

THROWLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the virtual Extra Ordinary Meeting of Throwleigh Parish Council held on Monday, 3rd August 2020 at 7.30pm via Zoom.

Present: Cllr J Crawford (Chairman)
Cllrs A Warwick Oliver, D Hayes, D van der Horn, D Vincent, J Wisniewski (Vice Chairman) and D Jordan.
Also present; Mrs K Graddock - Parish Clerk, Cllr J McInnes - Devon County Council, Cllr P Ridgers - West Devon Borough Council and 2 members of the public.

THR27 Apologies
All members were present.

THR28 Declarations of Interest
The following Declarations of Interest was raised:

- Cllr Hayes declared an interest as the Agent for Applicant of Scatho planning application.
- Cllr P Ridgers declared an interest in Scatho planning application as he is a friend of the applicant.
- Cllr Crawford declared an interest in The Throwleigh Centre application as her spouse works in the School.

THR29 Minutes
RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 6th July 2020 be approved and confirmed as a correct record. The Minutes to be signed at a later date due to Covid-19.
(NC)

THR30 Planning
a) The Throwleigh Centre, Throwleigh
Proposal: Change of use from outdoor residential centre to a holiday let with demolition of extensions and erection of a replacement extension
Applicant: Ms & Mr R & G Paiba and Van Heerden

Cllr J McInnes stated that he would not make a comment as the application may come to Dartmoor National Park Authority.

He mentioned that the School became redundant and turned into an outreach centre and in 2014 a charitable trust was set up (done to be able to sell it). DCC wanted to put the money into their capital funds pot but cllrs managed to secure the funds to be put into another charitable trust that supports children within the parish. The premises were sold on the understanding that it was an outreach for children and not residential. Some members felt that could still be an outreach centre for children's activities. Cllr Hayes felt the current building was redundant. Cllr P Ridgers felt there was still a number of young people around that would benefit from outreach programmes and suggested an Open Market Test be completed.

Cllr J McInnes reported that he understands there is already an outstanding enforcement on the building and that there is a covenant on the building but the covenant is a civil matter.

Cllr Gay Hill from Chagford Parish Council read out the covenant that was attached to the building and remains in situ. She further explained that the charity trustees felt the building should be for the community, which is why the trust was formed for the benefit of the four parishes to improve the lives of young people. Cllr Vincent stated that surely they need to get the covenant off before submitting a planning application.

Members felt there were two issues to address, the covenant and planning. Cllr van der Horn felt that there hasn't been a chance to find out if the building is needed or would work for the youth with the 4 parishes. Concerns were raised on whether this application could potentially be a stepping stone to future applications to make it a residential premise.

Cllr Warwick Oliver mentioned some of the comments raised from objectors in relation to light pollution from the amount of glass proposed.

RESOLVED: That members object to the change of use as they felt that the building is a community asset and are concerned regarding the covenants being disregarded. It was further felt that the owners should investigate other uses. However, if Dartmoor National Park were mindful to approve members wished to raise concerns over the amount of glass being used in the building which could alter the look of the area and have implications with light pollution.

Cllr Hayes felt that the building could remain redundant.

(5.1 against)

*** Cllr P Ridgers left the meeting at 8.27pm and did not return. ***

*** Cllr Hayes left the meeting at 8.32pm and did not return. ***

b) Scatho, Throwleigh

Proposal: Construction of a conservatory/garden room and changing flat roof with pitched roof.

Applicant: Mr and Mrs T Wells.

Members were informed that the houses either side have similar extensions and the proposal would not be visible from the roadway.

RESOLVED: That the application is supported.

(NC)

Meeting ended at 8.49pm.

Signed: Dated: