

Thelbridge Parish Council

Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on 15th May 2024 at Thelbridge Parish Hall

Present:

Cllrs. Boundy, Cowell, Gibson, Hayes and Kneller

In attendance:

Parish Clerk, 1 member of the public, Cllrs. Colthrope (MDC) and Squires (DCC)

24/1 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. Clements and Grant.

24/2 To Elect the Chairman for the ensuing year

There being no other nominations Cllr. Boundy was re-elected as Chairman.

24/3 Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 20th March 2024 were agreed and signed as a true and correct copy.

24/4 To Elect the Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year

There being no other nominations Cllr. Gibson was re-elected as Vice-Chairman.

24/5 Public Forum

There were no items from the public.

24/6 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations made.

24/7 Reports from County and District Councillors

Cllr. Colthrope reported that the new administration at Mid Devon Council was coming to the end of the first year having taken over the previous administrations budget and a sensible Budget had been set for the coming year.

Cllr. Squires reported that John Hart, leader of the Devon County Council was standing down, but hoped that he would be able to finish time at the Council as Chairman of the Council. It had been proposed that James McInnes would be elected as Leader.

The Council would be putting more money into roads as a result of the HS2 money, and £10,000 would be put into drainage and 'potholes'. This, together with responsibility for hedges and highways, was extensively questioned by Councillors.

Cllr. Squires left the meeting to attend another Parish meeting.

24/8 Planning

There were no new planning issues to discuss.

24/9 Finance

A Annual Governance and Accountability Forms 23/24

The forms were awaited from the Internal Auditor and would, therefore, necessitate a meeting in June to agree them.

B Councillors approved payments to:

Community Insurance (Standing order for 3 years £122.76)

Garden Care (Grant awarded previous year £100)

Devon Association of Local Councils (£136.95)

Thelbridge Parish Hall (£130)

24/10 To approve the meeting dates for the ensuing year

The dates were agreed as 2024 18th September, 27th November, 2025 22nd January and 19th March. The Clerk will ask for a date for the Hall in June and inform Councillors.

24/1 Any other items of information

There were no further items.

The meeting closed at 20.30hrs

Signed W. K. Bondy (Chairman)

Date 17th June 2024