

THROWLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING IN THE VILLAGE HALL
ON MONDAY 5th SEPTEMBER, 2016 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Cllrs Jon Bell (chair) David Hatton, David Jordan, Julian Wisniewski, Ann Warwick Oliver Paul Ridgers (part of time)
Members of public (part of time): Matt Barrow, Connecting Devon and Somerset
Clerk: Julie Macey

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Jackie Crawford, Duncan Vincent, 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:

Informal consultation on proposals for the diversion of part of public footpath no. 9 Throwleigh. Parish Council's comments following last council meeting were sent to Andrew Watson. No response received. Noted.

Application for proposed extension to Aysh Farm. Following site visit, general support in respect of scheme confirmed. Subsequent comments raised by building and planning officers resulting in applicant withdrawing application. Noted.

Proposed erection of two agricultural barns at Aysh Farm. Letter received from Director of Planning confirming approval under General Permitted Development Order. Noted.

Proposed change of use of Corn Barn from holiday let to mixed use for art gallery, weddings, conferences, corporate and training events and art classes at Monks Withecombe, Chagford. Circulated. No objection confirmed.

FINANCE;

As at 29th August current account £3,230.92, business account £651.16 and emergency account £281.36. To pay PCC Burial Grant £330.00, Providence Methodist £110, Throwleigh Village Hall £85.00, Hawthorn Accounting £55 and clerk £346.75 plus expenses £12.85 Total £359.60

Cllr. Bell has completed new mandate form. Cllr Vincent to confirm current position.

It was agreed that following receipt of NALC 2016/18 National Salary Awards, Clerk's salary to be increased from Scale 23 to Scale 24 from 1st April.

External auditors have approved accounts for last financial year and details have been posted on Parish web site.

CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Dartmoor Community Paths Scheme. Email from Head Ranger setting out details of scheme. Circulated and noted.
- (b) Calendar of meetings for DNPA. Circulated and noted.
- (c) Agenda and minutes of DNPA Forum meeting circulated and noted.
- (d) Agenda for Eastern Links Meeting on 8th September together with crime statistics. Circulated and noted.
- (e) Details of TAP funding received for new financial year. Clerk to speak to South Tawton clerk regarding their application for ditching works to gain more details. Cllr. Bell will look into possible defibrillator for Murchington if funds were forthcoming, where this could be located and where electric supply would be available.

REPORTS

None

PARISH MATTERS

- (a) Superfast broadband. Matt Barrow of Connecting Devon and Somerset attended part of the meeting and gave a detailed presentation in respect of progress to date and the situation going forward. In brief it is thought that 2/3rds of residences in Throwleigh can take advantage of superfast broadband which is served from the cabinet at Ash Bridge (Whiddon Down 3)

Open Reach/BT believe that the remaining third residences could be served from a new cabinet (Whiddon Down R2) the location of which is currently unknown. Open Reach/BT have until end of September to sign this off and confirm whether this will be possible and name the properties to be served. In the event that this is possible, the work under the present schedule will have to be completed by the end of December. In the event that this is not possible, several sites in Throwleigh have been identified suitable for taking small radio masts to be provided by Airband, subject to planning, which would link up with Gidleigh/Murchington. Murchington will be served from Airband mast which has been erected. Clerk to ascertain when this is likely to go live.

The CDS Broadband Voucher scheme which provides anyone with currently a broadband speed of less than 2 Mbps with a voucher for up to £500 towards the cost of a new broadband connection. It should be noted this offer comes to an end at the end of March 2017. For further details please see CDS website <http://www.connectingdevonandsomerset.co.uk/cds-broadband-voucher-scheme/> which also includes details of how to test your speed etc.

- (b) Defibrillator. Clerk forwarded quotes, estimate of ongoing costings and background material from CHT to Councillors. Notices have been placed in phone box in Throwleigh where it is proposed to locate defibrillator and on notice boards confirming Parish Council's investigations and inviting comments. No response has been received. It was agreed to proceed with CHT on the basis of a 'managed solution' with the addition of an emergency phone. In this way CHT becomes the 'owner' in law and accepts the main liabilities. The total cost for this should be £1,620 plus £25 carriage and £45 for setting up phone plus electrician's costs. Cllr. Bell agreed to research the possibility of a defibrillator for Murchington as to where it could be positioned and supply of electrics etc.
- (c) Confirmation from Cllr. Wisniewski that pond clearance will take place on 26th October. Ian Brooker informed.
- (d) Email from Cllr. Hatton enclosing document detailing new service to ring – 105 – which will give information of power cuts in area.

(11) ROADS

- (a) Various correspondence circulated re. closure of road from Gidleigh Hall to Murchington date of which was changed to 5/9 to 8/9 in light of open studios exhibitions. Circulated and noted.
- (b) Temporary prohibition of through traffic and parking A382 Moretonhampstead One Mill Bridge Lane between 22nd-25th September. Circulated and noted.
- (c) Quote for replacement signs received from DNPA and circulated. Only one sign on A382 junction will be replaced free of charge. The remainder would cost between £700 to £400 plus vat to replace. The parish council has no funds to cover this.
- (d) Informal meeting took place between Cllr. Bell, Hatton and new highways manager, Darryl Jagger at which the return of signpost removed by DCC was requested. Mr. Jagger confirmed that he would look into this and confirmed that he may have some assistance for a week in the autumn and if there was any clearing work etc., that we may need assistance with, to come back to him. We subsequently requested that he took a look at the drain at Monks Withecombe and also the road from Wonson to Ash/Chapple from the T junction to the bridge. We also went back to him requesting repairs to the latch adjacent to cattle grid at Clannaborough Farm and broken top bar of gate at Paynes Bridge. No comment has been received. Clerk to follow up.

(12) ANY OTHER MATTERS

Cllr. Jordan confirmed that 3 trees were hanging over road going up the hill from Ash bridge and needed dealing with and large pothole on left hand side past Langstone towards Wonson. Clerk to report accordingly.
Next meeting 7th November 2016.