

# THROWLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING IN THE VILLAGE HALL  
ON THURSDAY, 3<sup>RD</sup> JANUARY, 2019 at 7.30 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Cllrs. Jackie Crawford (Chair). Julian Wisniewski, (vice chair) and Ann Warwick Oliver  
Clerk: Julie Macey

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllrs. David Jordan. Duncan Vincent and David Hayes

**MATTERS RAISED BY PARISHIONERS:** None other than those under the various headings

**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:**

Proposed tree works St. Olaves, Murchington. No objection. DNP confirmed no protection of tree.  
Circulated and noted.

Higher Murchington Farm. Change of use from agricultural land to campsite for 12 tents and  
associated showers/storage. Refused. Circulated and noted.

2 Withecombe Cottages, Chagford. Proposed erection of single storey side extension. Circulated and  
noted. No objection.

Coombe Farm, Gidleigh. Proposed conversion of redundant farm building to two units of holiday  
accommodation. Circulated. No objection.

## **FINANCE**

As at 30<sup>th</sup> November, current account £5,227.90 which included £496 for repayment of TAP funds,  
Business account £651.91 and emergency account £281.65

Draft precept requirement for 2019/20 attached which includes reduced council tax grant of £67  
(previous year £73) and increase of Scale 25 (SCP 17) clerks' fees in accordance with national salary  
award 2018/19 from £12.01 to £12.39 per hour. It was agreed to increase the scale from SCP 17 to new  
scale SCP 18 (£12.64 ph) in the light of clerk's performance, to be implemented from 1st April 2019.  
Total budget precept requirement for 2019/20 = £3.975 to include £67 council tax support grant  
an increase of 3.28% or £0.84 for 2019/20.

To pay Renewal of membership to SLCC £76 and Clerk's fees £348.29 plus expenses £8.35 total  
£356.64

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Reminder of Super Links meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> December. Circulated. Apology sent.  
Draft Local Plan 2018/2033 received. Additional copy requested for Cllr. Hayes

## **REPORTS**

None

## **PARISH MATTERS**

Thank your letter sent to James Aven and Alan Van der Steen for their assistance and hard work in  
respect of restoration of gates at Wonson Manor.

Press release re. new defibrillator included in latest edition of Parish Magazine.

Reply received from Mrs. Dickson re. beech tree at Old Rectory, Throwleigh confirming John Fuller  
will inspect and quote for the work to be done. Clerk to chase at the end of January if work not  
completed.

Email received from Okehampton Times re. possible article on possibility of withdrawal of post office in  
church unless use increased. Journalist put in direct touch with Dawn Hatton, Penny Perkins and  
postmaster.

Broadband chasing letter sent to CDS re. outcome of BT Gainshare. No reply to date. Response from  
Airband setting out costs/charges of supplying fibre to the home for those properties in Shilstone Lane.  
Clerks to seek views of occupants of these properties.

Vacancy on parish council following resignation of Cllr. Hatton. An expression of interest has been  
received and circulated and announcement of vacancy placed on noticeboards in accordance with  
procedure.

## **ROADS**

Notification of closure of roads for cattle grid cleaning between 18/12 and 31/3 circulated and noted. Various correspondence re. flooding of road at Ash Bridge and remedial works taken place to include installing new 300 mm pipe before end of year.

Confirmation of grit bin for hill near Moor Farm delivered to Cllr. Jordan who will confirm when in place so that salt can be ordered.

Discussion took place re. use of 3<sup>rd</sup> instalment of TAP funds to be spent before end of March 2019.

Clerk to confirm when lengthsman visit is scheduled for this year, to research further possibility of hire of road sweeper and enquire of Hittisleigh's use of road sweeper.

Email received from Ian Brooker re. Japanese knotweed at Waye Down. Cllr. Crawford not aware of owner of land. Question to be put to Cllr. Vincent.

Cllr. Jordan raised the point that the hedge adjoining Budafields and causing a problem overhanging road had not been cut back. Clerk to follow up.

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Beating of the Bounds is Throwleigh's responsibility in May this year. Cllr. Crawford to bring file to next meeting.

Date of next meeting Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> March