

THROWLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING IN THE VILLAGE HALL
ON MONDAY 6th MARCH, 2017 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Cllrs. Jon Bell (chair) Jackie Crawford (vice chair) David Hatton, David Jordan, Julian Wisniewski, Ann Warwick Oliver Paul Ridgers (part of time)
Members of the public: Matt Barrow and Phil Roberts (Connecting Devon and Somerset) Jo Rumble (DNPA) Kim Warwick-Oliver (part of time)
Clerk: Julie Macey

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Ian Brooker

SUPERFAST BROADBAND: Matt Barrow apologised for not coming back to us. Together he and Phil Roberts explained what they saw as the current situation with BT saying that once BT had plotted the new cabinet into their system and despite it being some 800 meters away from cabinet 3 (Ash Bridge), the new cabinet would benefit only one additional customer. This in their opinion was not cost effective in respect of the £40,000 spend.

It appeared that the BT surveyor in plotting original cabinet had not done a very good job in choosing location.

Kim Warwick-Oliver questioned this in the light of discussions, personal tests around the village, the outcome of which has shown that very few properties other than those in the centre of the village receive superfast broadband. Kim Warwick-Oliver agreed to produce information to that effect. Once received Connecting Devon and Somerset would be meeting with BT to discuss this further.

Alternatives were discussed which included a service from Airband whom they confirmed would be able to deliver everyone with a speed of 30 mbps or higher. Jo Rumble confirmed that they were hoping that Gidleigh and Murchington could be served from a radio transmitter in South Tawton which has currently been turned down on planning by South Tawton Parish Council. The application would be referred to DNPA Development Management Committee. In the worst case scenario an alternative site would be found. Throwleigh could link into this. The Clerk confirmed that a study had been done some 8 months previous by Airband who concluded that possibly two masts would be required in Shilstone Lane to provide a service. These would obviously have to be negotiated legally and then planning permission would need to be obtained. The clerk requested feedback from existing Airband customers as to speed, reliability and customer service. Connecting Devon and Somerset confirmed that a decision would be made in a matter of weeks.

MATTERS RAISED BY PARISHIONERS: None

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: previously circulated and were signed by the Chair as a true record. It was noted that the consultation in respect of Okehampton Hospital had been a complete waste of time and the results ignored.

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

PLANNING:

Copy of refusal notice in respect of Leigh Bridge Farm forwarded to Cllr. Jordan as requested.

Footpath no. 9 Diversion. No copy of order received.

Chagford School. Parish letter of objection submitted. Planning permission granted. Noted.

St. Olaves Cottage, Murchington. Grant of conditional planning and listed building consent received. Noted.

Application to carry out works to holly tree at Little Phantasy, Throwleigh in conservation area. No comment. Confirmation received that no preservation order will be placed.

Part Moor Farm, Throwleigh. Copy of Planning Obligation Agreement (Section 106) received in respect of planning permission granted. Noted

Application for alterations to provide ancillary accommodation of home/office at Lower Shilstone, Throwleigh. Circulated. No objection.

Listed Building and planning application in respect of construction of single storey extension at Leigh House, Gidleigh Park. Circulated. No objection.

Application for replacement of existing single and two storey rear lean to with new cavity wall construction and slate roof at Aysh Farm, Throwleigh. Circulated. No objection.
Application for change of use of field to garden at Gorsemoor Lodge, Throwleigh. No objection.

FINANCE;

As at 1st March, current account £3,585.73 (includes £480 from DCC for signpost repairs), business account £651.29 and emergency account £281.40. To pay CF & D Scott £480 for work to signposts, W. Dawes £156.75 (rural worker – amount to be reimbursed from TAP funds at a later date) and Clerk 32 hrs x £11.302 = £361.66 plus expenses 18 mls £8.35. Total £370.01. Completed precept form submitted in January.

CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Details of Highways Community Enhancement Fund sent to Cllr. Bell as requested. It may be possible to apply to this fund to cover signage remedial work.
- (b) Confirmation from Stephen Belli that he is leaving DNPA on 17th February. Circulated and noted.
- (c) Royal Oke train. Details from Cllr. McInnes of special train from Okehampton to London on 18th March. Circulated and noted.
- (d) Agenda for Eastern Link Meeting on 2nd March circulated and noted.
- (e) Notification from WDBC that they will be charging for garden waste collection in next financial year. Circulated and noted.

REPORTS

None

PARISH MATTERS

- (a) Defibrillator: After much chasing, defibrillator and cabinet arrived last week (from America) Electrician contacted. Date for fitting some time after 13th March to be confirmed.
- (b) Superfast Broadband. See above.

ROADS

- (a) Road closures: Notification received that road between Chapple Cross to Blackaton will be closed on 3rd March and Factory Cross to Gidleigh Lodge on 6-7th March. Circulated.
- (b) Complaints received re. hedge not being trimmed around Langstone Cross forcing large vehicles to drive on opposite side of road where road is subsiding (cut back over weekend)
- (c) And state of road at Diblands as a result of mud and gravel from field being dragged onto road making it treacherous. Both have been reported and acknowledged by highways. Rural worker:
- (d) Warren Dawes completed 91/2 hrs of work during January and February – invoice received £156.75 – amount to be reclaimed from South Tawton Parish Council/TAP funds. Worksheet completed and circulated. Warren has raised several questions to be responded to.
- (e) TAP Funds. Various emails received from WDBC re. remaining TAP Funds available in the sum of £1817.20 with deadline for submission 16th February. It was agreed that Parish would apply for an additional £496 to cover costs of additional 24 hrs of rural worker and £100 for maintaining signposts. Cllr. Bell attended Eastern Links on 2nd March and confirmed that total claim would be made available.
- (f) Signposts: Application for funds in the sum of £480 from DCC Locality Budget approved and monies received. Work completed. 2 finger boards and cross sign missing on Yarnapitts sign. Complaint received from parishioner on basis that sign represents evidence of Saxon occupation in the area. DCC Highways currently changing subcontractors, SWH have confirmed no longer able to supply signs. Skanska (new subcontractor) will not be in place until April. Highways suggest we wait until April before contacting Skanska for an estimate. In the mean time we have contacted Europe Signs for an estimate and have received one in the sum of £314.27 including carriage but no fixing. Clerk to obtain estimate just for cross sign for the time being and if reasonable proceed to purchase and get fixed.

ANY OTHER MATTERS:

None. Date for next meeting – Annual Meeting – 10th April 2017

