new notice board for village. Circulated. It was felt on reflection that a new notice board was not required and additional space could be provided without it.

With regard to signposts, DNPA suggested in the first instance that this is brought up at next Parish Links meeting.

ROADS

(a) Road closure notice of closure of A382 Whiddon Down roundabout between 19.00 and 7.00 hrs from 10th – 13th February. Circulated and noted.

(b) Snow warden scheme updated and placed on web site.

(c) It was confirmed and agreed that since the cut back in neighbourhood highway officers and their taking on larger areas on restricted budgets, there is no response to problems and queries from the officer even when referred to his superior, Simon Phillips and County Councillor James McInnes. The system is simply not working and it has become increasingly frustrating for parishioners and councillors. We are still waiting for an answer on signposts as to the cost of repair, date for JCB for ditches and an action plan for the road between Ash and Forder and Forder/Chapple. With regard to the latter the state of the road is extremely poor. Many complaints are received from parishioners and from those living in neighbouring parishes. Potholes reported are not being seen to i.e. Moortown to Chapple road. Complaints have been received about the amount of water coming down Walland Hill into Murchinton and the road from Langstone to Ash bridge which was badly flooded and road collapsed. A response is required from Cllr. McInnes.

ANY OTHER MATTERS

A brief discussion took place in respect of transparency code and funding from DALC for scanner/printer. Clerk to ascertain more details.

Date of next meeting 9th May 2016. AGM 11th April 2016.