

# THROWLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING IN THE VILLAGE HALL  
ON WEDNESDAY, 22<sup>nd</sup> JANUARY, 2018 at 7.30 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Cllrs Jackie Crawford (chair) Julian Wisniewski (vice chair), David Hayes, David Jordan, Ann Warwick Oliver, Cllr Paul Ridgers (WDBC) part of time  
**Members of the public:** Kim Warwick Oliver part of time  
**Clerk:** Julie Macey

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** The sad loss of Cllr. Hatton was discussed and our thoughts for his wife Dawn at this time. It was agreed that in accordance with protocol, a notice of the vacancy would be placed on the notice board.

**UPDATE ON SUPERFAST BROADBAND BY MATT BARROW OF CDS.** Kim Warwick Oliver confirmed possible trial by Airband using white space for Pete Gilbert and Julie Macey. Notwithstanding this, he confirmed that we would very much like to progress discussions with BT on their own and as confirmed to Matt Barrow at the beginning of December we would like to meet the community liaison officer to discuss their idea for the £750 per order and £50 per house plus the £500 per CDS.

**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:**

Leigh Bridge Farm, Murchington. Site visit took place and application supported. Planning permission For erection of general purpose livestock building refused. Circulated. Cllr. Jordan confirmed that he thought the way forward was for the planning officer to work with the applicant.

Partmoor Farm Throwleigh. Following receipt of outline planning for erection of agricultural dwelling, approval of detailed plans received. Development to be commenced in one year. Circulated and noted.

Gorsemoor Lodge, Throwleigh. Certificate of lawfulness application. Following site visit, application supported. Circulated. Cllr. Jordan confirmed application likely to be turned down and that it would necessary for applicants to apply for planning permission.

Leigh House, Chagford. Grant of listed building and planning consent granted. Circulated and noted.

Waye Cottage, Chagford, Application for planning and listed building consent for repairs and alteration to barn. No comment made. Circulated and noted.

Notices received in respect of public path diversion order 2017 (footpath no 9) and placed on notice board. The style to be replaced by a gate. Circulated and noted.

## **FINANCE;**

As at 30<sup>th</sup> December 2017 current account £3,236.37, business account £651.42 and emergency account £281.46. To pay SLCC membership £72, Warren Dawes (final invoice) £74.25 and clerk's fees and expenses £422.31. We are required to submit our precept requirement by 31<sup>st</sup> January. Draft requirement in the sum of £3,828 (made up of precept requirement of £3,755 plus reduced council tax support grant of £73) was attached to the agenda showing no allowance for any increase in pay scale of clerk for the year, an increased allowance for DAPC and SLCC membership fees and an increase in audit commission fee of £100. Cllrs. agreed that an increase in pay scale for the clerk should be factored in. Clerk to confirm amount of pay scale no. 25.

With regard to the audit commission's fee, clerk confirmed that she hoped we would be exempt from this on the basis that we comply with the transparency code in the way we publish and show our financial information. Further details to be released after 25<sup>th</sup> January. Noted.

Cllr. Ridgers confirmed that it was likely the WDBC part of the council tax for next year would rise by 2.99% and the DCC element by 4%.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Agenda for National Park Forum meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> November circulated and noted. It was agreed that Cllr. Hayes would take over Cllr. Hatton's responsibilities in attending this meeting going forward.

Clerk to send him details as they arise.

Agenda for Super Link Meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> December circulated and noted.

Agenda for Eastern Link meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> November circulated and noted. Cllr. Warwick Oliver to attend these meetings going forward.

## REPORTS

None

## PARISH MATTERS

Adopt a Kiosk. Contracts completed with BT re. sale of phone box at Wonson. A large pot of red paint was delivered to the clerk so that it can be repainted. It was agreed to wait until spring and then organise a painting party.

Data Protection Bill. General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) will come into force in UK on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018. There has been some discussion in Parliament about the impact on Parish Councils. It is not yet known the impact of this. Further info will be available later in the year. However, it is likely that every council which holds personal data, must provide a data protection officer. Noted.

TAP Funds, The lengthsmen, Warren Dawes handed in his notice and his last day of employment was in December. A statement of account was circulated showing that if the costs of renewing the notice board were added in, we had £137.75 to spend by the end of March on lengthsmen duties. (8 hrs at £16.50 p.h.) It was agreed to approach Ben Pell to see if he might be interested.

Whilst we missed the November round for applying for more funds, clerk to ascertain whether a further application could be put in in April.

Cllrs. reported several blocked drains (see roads section)

## ROADS

Email from Amjad Khan of WDBC requesting info on sandbags, salt etc. Circulated and noted.

Email from Darryl Jagger confirming he has requested work to signpost on A382 at Sandy Gate and writing on both sides of signpost at Ash Cross. Still no work carried out noted.

Great Tree water problem. Updates received from Cllr McInnes. Circulated. And noted.

Temporary closure 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> March Factory Cross to Way Down Cross. Circulated and noted.

Cllr. Jordan confirmed that Darryl Jagger himself had unblocked the drain in Shilstone Lane where it had flooded. Cllrs. asked that the drains at Monks Withecombe, Ashbridge/Wonson Head, Langstone Cross also be looked at as standing water in road. The DCC lengthman's visit is scheduled for 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

## ANY OTHER MATTERS:

Cllr. Warwick Oliver reported the recent use of the defibrillator and re-ordering of parts. She confirmed that Chris Ball was being trained in its use etc., and would become second responsible officer in the monthly maintenance check etc. It was agreed that a further training session in its use should be organised. It was also agreed that the parish look to raise funds for the purchase of a second defibrillator to be housed in the recently acquired phone box at Wonson. Fund raising to be put in place in time of the Quiz Night.

Cllr. Wisniewski gave a brief outline of recent discussions/options in respect of ongoing use of St. Mary's Church, Throwleigh in the light of large maintenance costs, maintenance of church yard etc. It was likely that a public meeting be arranged in due course. Cllrs. requested that they be kept informed.

Clerk requested that the next meeting scheduled for 5<sup>th</sup> March be changed to 12<sup>th</sup> March which was agreed.