

THROWLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING IN THE VILLAGE HALL
ON MONDAY 2nd September, 2019 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Cllrs. Jackie Crawford (Chair). Julian Wisniewski, (vice chair), David Jordan, Duncan Vincent, Ann Warwick Oliver, Draeyk Horn
Part of time: Cllr. Paul Ridgers
Clerk: Julie Macey

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr. David Hayes

MATTERS RAISED BY PARISHIONERS: None

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

MATTERS ARISING: Knotweed to be injected when matured. Himalayan Balsam on Waydown Common. Ian Brooker to comment on how this can be dealt with.

PLANNING:

2 Tolmen, Throwleigh. Proposed removal of 4.4 m of stone wall to widen existing access and hang wooden gates on granite posts. 2 objections lodged. Circulated. Questions raised with applicant as to need for car parking spaces. Response circulated. Cllr. Horn confirmed that he had spoken to the conservation officer who would be objecting to the proposal and was now in correspondence with the case officer and planning enforcement. Cllr. Horn also confirmed that he had asked the planning officer to clarify the highways comment on the application (no objection to the proposal subject to height restriction on wall for sight line purposes) as it appeared to him that highways may have omitted to assess the height of the piggery building, albeit this was shown on the plans which Cllr. Horn stated he had not seen.

The clerk raised concern as to whether Cllr. Horn had an interest in this application, be it a pecuniary or prejudicial one and if this were the case, he would not be able to vote on the matter. The clerk had sought independent advice which confirmed that he could be deemed to have a pecuniary interest and should not be able to vote. The application was discussed amongst the councillors and it was unanimously agreed that the council would support the application.

FINANCE

As at 30th July current account £4,280.84 and at 28th June business account £652.65 and emergency account £281.97. Email from WDBC confirming that at a meeting on 23rd July members approved a recommendation to withdraw council tax support grant from 1st April 2020. For Throwleigh and Murchington this would mean a reduction in grant of £67 (1.71% of precept). This was agreed as acceptable. It was also agreed to continue to make contributions to Throwleigh church and chapel To pay J. Macey = £353.92 plus printer ink £73.47 and travel £8.35. Total £435.74..

CORRESPONDENCE

Invitation to chair from Mayor of West Devon to civil service on 9th October. Forwarded. Will not be attending.

Email from South Hams re. Ash Dieback advice. Circulated and noted.

Email from Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue regarding financial savings/closure of some fire stations. Circulated and noted.

DNPA agenda for Forum meeting on 10th July circulated and noted.

Minutes of Eastern Link meeting on 20th June. Circulated and noted. Next meeting 12th September. Councillors course organised by South Tawton. Circulated and noted.

REPORTS

None

PARISH MATTERS

Various meetings in respect of Beating of the Bounds which took place on 26th August. Final review meeting to take place on 23rd September.

Various correspondence regarding climate change circulated and noted. Agenda, draft minutes of DNP meeting on 26th July together with Devon climate declaration. The aim of this declaration is for DNP to become carbon neutral by 2025 subject to a detailed action plan being developed by officers

and presented to members for approval by March 2020. Whilst councillors interested, they did not want to sign Throwleigh up to this.

Email and posters from DNP forward planning dated 29th July setting out details of Dartmoor Local Plan consultation which will take place from 16th September to 1st November circulated, noted and posters of drop in events, the nearest being Chagford on 26th September, posted on notice boards. The programme of events includes a parish council workshop on 17th September to which 2 members of the parish council are invited to attend. Circulated. Cllr. Horn indicated that he is interested in attending.

ROADS

Cllr. Hayes reported dangerous tree on land opposite Woodlands Farm. Murchington.

Cllr. Wizniewski reported problems with drain near Wonson Manor.

DCC notice of possible temporary restrictions between 12th August and 31st March for cleaning of cattle grids.

ANY OTHER MATTERS

Grit bin to be erected close to Moor Farm. Cllr. Wisniewski offered his assistance to Cllr. Jordan.

Power Company Hi Line in area of Shilstone Lane.

Date of next meeting : 4th November 2019 at 7.30 p.m.