

Thelbridge Parish Council

Minutes

September 12th, 2018

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Present: Cllrs Boundy, Gibson, Gillbard, Grant, Hayes, Squires (DCC & MDDC), Binks (MDDC)

Apologies: Cllr Webber

I. Public forum

One member of the public attended and asked why there are no signs for Thelbridge.

II. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Minutes for 11th July 2018 were signed as a correct record.

III. Declarations of interest

Cllr Gibson has a current planning application for West Middlewick Farm.

IV. To receive reports (if any) from:-

Cllr Squires (Devon County Council & Mid Devon District Council)

Cllr Squires is on the Corporate Parenting Board and has been visiting social workers, foster carers etc. regarding the transition from child to adult services for children with disabilities with a view to improving the transition.

There is much debate on the Creedy Bridge development, which started when the housing was included in the Local Plan back in 2011.

Cllr Binks (Mid Devon District Council)

Mid Devon had an awayday about the budget which emphasised the need for caution in spending.

Cllr Binks has spoken to PCSO Dave Waring regarding parking at Doctor's Corner, two independent people need to report any incidents so he can follow up David.WARING@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk.

The CPRE is questioning figures regarding Menchine Farm traffic movements. Additional business is now going on with wood chippings, using the large building erected earlier this year without planning consent.

V. Clerk's Report

Due to the resignation, for personal reasons, of Cllr Webber the Notice of Vacancy will be advertised on Saturday 15th September. Unless ten electors request an election within 14 days, it will then be necessary to seek a co-opted councillor. The councillors wished to record their thanks for Cllr Webber's long standing commitment and contribution to the Council over a period of 45 years. The Clerk was charged with sending a letter of thanks.

Parish Paths Partnership – we have the survey form and the volunteers will be organised to conduct the footpath surveys over the next few months. East Worlington PC is not interested in signing up to P3. Washford Pyne Parish Council and Woolfardisworthy Parish Meeting have yet to be approached regarding a partnership opportunity.

The need for acceptance forms for Chair and Vice Chair positions has been drawn to my attention, so they are available at this meeting for completion.

I shall be attending the Society of Local Council Clerks Devon Branch meeting on Friday afternoon and the Mid Devon annual clerks' meeting on 26th September.

The Devon Association of Local Councils AGM, Conference and Exhibition is on Wednesday 3rd October at Exeter Race course, £25 + VAT. If anyone would like to attend, please let me know.

Kathryn Tebbey, MDDC Monitoring Officer is providing Code of Conduct training for both Clerks and Councillors at Cullompton Town Hall on: THURSDAY 18 OCTOBER 2018 – 7pm-9pm. Anyone wanting to attend should contact the Cullompton Town Council office. Phone 01884 38249 or email town.clerk@cullomptontowncouncil.gov.uk

On 21st September there will be a Food Waste Conference, which is being held in Crediton. Devon's Food Waste Conference agenda / registration page is now live.

VI. Finance

- a) Current statement of accounts, most recent bank statement and budget monitoring report were presented. The bank statement was signed, confirming the financial reports were accurate.
- b) The following payments were approved:
 - HMRC 2nd quarter 2018/19 £26.20
 - Grant award request for Harvest Supper contribution £45
 - ICO GDPR fee of £35 (saving £5 when paid by direct debit). The DDI form was duly signed.
- c) Cllr Grant volunteered to be a new signatory

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VII. Verge Cutting

Nomansland, which is the area of concern raised by some residents, falls within Thelbridge and Cruwys Morchard Parish Councils' boundaries. Cruwys Morchard have not contracted for any verge cutting within their area.

Devon County Council Highways have a contract to cut the visibility splays a maximum of four times, depending on growth rate, during each of the following months for this year in April, June, July and September. It was agreed at the last meeting that the Parish Council would arrange a one off cut if the County Council did not have a cut scheduled within a few weeks; since they did and other verges were observed to have been cut, no cutting was commissioned. If the Parish Council were to arrange this service in future, then DCC would provide £138 per annum based on cutting 333m².

A second quote was received after the last meeting, which was the same cost per cut. The quotes for cutting all the specified verges in Nomansland were revisited, as requested at the last meeting, to exclude removal of the cuttings. It transpired that one quote had not included this anyway and the other one was reduced by £20 per cut.

After discussion it was **resolved** that it was not possible to justify the extra cost to all electors within the parish when the benefit would only apply to some of the Nomansland residents.

VIII. Health and Safety

The Health and Safety Executive states that employers with fewer than five employees do not need a policy and do not have to write down risk assessments.

IX. Planning

Applications approved since last meeting:

[Erection of double garage and workshop with office and store over and retention of change of use of land for open storage of stone memorials](#)

Land at NGR 283372 113938 (The Laurels) Nomansland Devon
Ref. No: 18/01049/FULL | Permission granted

[Certificate of lawfulness for the use of the existing buildings for permanent residential occupation and the use of the associated land as garden area](#)

Land at NGR 282359 114500 (Labour-in-Vain) Campbellhayes Hill Witheridge Devon
Ref. No: 18/00945/CLU | Permission granted

Applications pending decision:

18/01206/FULL | Erection of an agricultural storage and livestock building
| Land and Buildings at NGR 282252 113789 West Middlewick Farm
Nomansland Devon

It was **resolved** to lodge a unanimous comment of support (Cllr Gibson
did not participate in the vote)

18/01189/FULL | Erection of a stock building | Land and Buildings at NGR
278755 112206 Thelbridge Barton Thelbridge Devon

It was **resolved** to lodge a unanimous comment of support

X. Items for future agenda

Budget setting

Equal opportunities policy

Standing orders review

Financial regulations review

Future meeting dates, all starting at 19:30 in the Thelbridge Parish Hall:

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 21:00

Signed... W. K. Bondy (Chairman) Date 5th Dec 2018