

THROWLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING IN THE VILLAGE HALL
ON WEDNESDAY, 20TH SEPTEMBER at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Cllrs Jackie Crawford (vice chair) David Hatton, David Jordan, Duncan Vincent, Ann Warwick Oliver, Julian Wisniewski.

Members of the public: John Sheers, Mr. Davis and Kim Warwick Oliver

Clerk: Julie Macey

ELECTION OF CHAIR: Cllrs. David Jordan and Julian Wisniewski proposed and seconded Cllr. Jackie Crawford as Chair. It was proposed and seconded by Cllrs. Warwick Oliver and Crawford that Cllr. Julian Wisniewski be vice chair. It was resolved that Cllr. Crawford and Wisniewski take up these positions. Clerk to obtain paperwork for Cllr. Wisniewski to become signature to the account.

CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR. Following advertisement, confirmation received from WDBC that Parish now able to fill the vacancy by co-option. It was unanimously agreed that David Hayes from Murchington be appointed as a councillor. Clerk to arrange for the relevant paperwork to be sent out to him for completion in 28 days.

ELECTION OF NEW TRUSTEE TO PROVIDENCE SCHOOL CHARITY. Jon Bell will be handing in his Resignation as trustee in November. It was proposed and seconded that Cllr. Ann Warwick Oliver take up the position of trustee for Throwleigh in conjunction with Cllr. Crawford. Cllr. Crawford to notify Gay Hill accordingly and send meeting dates to Cllr. Warwick Oliver.

MATTERS RAISED BY PARISHIONERS: None

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

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

PLANNING:

Woodlands Farm, Murchington. Conversion of part of an existing barn to residential accommodation as a stand alone dwelling. Circulated and strongly supported. Several emails from DNPA received and circulated subsequently regarding affordability and size of garden. Noted ongoing.

Footpath no. 9 Throwleigh. Confirmation from DNPA received that order will be remade. Position of barn and position of trees not shown on plan. Comments invited. Circulated and noted.

1 The Orchard. Grant of conditional planning permission for construction of single store extension to rear. Circulated and noted.

Buddafield, Throwleigh. Email sent to James Aven confirming tents were erected from 1st to 18th April, 27th July to 18th August and put up again on 31st August, Reply from James Aven that he will be writing to owners pointing out the breach of planning control. Noted.

Proposed erection of general purpose livestock building at Blindfield Meadow, Murchington.

Strongly supported

New premises licence application for Northmore Arms. Noted.

FINANCE;

As at 1st September current account £3,706.94, Business account £651,34 and emergency account £281.43. We have received confirmation from Grant Thornton (external auditors) that accounts for the year 2016/17 have been approved. The appropriate notice has been put on the council web site.

To pay: Hawthorne Accounting £60, The Branch Manager £222.75, Throwleigh Village Hall £85, Community First Insurance £160.65 and clerk's salary and expenses £328.95.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence and leaflets from WDBC re. proposal for one council for South Hams and West Devon. Leaflets posted to parishioners and placed on parish web site. Responses requested by 8th October. Noted.

Email from Jan Goffey (Mayor of Okehampton) requesting support for Cllr. Shaw's comments that Health Scrutiny Chair Cllr. Randall Johnson, consider her position after rebuke and the County must act to restore confidence in scrutiny of NHS (ref. closure of beds in Okehampton, Honiton and Seaton) Noted.

Agenda for AGM of Chagford Recreational Trust on 26th July. Circulated and noted.
Letter from DNPA re. consultation on proposals to introduce a Pay and Conserve parking scheme at some car parks with National Park. Noted.
Agenda for DNPA Forum on 12th July. Circulated. No Cllrs. able to attend. No minutes received.
DNPA reminder for comments on draft settlements information required by 15th September. Cllr. Hatton's reply forwarded to Daniel Janota, Noted,
Advertising literature from DNPA re. opening of Dartmoor Communities Fund 2017/18. Circulated.
Expressions of interest required by 28th July.
Agenda and background notes from Eastern Link for meeting at Throwleigh Village Hall on 14th September. Circulated. Subsequently received minutes from Clerk confirming poor turnout. Throwleigh to apologise for non attendance.

REPORTS

None

PARISH MATTERS

Phone Box, Wonson Head. Clerk to follow up purchase with BT. Cllr. Oliver discussed several ideas for its use with local parishioners but no practical idea forthcoming at the present time.

Pond clearing has been organised for 25th October at 10 a.m. Noted. Cllr. Wisniewski to organise article in parish magazines.

Account received from Warren Dawes for work to date. Account forwarded to South Tawton with a request for reimbursement. Warren pointed out rotten signpost at Ash Green. Request made to Tich Scott for estimate for repair. He has replaced post. Signpost at other end of this road also requires attention. Clerk to request that Warren gets in touch with Cllr. Wisniewski to agree schedule of works for coming months.

Email from David Baker who was director of Throwleigh Centre. He confirmed that a number of documents relating to the centre are deposited in the County Archives with him as a contact. He would like contact point to change to a particular councillor. Noted. Cllr. Hatton requested clerk to put Mr. Baker in touch with him.

Superfast Broadband. Meeting held with Matt Barrow on 4th August to discuss superfast for the whole village. Letter and schedule circulated and noted. No response received. Approach to be made to MP for assistance. Costings to be sought from BT Open Reach for this.

ROADS

Road closure 11th August to 15th August Chapple Cross to Blackaton Cross. Circulated and noted.

Road closures 15th to 20th September from Chapple Cross to Blackaton Cross and 28th September to 29th September, road from Forder Farm to Higher Wonson. Noted.

ANY OTHER MATTERS:

Mr. Warwick Oliver brought up the subject of Chagford's application for a Devon Air Ambulance site in the town and asked the clerk to obtain more information on this.

Date of next meeting; 6th November 2017