

THROWLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING IN THE VILLAGE HALL
ON MONDAY, 9th January, 2012 AT 7.30 P.M.

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

.APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr. Paul Ridgers and Park Ranger Ian Brooker

PLANNING

Gidleigh Park Hotel. Michael Moss, a resident from Murchington, gave an update regarding work to back entrance of the hotel. No update had been received from DNPA. Mr. Moss referred to a public announcement in 2005 that planning permission would be required for the use of this track as an access/exit and had received assurances that this was unlikely to be granted. He confirmed that DNPA had requested the hotel to reinstate the stone track, removing passing places and halt to engineering work around the bridge. Discussions followed regarding unsuitability of the use of this track, possibility of turning right only at exit on to highway, demolition of ancient wall, use of track by tradesmen etc. Cllr. Jordan pointed out that repairs needed to be carried out to main bridges along existing access which were rotten and the difficulty of access when helicopter crashed. After further discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council would write to DNPA in respect of their concerns of non compliance of planning matters not only with regard to this issue but also Wonson Manor and stables at Throwleigh House. The Parish were extremely concerned that a practice of retrospective planning applications becomes the norm. The Parish would not support an application for an entrance/exit along this track at Gidleigh Park Hotel.

Gledswood Cottage, Chagford. Extension of domestic curtilage to provide siting of new garage for replacement dwelling under construction. Granted and noted.

Olaves Cottage, Murchington. Proposed tree works in conservation area. No objection. Parish support felling of poplar only if there is valid arboricultural reason. DNPA have not protected trees with TPO. Noted.

Rashleigh Farm, Throwleigh. Erection of solar panels. Granted. Noted

North Down, Chagford. Proposed change to height of existing chimney. Support. Granted. Noted.

Wonson Court, Throwleigh. Proposed renewal of planning for replacement of link building between farmhouse, barn, change of use of barn and ancillary works. Support. Granted. Noted.

Pykes Meadow, Throwleigh. Proposed installation of 1m domestic clock tower. No objection subject to colour and non reflective finish. Application subsequently withdrawn. Noted.

Higher Murchington Farm. Cancellation of site meeting as a result of feedback from DNPA. Noted.

Solar panels: various correspondence with DNPA regarding requirement of planning permission Stable Building, Throwleigh Manor, Throwleigh. Update from James Aven received confirming greater height than previous and no boarding, would discuss with landowner and report back in due course.

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 heading

FINANCE:

As at 30th November, current account balance £2,599.97. As at 30th December business reserve account £649.62 (includes interest of 0.08p) and emergency account £280.76 (interest 0.03p)
To pay: Clerk's salary £333.11 plus expenses £8.82 . Total £341.93 and Society of Local Council Clerks annual subscription £72, Throwleigh PCC Burial Grant £330, and Providence Methodist Church (Burial Grant) £110. Parish Precept: Letter from WDBC re. tax base circulated together with draft expenditure against budget and draft budget 2012/13. Circular re 'Council Tax referendums' had been circulated in December and noted. Cllrs. considered three alternatives as to increase precept in order to make additional grants or fund Jubilee celebrations, decrease precept or keep as is. The consensus was to keep as is albeit this may mean increasing the precept by small amount. Chairman agreed to liaise with WDBC and to report back accordingly.

CORRESPONDENCE:

(a) Email WDBC re. new guidance for Cllrs. on social networking. Circulated and noted

- (b) DNPA email re. Steven Belli's response to PB regarding delegated decisions and copy of DNPA Scheme of Delegation. Circulated and noted.
- (c) Correspondence with DNPA re. appointment of Parish Members (John Shears) and invitation to Parish meetings – annual meeting of 17th April 2012. Circulated and noted.
- (d) DNPA notes of Forum Meeting on 25th November when Cllr. Hatton present. Circulated and noted.
- (e) DNPA Forum questions document to be returned by 3rd January. Circulated. Cllr. Bennett confirmed additional time allocated to return these and formal presentation to be made at later date. It was confirmed that the Localism Bill would be discussed at the next Forum Meeting.
- (g) Devon Heartlands invitation to consultations on WDBC budget on 5th January circulated and Noted.
- (h) WDBC Localism Act 2011- Standards. Summary of Act circulated and noted.
- (i) WDBC invitation of training session 'The Planning Process' to be held on Monday, 23rd January in Tavistock. Response by 13th January circulated and noted.
- (k) Agenda and associated papers for Eastern Link meeting on 17th November circulated and noted.
- (l) DNPA amended version of Development Management Plan document and New Mapping Tool. Invitation to speak at meeting on 6th January circulated and noted.
- (m) West Devon Business Forum invitation to meeting on 9th January to discuss draft spending proposals and outlook on UK and local economy. Circulated and noted.
- (n) Offer of informal talk at Parish meeting from Celtic Solar as to which renewable energy technologies are suitable noted and declined.

REPORTS:

- (a) 2 copies and disc of DNP Local Framework and Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document – adopted version which can be viewed on www.dartmoor.gov.uk/designguide to be kept as future reference documents noted.
- (b) DCC In Touch monthly news round up circulated and noted.

PARISH MATTERS

- (a) Queen's Jubilee (Monday 4th June Bank Holiday, Tuesday 5th June Official Celebration Bank Holiday)
Discussions took place in respect of Queen's Jubilee, setting up a committee for this and Beating of the Bounds later in the year. Clerk to look up in minutes arrangements for previous jubilee. It was agreed to set up a meeting early in March with the W.I, Church, Village Hall Committee, Chapel, and Commoners with a view to setting up a committee, get together ideas and volunteers for same. Once convenient date agreed, Clerk to invite relevant parties. It was hoped that the Parish Council may be able to make some form of donation.

ROADS:

- (a) Notification of temporary road closure Tuesday 17th January for one day from Higher Shilstone to Throwleigh Church circulated and subsequently cancel.
- (b) Snow Warden Scheme. Various correspondence and requests for salt bags, delivery of salt and high viz jacket received. Salt and salt bags delivered with exception of request from Aysh corner to be delivered in New Year. List of volunteers presented to which Cllrs. Crawford and Edwards to be added under 4 x 4 section
- (c) Email from Robert Hicks confirming cutting of hedges and receiving abuse for blocking road noted. Hedges still not cut at Mrs. White and Domenic Zielger in Ash. Complaints received Clerk to write to both parties, confirming that these works need to be completed by end of January, otherwise Parish would organise and invoice accordingly.
- (d) Cllrs. commented on numerous potholes in Parish and confirmed still continuing to report.
- (e) Monks Widecombe still floods. Clerk to write to Highways and make aware. Ash Bridge also flooded but remedial work carried out very soon after reported.
- (f) Request from Coombe Cottage, Providence to move new salt bin 3269 from flat ground at Wonson to hill at Providence. Agreement obtained from DCC to do so. Residents near new bin to be written to to ascertain had no objection to this.

ANY OTHER MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

- (a) Ideas for Jubilee were discussed in more detail including mugs, signs for Throwleigh, engraving on cross. Clerk to write to ascertain cost of this.
- (b) Cllr Hatton confirmed DNPA had looked at brace on large beech tree in centre of Throwleigh. Clerk requested to write to landowner in Gloucestershire (Mrs. Low) to ask that brace be inspected and branches overhanging road dealt with as necessary.

Date of next meeting, Monday 5th March, 2012 at 7.30 p.m.