

THROWLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING IN THE VILLAGE HALL
ON MONDAY, 7th November, 2011 AT 7.30 P.M.

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

.APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr. James McInnes 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 dealt with under the various headings

PLANNING:

Proposed conversion of outbuilding into habitable space at Moorstone Barn, Muchington. Granted subject to conditions which include restriction on use to ancillary to main dwelling.

Proposed installation of 20kw of solar panels on barn at Wallen Down, Chagford. Supported

Proposed erection of solar panels on roof of dwelling at Rashleigh Farm, Throwleigh. Supported.

Proposed extension of domestic cartilage for siting of new garage at Gledwood Cottage, Chagford. Supported.

For information only, addition of plant room for ground sourced heating equipment at Higher Murchington Farm.

Proposed store room extension to rear of village hall at Throwleigh, Wonson. Supported.

Higher Murchington Farm. Cllr. Vincent confirmed that an application had been submitted to DNPA in respect of PV panels and explained that an early decision was required in the light of the Government bringing forward date to changes for feed in tariffs. It was likely that the application would be considered under delegated powers. It was agreed that a site visit would take place on 11th November at 10 a.m. to consider this in further detail.

The rebuild of the stables/outbuilding at Throwleigh Manor following the fire was discussed. In view of the change in materials used and height, it was agreed that James Aven be requested to visit and report accordingly.

The question of cutting down trees in a conservation area was discussed and it was agreed that planning consent was required for this.

FINANCE:

As at 30th September, current account balance £3,086.13, business reserve account £649.54 (includes interest of 0.08p) and emergency account £280.73 (interest 0.04p)

To pay: Clerk's salary £333.22 plus expenses £63.05. Total £333.11 and Audit Commission £90.

The Chairman agreed that the Parish Precept will be discussed at the January meeting. In the meantime, the clerk has requested tax base and calculation be provided.

Cllr. Crawford asked whether the burial grant and Providence Methodist Church had been paid.

The clerk confirmed that she had not received any invoices in this respect but that there were sufficient funds for this.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- (a) Poster from Mel Stride. Circulated and posted on notice boards.
- (b) Various correspondence and table from WDBC regarding services supplied by WD and DCC, outline of link officer role, parish clerk etc. Following discussion it was agreed that there was no justification for the Parish to take on the services and that the clerk should respond accordingly. Cllr. Bennett discussed the problems encountered in Chagford in respect of reduced library hours and access to computers.
- (c) Eastern Link Committee. Minutes of various meetings with enclosures relating to planning, police report, constitution and terms of reference had been circulated and noted. The next meeting is to be held on 17th November. At that meeting Cllr. Bennett would express disappointment that the money back concept discussed at the Super Link meeting was not to proceed. He would also at this meeting discuss with Cllr. McInnes the lack of response from him in respect of extended gritting route. (See roads minute 10)
- (d) DNPA. Date for DNPA Forum Meeting 25th November at 2.15 p.m. circulated and noted.

- Cllr. Hatton was hopeful of attending
- (e) Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service. Changes to response to calls from automatic fire alarm activations circulated and noted.
 - (f) Letter from DNPA regarding appointment of Parish Link Members (John Shears) and request for Parish's view on whether they wish Link Member/DNPA presence at any specific meeting circulated and noted. It was agreed that John Shears be invited to attend the Annual Meeting. A list of proposed meeting dates was circulated and amended in respect of the November meeting.

REPORTS: NONE

PARISH MATTERS

- (a) The pond clearance was carried out on Friday, 28th October. Cllrs. thanked all concerned for their assistance.
- (b) Various emails circulated with regard to damage/obstruction to Public Footpath in Murchington which had now been rectified and two gates installed.
- (c) Queen's Jubilee lunch 3rd June. Request for suggestions from Gidleigh. One suggestion to date for picnic on the Moor with games and music. It was agreed that this would be discussed in greater detail at the January meeting with a view to putting up posters for ideas, mail drop, sheet inserted in Parish Magazine and liaison committee.

ROADS:

- (a) Notification of temporary closure of road from Sandgate Cross to White Gates Cross, Throwleigh circulated and noted.
- (b) Various correspondence and telephone conversations with Devon Fire Brigade who reported no problems in getting through road in front of church in Throwleigh. No reply had been received from ambulance. Parish therefore not on strong ground to tackle Highways. Cllr. Hatton agreed to measure the width – minimum 8ft 2 ins wide required.. It would appear it was only bus company having difficulty and perhaps they should consider a more appropriate vehicle. Cllrs. agreed to monitor the situation.
- (c) Snow warden Training: Various documents and emails circulated and noted. Cllr. Edwards expanded on this, especially on the question of insurance. Cllr. Jordan agreed to house 5 tonnes of salt in dumpy bags to be distributed to relevant parts of Parish. Clerk to send off relevant form to advise Highways of this. It was agreed that the Parish needed a list of 4 x 4 owners/drivers whom parishioners could call upon for either a lift to the shops or assistance with basic shopping in icy/snowy conditions and that this would be published on the web site, notice boards, and the village shop. It was also agreed that a list of volunteers with 4 x 4's to assist with salting/snow clearance around various parts of the parish i.e. Waye, Throwleigh, Ash, Murchington. The relevant forms would need to be completed by the latter volunteers and lodged with Highways. Cllrs. agreed to enlist such support and hand the relevant forms to the clerk to co-ordinate. The clerk would also post notices in the village shop etc., requesting that volunteers come forward and register their names with Cllrs. or the clerk. It was noted that whilst Cllr. McInnes attended the September meeting when discussions in respect of an extended salting route took place, a detailed map of which had been sent to him on 13th September and gritting above 200m in freezing conditions, no reply had been received to these issues. Cllr. Bennett agreed to take this up with him at the Eastern Link Meeting on 17th November.
- (d) Email reminder to Dominic Ziegler re. hedge cutting on road to Ash and telephone conversation regarding same with Bob Hicks following complaints. No action was noted and it was agreed that they would be given 2 weeks from final reminder before this would be handed over to Highways.

ANY OTHER MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

Invitation to Dartmoor Commoners lunch was handed to Cllr. Jackie Crawford to accept/ attend.
Date of next meeting: 9th January, 2012

