

Thelbridge Parish Council
Annual Meeting Minutes

May 16th, 2018

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Present: Cllrs Boundy, Ford, Gillbard, Grant, Hayes, Webber, Cllr Squires (DCC & MDDC)

Apologies: Cllr Binks (MDDC)

- I. Nominations for and election of Chairman
Cllr Boundy was unanimously elected as chairman.
- II. Nominations for and election of Vice Chairman
Cllr Gibson was re-elected, subject to his agreement.
- III. Apologies for absence
Cllr Binks (MDDC)
- IV. Approval of minutes from last meeting
The minutes for 4th April 2018 were approved and signed.
- V. Public Forum
Two members of the public were present, but raised no issues.
- VI. Parish Path Partnership (P3) Scheme presentation by Ros Davies Public Rights of Way, Devon County Council
An initiative to ensure that the rights of way network is properly maintained and well publicised. It has the support of the National Association of Local Councils and is Devon County Council funded.
The four types of public rights of way and Highways Authority responsibilities were explained. The Thelbridge area is covered by a warden; Sam Jeffcoat, who does a biennial survey and works with land owners and the public to improve the rights of way.
Parish Council grants (total budget is £67,000), for Thelbridge at 6.23 miles times £30 would be around £180 per annum. Grants are issued January – March after a parish annual survey. These funds are for covering the labour element of any improvements; Devon County Council provides replacement gates, signposts etc. Currently 168 parishes are involved, including a number of our close neighbours.
- VII. Parish Report
The Parish Hall Committee have arranged improvements to the kitchen. Replacement windows and weather boards will be done this year. Grants have been made of £2,500 in total to help fund this work.

It was noted that less use seems to be made of the Cricket Club now when compared to previous years.

- VIII. Planning – there are no new planning applications to consider. The appeal regarding the Menchine Farm temporary caravan has given permission. Another shed close to the intake shed has been built during April, but there is no known planning permission for it. Cllr Squires is going to follow this up with the Planning Enforcement Officer.
- IX. Highways – complaint regarding the road surface condition between Nomansland and Upcott “Menchine Farm have been given permission to open an access track onto the road which is not designed for the size of vehicles being used. Since then very large tractors and heavy trailers use the road several times a day and the road surface is deteriorating rapidly.

It is now commonly covered in mud, the verges on both sides have been eroded back nearly a foot in places, potholes are appearing and the road is subsiding at the sides in several locations. In one field boundary, the flange at the end of the drainage pipe running under the field entrance is also now exposed.”

Clerk to forward email to Steve Tucker (Highways Officer) and Cllr Squires

There were 17 pothole gangs, which has been increased to 38 so more are being fixed. The state of the road between Thelbridge Cross Inn and Churchyard Lane was raised and Cllr Squires agreed to raise it with the Highways Officer.

- X. Finance – it was **resolved** to renew the insurance at £160.65 for the next year. There was no budget monitoring report or statement of accounts to consider since there has been no expenditure in this financial year.
- XI. Meeting dates for coming year were **agreed**. Other dates may be added, should it prove necessary.

11th July 2018

12th September 2018

5th December (budget setting) 2018

6th February 2019

10th April 2019 (approve year end accounts)

8th May 2019 Annual Meeting (elections 2nd May)

The meeting closed at 8:45

Signed W. R. Boundy (Chairman) Date 11th July 2018