

Thelbridge Parish Council

Minutes

April 10th, 2019

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Present: Cllrs Boundy, Ford, Gibson, ^{Grant}Gillbard, Hayes, Squires (DCC & MDDC), Binks (MDDC), Cllr Heal (MDDC)

Apologies: Cllr Charlton

I. Public forum

Five residents were in attendance.

Traffic passing Mill Barton and going over the bridge to the AD are believed to be around 20 tonnes, in excess of the limit. MDDC is currently in dispute with Menchine Farm, the CPRE are pushing for enforcement action, but there is no capacity for monitoring traffic movements and concerns about the potential legal costs. Logs of traffic movements including registration numbers and photos would help provide the necessary evidence. Cllr Gibson to email Cllrs Binks and Squires with some observations. Cllr Binks will send a letter to planning enforcement.

Upcott residents are concerned about the bridge near Woodscombe, which, should it fail, they would not be able to get out of their homes.

Responsibility for roadside trees may be either the landowner's or the County Council's. The Parish Council has no land assets and therefore no responsibility in this respect.

This is Cllr Ford and Binks last meeting, thanks to them both for their contributions over the years. Cllr Heal is standing as a replacement for Cllr Binks.

II. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Minutes for 6th February 2019 were signed as a correct record.

III. Declarations of interest

There were none.

IV. To receive reports from:-

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

Cllr Squires is on the corporate parenting board and scrutiny for children's services. Over 750 children in the county are in care. Cllr Squires is Vice chair elect for the county.

W. K. Boundy

V. Clerk's Report

Parish Council Election

The uncontested election results for Thelbridge Parish Council, with all seven seats filled are:-

W. Boundy, B. Charlton, J. Cowell, J. Gibson, P. Gillbard, R. Grant, R. Hayes

Council Newsletter

The newsletter has been distributed.

B3137 Traffic Speeds

Regarding concerns about the speed of traffic approaching the new Witheridge housing development on the B3137, it has been confirmed that s106 money is available for extending the 30mph zone. The money will be used to introduce a Traffic Regulation Order and conduct the public consultation, which is required before the speed limit can be changed.

Broadband

The [Connecting Devon and Somerset \(CDS\)](#) broadband programme is now offering vouchers through the national BDUK Better Broadband Scheme.

All homes and businesses in the region with broadband speeds of less than two Megabits per second (Mbps), without a published delivery date for superfast broadband within the next 12 months, are now eligible to apply for an interim solution under the voucher scheme.

The [Better Broadband Voucher Scheme](#), administered by BDUK, helps provide access to a broadband service offering download speeds of at least 10 Mbps. Vouchers worth up to £350 would contribute towards the cost of equipment and installation of a 4G, Fixed Wireless or Satellite solution.

Annual Meeting

It had been arranged for Bluebox Medical to come along and tell us about their defibrillators; this was advertised in the recently distributed Parish Council newsletter. Unfortunately, "due to unforeseen circumstances" they will no longer be attending. Clerk to obtain some information for presentation at the meeting.

Stretchdown Speed Restriction

The SCARF report came back saying no action to be taken.

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) Approval of payments
 - Newsletter printing £36 (as per financial regs, this was approved between meetings to meet the payment due date)
 - Parish Hall room hire for 2018/19 £55
 - HMRC £26.20
 - Printing and postage Q3 and Q4 2018/19 £38.92
 - Internal audit £32
- c) Thelbridge Parish Hall grant application for £200 was approved.
- d) The internal audit report for 2018/19 was received.
- e) The Annual Governance Statement 2018/19 was reviewed and approved for signature.
- f) The Accounting Statement for 2018/19 was reviewed and approved for signature.
- g) The Certificate of Exemption was approved and signed.

VII. Planning

Prior notification for the change of use of an agricultural building to 2 dwellings under Class Q

Millmoor Farm Witheridge Tiverton Devon EX16 8NZ

Ref. No: 19/00485/PNCOU | Status: Awaiting decision

It was **resolved** that the response to the consultation will be neutral – no objections.

Prior notification for the change of use of an agricultural building to 1 dwelling under Class Q

Millmoor Farm Witheridge Tiverton Devon EX16 8NZ

Ref. No: 19/00487/PNCOU | Status: Awaiting decision

It was **resolved** that the response to the consultation will be neutral – no objections

Conversion of part double garage to study/play room

16 Eastwick Barton Nomansland Tiverton Devon EX16 8PP

Ref. No: 19/00465/HOUSE | Status: Awaiting decision

It was **resolved** that the response to the consultation will be neutral, since garages are not counted within the average 1.7 parking spaces per new dwelling

Conversion of barns to dwelling and erection of extension for carport

Land and Buildings at NGR 281335 112456 (Nature Barn) Witheridge Devon

Ref. No: 19/00031/FULL | Status: Awaiting decision

It was previously **resolved**, after discussions by phone and email, that the response to the consultation would be neutral. The conservation officer has determined that the barn is within the curtilage of the listed farm house so a listed building application has been made and validated.

VIII. Items for future agenda

No new items were identified.

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

8th May 2019 Annual Meeting

The meeting closed at 21:00

Signed W. K. Boudry (Chairman) Date 8th May 2019