

THROWLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY, 8TH MAY, 2014 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Cllrs. Jackie Crawford (Chair), Julian Edwards, David Jordan, Roger Paul and Duncan Vincent
Clerk: Julie Macey

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllrs David Hatton (Vice chair) and Jon Bell, Park Ranger Ian Brooker

ELECTION OF CHAIR/VICE CHAIR; Cllr. Paul proposed and Cllr. Jordan seconded that Cllr Crawford remain Chair and Cllr. Crawford proposed and Cllr. Edwards seconded that Cllr. Hatton remained Vice Chair.

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:

Revised plan for information purposes only with footprint of dwelling removed for agricultural worker's dwelling at Part Moor Farm, South Zeal. Circulated and noted.

Email sent to James Aven re. sheds at Clannaborough cottage. No response. No further response either to gateway into field in Murchington. Clerk to follow up.

Tree preservation order to dismantle, to hedge level, one oak and ash tree at Summerhayes, Throwleigh. No comment.

FINANCE;

As at 30th April current account balance £3,780.57 (precept of £1,714,50 received) Business account £650.34 and Emergency Account £281.07. To pay: Community Girst Insurance £144.59 (same as previous year) Hawthorn's Accounting £60.00, DALC Membership £65.11, Clerk's salary £383.04 plus expenses. Total £391.86

Email circulated re. Hawthorn's Accounting increase in fees to £100 for the forthcoming year and noted and agreed by Cllrs.

NALC Financial Briefing and Policy Consultation relating to paying bills electronically/two signature Rule and draft audit substitute transparency code for smaller parish councils for accounts to be published on line rather than externally audited. Circulated and noted. Decision awaited in respect of latter which is at odds with the letter received from Grant Thornton. Clerk to follow up.

CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Email invitation to Throwleigh Parishioners from Chagford Parish Council re. Beating of the Bounds on 31st August. Circulated and noted.
- (b) Invitation from Chagford Recreational Trust to attend their AGM at 7.30 p.m. on 19th May at The Clubhouse.
- (c) List of alterations to Register of Electors.
- (d) Various correspondence and notices from WDBC re. forthcoming European Parliamentary Elections on 22nd May. Notices placed on notice board.
- (e) Invitation from WDBC to Town and Parish Workshop – Planning for the Future – to be held on 9th May. Circulated and noted.
- (f) Spring Issue of Healthwatch Devon circulated and noted at meeting.
- (g) Email from DCC requesting views on possible changes to the library service with a view to reducing the budget by a further £1.5 million and Children's Centre Services where a 15% reduction on £8.6 million is required. Circulated and noted.
- (h) Agenda and Minutes of Meeting of Eastern Links held on 13th March circulated and noted.
- (i) Notes from the Moretonehampstead Health Hub Steering Group circulated and noted.

REPORTS

None

PARISH MATTERS

- (a) Throwleigh Post Office. Formal letter from Post Office and various emails received confirming Alex from South Zeal prepared to run an outreach centre providing 2 x 1.5 hr sessions per week. Circulated and noted. Inspection of Church taken place for mobile signal and requirements such as electricity etc. Colin Pound of the Post Office response now awaited.
- (b) Throwleigh Centre. Various requests for notices of possible sale to be put up and then confirmed not necessary. Cllr. McInnes confirmed repairs to roof outgoing tenant's responsibility. Circulated and noted.
- (c) Copy of email from Cllr. McInnes to Karen Bridgford of DCC regarding disruption to local BT phone lines and requesting more information on future broadband link with request to take this up with BT. Circulated and noted. As no response received from Ms. Bridgford, Clerk to follow up.

ROADS

- (a) Various emails between Clerk, Steve Dawe and Cllr McInnes regarding potholes and poor state of repair of several roads. Letter also from R. Hicks confirming poor state of road from Forder to Shilstone. Recent survey by Highways identified 85 potholes and patching work on several bad sections. The latter may not be possible this year depending on funding allocations. It is understood from DCC that as from 8th April policy in respect of our roads will revert back to repair of potholes taking place within 7 days of reporting. Circulated and noted.
- (b) Various notices from SWH re. road closures between 16th-19th May Gidleigh/Murchington, 19th'20th May Murchington and 9th/13th May Way Down Cross to Monk's Withecombe. Circulated and noted.

ANY OTHER MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION. None

Date of next meeting 7th July

