

# THROWLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING IN THE VILLAGE HALL  
ON MONDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2015 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Cllrs. David Hatton (vice chair), David Jordan, Duncan Vincent, Julian Wisniewski and Ann Warwick Oliver Cllr. Paul Ridgers (part of meeting)

Clerk: Julie Macey

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllrs. Jackie Crawford, Jon Bell, James McInnes and Park Ranger Ian Brooker.

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:

Footpath behind church ENF/0162/15 update requested from James Aven. Confirmation received land to remain in agricultural use. No breach of planning therefore. Diversion of footpath to be resolved between owners and Andrew Watson, rights of way officer. The latter to meet with Ian Brooker on site On 13<sup>th</sup> November. Noted.

The Throwleigh Centre, Providence.: use of residential centre as dwelling house to be discussed at Development Management Committee on 2<sup>nd</sup> October. Parish Comment: would very much like centre to succeed as residential centre/community arts centre. Prior to sale, DCC confirmed that centre was being sold on basis of existing use, that any application for change of use to residential would not be regarded favourably and any unauthorised use of building as a dwelling would be contrary to current policies. Confirmation received from DNPA and circulated that members authorised enforcement action and appropriate notices would be drawn up. Noted.

Listed building application for proposed removal of asbestos slating and replacement with slate, enlargement of bedroom window opening at Waye Farm, Chagford. Circulated. No comment.

Proposed tree works at Wayside and St. Olaves Cottage. Confirmation received that no tree preservation notices issued. Noted.

North Wonson Farm. Email from Mr. Gross setting out difficulties experienced with DNPA re.container doors etc., and asking whether Councillors can assist with this. Clerk to speak to planning officer.

## FINANCE;

As at 30<sup>th</sup> September, current account £3,612.44, business account £650.86 and emergency account £281.26. To pay Clerk's salary £390 plus expenses £22.74. Total £412.74

## CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Presentations from training event for Parish Councillors circulated and noted.
- (b) Request from DNPA for comments on their draft Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) which sets out their plans for involving public in considering planning applications and preparing the local plan for the National Park. Circulated and noted.
- (c) Minutes from Eastern Link meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> June circulated and noted. Next meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> November. Noted.
- (d) Email from Devon and Cornwall Police confirming two vacancies to assist in new victim crime unit and victims of fraud. Circulated and noted.
- (e) Email from Woodland Trust Org confirming trust recently acquired 11.64 acres of woodland and pasture at Leigh Bridge, Chagford and asking whether any interest from community groups/individuals in leasing this. Circulated and noted.
- (f) Email from swdevon.gov.uk setting out details of Crimestoppers – an independent charity which helps police locate criminals and stop crimes – [www.crimestoppers-uk.org](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org). Circulated and noted. Clerk asked to put details on notice board.
- (g) Confirmation of next DNPA Forum meeting to be held on 27<sup>th</sup> November. Circulated and noted. Cllr. Hatton to attend.

## REPORTS

None

## PARISH MATTERS

- (a) Superfast Broadband. Meeting took place on 16<sup>th</sup> September. Presentations made by Connect Devon and Somerset and Airband, a selected supplier to deal with delivering high speed wireless broadband solutions to rural areas where traditional fibre solution cannot be used. Airband uses small transmitters around 9" square fixed to existing telegraph poles, buildings and commercial masts. As the system operates on 'line of sight', the units must be able to see each other i.e. no trees to block the way. Cllr. Vincent confirmed that Airband had carried out an inspection of his farm to ascertain suitability for fixing transmitter. For majority of Throwleigh and Murchington service will be through fibre optic cable from Whiddon Down to cabinets provided through BT Group and it is hoped that this will be in place by January 2016. Jackie Brown who lives close to cabinet at Ash Bridge confirmed approach from Western Power to cross her land to enable supply of electricity to cabinet. Would also need to cross South West Water land and difficulties reaching agreement with this at present time. Cllrs. requested clerk to pursue this with Western Power/SWW and confirm importance to parish of installation of superfast broadband as soon as possible. A series of meetings have been set up with Connect Devon and Somerset, Airband etc., during November/December (see notice boards or Parish Web site) with Postbridge on 11<sup>th</sup> November and Whiddon Down on 1<sup>st</sup> December. An offer from Freya Hall of 'Get up to Speed' to set up a session for Throwleigh looking at how different apps can help communities communicate, collaborate and store information received. Cllrs. agreed to this. Clerk to set up meeting during day in December at St. Madron where wi fi available.
- (b) Defibrillators. Various information circulated. It was agreed to leave this until next meeting when Chairman present.
- (c) Emails from Ian Brooker questioning whether pond clearing to go ahead over half term w/e. Unfortunately this had been overlooked. Cllr. Wisniewski confirmed he would take on responsibility for organising the event going forward and would liaise with Steve Pocock and Ian Brooker. It was likely that clearance would not go ahead this year.
- (d) Additional notice board, No reply to date from the Paynes, Cllr. Wisniewski to ascertain importance of this before pursuing further

## ROADS

- (a) Road closures received and circulated 8<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> October – Clannaborough to Ash Bridge Cross. 11<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> November Higher Shilstone Cross to Throwleigh Church for drainage work. Circulated and noted.
- (b) Various emails from Steve Dawe and James McInnes confirming insufficient funds at this time to repair sign/finger posts but will put in a request for this. Circulated and noted. Clerk to ascertain how much it will cost to repair. Clerk to notify South Tawton of broken sign on A382.
- (c) Confirmation dumpy bag of salt to be delivered and received to Cllr. Vincent
- (d) Schedule of ditches to be cleared by JCB sent to Steve Dawe with request for work to be carried out by end of November. Circulated and noted.
- (e) Confirmation from Steve Dawe that unable to carry out repairs on road from Wonson to Ash at present time. Circulated and noted with disappointment.
- (f) Highway conference took place on 21<sup>st</sup> October Unfortunately Clerk unable to attend. Presentations for the event posted on Parish and Town Council web site. <https://new.devon.gov.uk/devonhighways/events/forthcoming-events>. Invitation from James McInnes to attend Highways Surgery at Okemount Centre on 24<sup>th</sup> November. Circulated and noted.
- (g) Email from Highways confirming relaxed rules for decorating/putting up banners on street. Circulated.
- (h) List of snow wardens circulated so can be updated for next meeting. It was agreed that Cllr. Vincent would carry out salting works to primary route in Murchington and Ian Crawford to be asked where he would start salting primary route in Throwleigh.

## ANY OTHER MATTERS

Date of next meeting : to be confirmed once dates for next year checked with Village Hall.