

THROWLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING IN THE VILLAGE HALL
ON THURSDAY, 4th November, 2019 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Cllrs. Jackie Crawford (Chair). Julian Wisniewski, (vice chair) David Hayes, Duncan Vincent, Ann Warwick Oliver, Draeyk van der Horn
Paul Ridgers (in part)
Clerk: Julie Macey

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr David Jordan

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

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: previously circulated. Cllr. Horn requested that a sentence be added stating that he did not think he had a pecuniary interest in the Tolman planning application.

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

PLANNING:

Woodlands Farm, Murchington. Conversion of part of former barn to a stand alone affordable dwelling
Granted. Circulated.

Church House, Throwleigh. Erection of poly tunnel. Refused. Circulated.

Providence Place, Throwleigh. Listed building and planning consent for replacement gate,
greenhouse, new patent glazing, solar PV panels and new windows to existing holiday let. Informal site
meeting held. Supported.

2 Tolman, Throwleigh. Parish council's comment of support not shown on the planning web site.

Query raised with Planning officer by email and phone. Finally added 30.10. It is understood
application is to go to Development Management meeting on 1st November with recommendation for
refusal.

St. Mary's Church, Throwleigh. Application for tree works supported.

FINANCE

As at 30th September current account £5,875.57, business account £652.99 and emergency account
£282.07.

To pay PCC burial grant £330, Providence Methodist Chapel £110, Hawthorn Accounting Services £66,
Mr. and Mrs. Warwick Oliver for transfer of Throwleigh.Org website to TSO Host £9.09, CF and D Scott
£140 for remedial work to signpost at Ash Bridge including concreting post. Clerk £418.82 (32 hours
plus £8.35 for travel and £5.99 for paper)

We have been advised by WDBC that we will be recharged from this year for uncontested election costs
with the invoice to be received in 2020. The amount advised for Throwleigh is £67.12, an allowance
for which will need to be included in next year's precept.

CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Notification of next DNPA Forum meeting to take place on 22nd November forwarded to
Cllr. Hayes who confirmed would be unable to attend. Cllr. Horn to attend in his place.
- (b) Refuse dates for Christmas period circulated.
- (c) Notification from WDBC that next Super Link meeting will be held on 27th November at
7 pm in Kilworthy Park, Tavistock. Circulated and noted by Cllr. Crawford.
- (d) Advert for volunteer helpers for Marie Currie placed on notice board
- (e) Letter from DNPA regarding introduction of annual parking pass (£35). Circulated and
Noted.
- (f) Notification from WDBC of canvassers knocking on doors of people who have not
completed enquiry form for electoral registration. Circulated and noted.
- (g) Email from DCC seeking businesses with fewer than 10 people to take part in research that
Aims to help them become more efficient. Circulated and noted.
- (h) Agenda for Eastern Link meeting on 12th September circulated and noted. Minutes to
follow at later date.
- (i) Invitation to NedCare Community in Mortonhampstead on 5th October. Circulated and
noted.
- (j) DNPA briefing note, good practice guide, site inspection protocol and staff contact numbers
discussed at DNPA planning meeting. Circulated and noted. Received separately notes
from Cllr. Horn on the meeting circulated together with suggestion for a parish open day with
possibility of forums, workshop, assembly, world café or panel. Noted.

- (k) Various emails from WDBC and Tom Dixon, Digital Communications/DCC re. Devon climate Emergency with main message 'please tell us what we need to do'. Circulated and noted.

REPORTS

Report from Eastern Links meeting. Drug dealing – West Devon not as hard hit as places such as Plymouth. Other topics covered preparing for Brexit on 31st October, Climate change - full of good sound bites but little else, fuel poverty grants, people living in properties difficult to heat and insulate, Dave Sexton contact at WDBC

PARISH MATTERS

- (a) Email regarding pond clearing cancellation for 22nd October as SP unable to attend. Clearing to be rescheduled in the New Year. Circulated and noted.
- (b) Road sign at Ash Bridge found in river. Tich Scott repaired and concreted in. Cost £140. Noted.
- (c) Mobile Home/Living van parked at Way Down. Ian Brooker informed. Note left on van and responded to by Chagford resident who confirmed it required repair and would be collected.
- (d) Being a good councillor, place on short course arranged for Cllr. Horn who confirmed he would circulate notes. He stated that he was the only person present on the course who had not had training. The clerk reminded him that this was discussed two months' ago when it was confirmed that he had been offered training but had not taken up the offer.
- (e) Himalayan Balsam at Waye Down reported at last month's meeting. Confirmation from Ian Brooker that he will organise for say June next year with local assistance and sustenance as per pond clearing. Noted.
- (f) Website. New host for website required with cost to be split between parish council, church, Archive and village hall. Noted. Offer of free of charge dedicated parish council website template offered through WDBC. Kim Warwick Oliver researching this further and will come back on this. The parish council expressed its thanks to Sian Sandercock for providing free Web site hosting for many years.
- (g) Cllr. Horn reported possible Japanese Knotweed in Old Rectory garden. Noted that it was owner's responsibility to deal with it.
- (h) Cllr. Ridgers outlined WDBC's amended waste disposal scheme to be introduced shortly with the addition of white sacks with lid for single use plastics etc. Full instructions on leaflet which also states where rubbish will be disposed of. Cllr. Ridgers requested feedback. Noted.

ROADS

- (a) Cllr. Ridgers confirmed roads a nightmare with verges encroaching on road by some 18 inches, gulleys and buddle holes blocked, water running down the roads, pull in places overgrown; root cause lack of management and attention. He requested Throwleigh's support on this. Cllr. Crawford confirmed recent receipt of email from DCC regarding 'Doing what Matters project' whereby two members of Parish Council meet with highways officers to discuss our priorities in highway terms. Cllrs. Jordan and Wisniewski to attend meeting. Clerk to obtain possible dates and advise.
- (b) Blocked drain at Wonson reported to Darryl Jagger, DCC Highways. Sarah Campbell currently our highways officer whilst Darryl working on special project, has taken matter up with the contractor. To date no evidence of repair. Noted.
- (c) No salt bin numbers given to clerk in respect of salt bins that need to be filled. Cllr. Hayes confirmed that he would revisit it. No progress on salt bin for Moor Farm. Cllr. Jordan to speak to owner and come back on this. Noted.
- (d) DCC held a half day exhibition this year rather than a conference. Clerk did not attend as not relevant. Noted.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

Suggested dates for next year's meetings:- 6th January, 2nd March, 6th April (annual) 4th May, 6th July, 7th September, 2nd November. Noted.

Cllr. Horn briefly discussed GPC (general power of compliance) which he said could give the council more power in some instances, Section 137 and CiLCA (NTS Certificate in Local Council Administration – the accredited certificate for the sector designed to test competence for the role of council clerk) which he had learned about on his recent training course. Cllr. Horn confirmed he would find out more details and circulate them.

Cllr. Warwick Oliver confirmed that we would need new battery and pads next year for the original defibrillator. Cllr. Crawford suggested Steve Alford may pay for these. Cllr. Oliver to obtain replacement costings for clerk.

