

THROWLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING IN THE VILLAGE HALL
ON WEDNESDAY, 6th November at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Cllrs Jackie Crawford (Chair). Julian Wisniewski (Vice Chair) David Hatton, David Hayes, Duncan Vincent,
Cllr. Paul Ridgers (part of time)
Clerk: Julie Macey
Apologies for absence: Cllrs. David Jordan and Ann Warwick Oliver

Welcome to David Hayes

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

Cllr. Paul Ridgers explained the background behind the proposed merger of South Hams and West Devon councils and confirmed that the majority vote in West Devon was to remain independent. He confirmed that both councils were facing short falls and there would likely be a budget deficit of approx. £1 million in 2021 in West Devon. There were also likely to be cuts.

PLANNING: Leigh House Gidleigh Park. Listed building application and application for the erection of single storey extension resubmission. Circulated and supported.

Woodland Farm, Murchington. Application for proposed conversion of part of an existing barn to dwelling. Copy of refusal of planning permission circulated and noted.

Blindfield Meadow, Murchington. New application for erection of general purpose agricultural building. Supported. Possibility of site meeting in approx. 2 weeks to which parish council invited.

Cllr. Vincent to attend.

Part Moor Farm, Throwleigh Road. Erection of agricultural workers dwelling resubmitted. Circulated and supported.

Footpath No. 9 Throwleigh. Public footpath diversion order. Revised orders published and placed on notice board.

FINANCE;

As at 30th October 2017 current account £4,671.09, business account £651.36 and emergency account £281.43 Cllr. Wisniewski completed bank signature forms. To pay PCC burial grant £330, Providence Methodist Chapel £110, CF & D Scott £240.00 (two signposts) and clerk 36 hours £410.94 and travel expenses £8.35, printer ink £44.45, paper £5.98 and £1 for BT phone box purchase contract (total expenses £59.78) Total £470.72. Additional account received from Branch Manager in sum of £99 for work up until 27.9.17.

CORRESPONDENCE

Newsletter from DNPA re. update on local plan review. Circulated and noted.

Email from Mayor of Okehampton confirming rebranding of Save Our Beds – Okehampton to North Dartmoor Initiative with face book page www.facebook.com/NorthDartmoor.Health.initiative so that communities can be involved. Circulated and noted.

Night landing sites: Devon Air Ambulance. Email from Chagford Parish Council clerk confirming Chagford currently going through the planning process. Site needs good access and be a minimum 50m x 50m. Cost of lighting £3,000. Circulated and noted.

Confirmation from DNPA that next Forum meeting will be on 24th November. Cllr. Hatton to attend.

Email from Mayor of Okehampton with invitation to Okehampton Autumn networking event on 15th November with view to collectively lobbying DCC about problems with traffic, parking, bed spaces etc. Circulated and noted.

REPORTS

None

PARISH MATTERS

Phone box Wonson Head. Contract received from BT signed and sent back together with fee of £1 on the basis that electrical supply to light remains and covered by BT, pot of red paint to be supplied and any broken glass replaced.

Pond clearing took place on 25th October. Good turnout. Thanks to be passed on to Steve Pocock who made a major contribution to the day.

Quote received from John Getz for remaking notice board at Wonson Head for materials only in the sum of £134.92 plus £10 delivery. Currently glass door is held closed with a stick. It would require painting following installation and Cllr. Crawford confirmed she had some grey paint. Cllrs. confirmed that they would like to proceed with this.

TAP Funds. We applied for 2 tranches of TAP funds in 2017. In January we were granted £396.00 and up until August we have spent £379.50. On 14th March we were granted £496 (£396 for lengthsmen duties and £100 towards signpost or we could use for notice board. We have until 14th March to spend this money. It is likely that the rules for TAP funds will change for the next year. Noted.

Superfast Broadband. All background information is shown on parish web site including correspondence with MP who has written to CDS. Response awaited. Air Band continue to target parishioners stating superfast available when it isn't.

ROADS

Invitation to Devon Highways Parish Council conference on 7th November. Clerk to attend part of time. Devon Highways winter service email circulated regarding snow warden scheme, provision of salt, grit bins etc. Noted. None required.

Highway Community Enhancement Fund request for summary of expenditure and case study together with photographs. (Total fund allocated £554.27) Clerk completed relevant forms. We have now repaired 6 signposts this year.

Cllrs. pointed out broken signpost on A382 to Chagford and signpost on same road with signage only on one side. Clerk to report to DCC

ANY OTHER MATTERS:

Suggested dates for next year's meetings: 8th January, 5th March, 9th April (Annual) 14th May, 2nd July, 3rd September and 5th November agreed.