

## ***Thelbridge Parish Council***

### **Minutes**

**3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021**

**Present:** Cllrs Boundy, Clements, Cowell, Gibson, Gillbard, Grant, Wainwright (MDDC)

**i. Apologies**

Cllr Squires (DCC & MDDC)

**ii. Death of a Past Councillor**

The sad news that Terry Ford had died this week was shared and a short silence held in his memory. Terry had served on the Parish Council from 2001 until 2018. The Clerk will send a condolence card on behalf of the Parish Council.

**iii. Approval of minutes**

The minutes of 27<sup>th</sup> January were approved and will be signed at a later date.

**iv. Public Forum**

There were no members of the public present.

**v. Declarations of Interest**

There were none

**vi. Report from Cllr Wainwright**

The MDDC governance working group is ongoing. The budget has been set and will result in a council tax increase.

**vii. Clerk's Report**

Internet banking; a second mandate variation request has been sent to Lloyds since the first one was not delivered.

Having contacted Mel Stride MP regarding broadband, this was the reply on 20<sup>th</sup> February:

"My office has been in regular touch with Connecting Devon and Somerset in recent weeks, seeking greater detail on the new contracts announced at the end of last year. I hope to have more information towards, or just after, the end of the month. I will then be in a position to respond more fully and will be happy to make enquiries on any concerns you may have at that point."

**viii. Finance**

a) Payments were approved for Hele Lane cemetery grant of £50, the Fasthosts £130.80 fee for the two-year domain name registration and £19.31 for the email address, HMRC £29.60.

b) The statement of accounts and budget monitoring report were reviewed.

**ix. Planning**

Erection of an agricultural storage building and retention of access

Planning Application

Land at NGR 279214 112122 (South of Thelbridge Cross Farm) Witheridge Devon

This planning application was considered and it was resolved by the majority to take a neutral stance, but raise concerns regarding visibility of oncoming traffic from the Thelbridge Cross direction.

**x. Website Update**

The new website at [www.thelbridge-pc.gov.uk](http://www.thelbridge-pc.gov.uk) has been live for a couple of weeks

**xi. Newsletter**

A draft was circulated for comment. The cost of printing will be increased by 7%; the price has been held for three years. For the single page newsletter this will only amount to an extra £2.50. Cllr Wainwright will provide a short piece on sustainability for inclusion in the newsletter.

**xii. Items for Future Agenda**

Financial regulations  
Communications strategy  
Expenses policy  
Year end accounts

**xiii. Future Meeting Dates**

14<sup>th</sup> April 2021 (year-end accounts)  
4<sup>th</sup> May (annual meeting)

The meeting closed at 20:18

Signed: *W. K. Bondy*..... (Chairman) Date *19<sup>th</sup> April 2021*