

Date: 7th April 2025	Venue & Time: Thurlestone Parish Hall, 19.30 hrs	
Present: Cllr Gill Stone (in the Chair) Cllr Eric Palmer Cllr Mike Hodges	In Attendance: SHDC Cllr Mark Long Helen Leather (Parish Clerk) Parishioners/guests: 6	Apologies: DCC Cllr Rufus Gilbert Cllr Nigel Hadaway Cllr Rosa Lewis Cllr David Smyth

REPORT IT:

Potholes: Members of the public are requested to report all Highways issues through the Highways Website, enabling faster assessment of problem areas which can then be added to the repair/maintenance schedules. You can report potholes, overgrown vegetation, defective signs/lighting and much more.

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/report-a-problem/report-a-pothole/report-a-pothole-form/>

To report: Abandoned Vehicle, Damaged or Full Dog Bin, Damaged/Full Litter Bin, Damaged/Full Recycling Bank, Dead Animal, Dirty Beach, Fly Tipping, Litter/Dog Mess, Planning Breach, Stray Dogs, AND MORE...

<https://www.southhams.gov.uk/report-it>

It takes two minutes to report a problem, please help keep our community beautiful.

The start of the meeting was deferred until 7.45 pm due to one of the councillors being unexpectedly delayed.

396. OPEN FORUM

A MOP thanked the council for putting up “No Dogs” sign on the Island View play area where there had been a dog fouling problem. He stated that the fouling problem had now been resolved.

Cllr Palmer informed the meeting that there was a reported sewage leak on the road near Langman’s Cross in West Buckland. The problem will be reported to the Environment Agency and South West Water as soon as possible.

A MOP mentioned that there had been two incidents of dog worrying sheep in the fields around Bantham in the last week. The clerk will post notices on the website and Facebook to remind owners to keep dogs on leads and under control.

CW from Thurlestone had sent an email in his absence which he wanted read out to “record my thanks to the new owner of the Bantham Estate for keeping his word, and making such an excellent start on clearing up the mess that he inherited.”

397. COUNTY COUNCILLOR & DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS.

Email Cllr Rufus Gilbert: rufus.Gilbert@devon.gov.uk

Email Cllr Samantha Dennis: samantha.dennis@swdevon.gov.uk

Email Cllr Mark Long: cllr.mark.long@southhams.gov.uk

SHDC Councillor Mark Long

Local government reform. Multiple submissions are being made to Government from Devon. There were at least 9 separate options from Devon County. SHDC have backed a 1:4:5 plan as their preferred option. It is important to say that the Interim Plan is only an indication of how far SHDC have got with developing plans, things may change as we work up the detail throughout the rest of this year. The 1:4:5 plan proposes the creation of two new unitary councils (alongside the retention of Plymouth City unitary): one encompassing South Hams, Teignbridge, West Devon, and Torbay, and the other uniting East, Mid, North Devon, Torridge, and Exeter.

They will look at how South Hams and West Devon have worked together and shared resources and use that as a blueprint. Devon may become too difficult to deal with, so it could be 5 years before the minister decides the final options. Until then everything remains the same.

The Devon County Council elections will take place on Thursday 1 May 2025. The votes will be counted on Friday 2 May 2025. To vote on Thursday 1 May elections, you must be registered to vote. If you have never registered before, or your circumstances have changed, visit the Gov.UK website The deadline to register is Friday 11 April. Once registered, you can decide how to vote. You can either:

- vote in person at the polling station
Vote in person at a polling station (with your photo ID). Vote in person go to the polling listed on your poll card, which you'll receive through the post a few weeks before polling day. You will need to take your photo ID. You can check what forms of ID will be accepted on the Electoral Commission website. The deadline to apply for free voter ID is 5pm on Wednesday 23 April.
- by post
If you know that you cannot get to the polling station on polling day, you can vote by post or by proxy. You can apply for a postal vote on the Electoral Commission website. The deadline for this is 5pm on Monday 14 April.
- by proxy (ask someone you trust to vote on your behalf).
You can also apply for a proxy vote on the Electoral Commission website. The deadline to apply for a proxy vote is by 5pm on Wednesday 23 April.

398. APOLOGIES

DCC Cllr Rufus Gilbert, Cllr Rosa Lewis, Cllr David Smyth and Cllr Nigel Hadaway.

399. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd March 2025 were approved and signed and initialled by the Chair.

400. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were received.

401. CLERK'S REPORT

- Please can councillors supply a short bio for the new website.
- The clerk had enquired about having repeater speed limit signs in the parish, but the Highways Officer at DCC had dismissed the idea. Cllr Hodges suggested that the school is approached to see if the pupils could design some "20 is Plenty" signs that could be put up.

- The clerk had put up SHDC “no dog signs” around Island View play area to try and stop the dog fouling.
- Traffic restrictions – traffic will be prohibited from Monday, 12 May 2025 for a maximum of 5 days until Friday 16 May 2025 (both dates inclusive) - No person shall cause or permit any vehicle to proceed on the sections of Affected Roads. Roads affected - BANTHAM TO AUNEMOUTH CROSS, BANTHAM. National Grid work taking place.
- Cob Cottage, Thurlestone road closure was due to take place from Tuesday, 29 April 2025 until Thursday, 8 May 2025. The Clerk has requested that the road works be rearranged as they class with the VE day celebrations. National Grid have confirmed they will either complete the work by Friday, 2nd May or postpone it for 2 weeks.

402. COUNCILLOR REPORTS ON AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY AND BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED:

- a) Report on District and Parish Councillors meeting with new Bantham Estate owner – Cllr Stone read out a report from Cllr Lewis regarding a meeting with Bantham Estate on 18th March 2025

“The Parish Councillors, and Clerk along with Cllr Long and Cllr Denis met at Bantham Estate office with Harry Aubrey-Fletcher new owner of Bantham Estate.

Harry’s family have been farmers for centuries. Their Chilton Estate is in Buckinghamshire, and all can look up the history. The family bought Bantham in January this year, for its uniqueness, which they hope to maintain as a legacy for future generations.

We had an open and productive meeting during which Harry outlined his priorities.

On behalf of the Parish Council, we wish to express our appreciation for outstanding remedial works already underway. To update everyone, I have listed the main outstanding issues now being dealt with by the Estate:

- *Beginning with removal of unlawfully positioned shipping containers in the highly protected dunes, acting as the surf school for the past 8 years.*
- *Removal of the West Buckland barns spoil heap, created from the construction of the Estate Office 5 years ago. We can now see the valley again whilst the site continues to be returned to green field status within our Heritage Landscape.*
- *During the Office build process temporary permissions were given for the adjacent field for use during the construction of the office, which was completed 5 years ago. Now cleared and being returned to comply with Heritage landscape.*
- *As importantly, Coronation Quay cliff stabilisation, which resulted in limiting access for over 3 years to the South West Coast path along with sailing activities. This is now under review.*

We truly wish Harry and his family many years to come in this unique, but increasingly under threat environment, loved and enjoyed for generations by all.

Rosa Lewis

Chair, Thurlestone Parish Council”

- b) VE DAY Celebrations – Cllr Stone. Arrangements are going well for the celebrations on 4th and 8th May. Leaflets will be delivered to all houses in the parish inviting people to the celebration. For the celebrations on 4th May, the Parish Hall will be charging Adults £12 /6-16yr olds £7/ under 5’s FREE. It will be open to Residents & their family and friends, which will include a cream tea, fish and chips and a free drink. There will be a big band, a bar and

dancing. On 8th May, VE day the event will focus around the lighting of a bonfire Beacon. The Church Bells will Ring at 6.30pm. Everyone is invited to gather in the bonfire field from 8.30pm - 9.00pm. At 9.30pm we will join others across the nation in lighting our Beacon of Peace. (Bring your own nibbles and drinks if required). Parking is being arranged in fields near Village Hall for the 4th May. Volunteers for the events are still needed so please get in touch with the parish hall committee or the council if you can help in any way, or have any supplies that might be useful.

- c) Footpaths update and scheme of works for 25/26- Cllr Smyth. Cllr Stone reported that the recent Schedule 14 meeting regarding Footpath 14 had been passed. Just have to wait for the paperwork to be finalised.
- d) Road hotspots, Pot Holes and Yellow Line updates - Cllr Hadaway. Cllr Stone reported that the white lines outside the Sloop in Bantham are non-existent. Cllr Hadaway has repeatedly asked Adam Keay at Highways about this but has not had a response. Also, when potholes are reported on the DCC mapping page they disappear as soon as they are allocated for repair, so it's impossible to see if they have actually been repaired.
- e) Two Black litter bins 1 Bantham, 1 Thurlestone – Cllr Mark Long reported that a review of this is currently being undertaken and hopefully there should be some positive news before the summer.
- f) An extra dog bin in Bantham (Estate?). Cllr Long has asked for a map of the current round of bin collections to see where this can be sited.
- g) Repairs to Benches. Cllr Palmer had received a quote for refurbishing the benches, the clerk will also ask the Lengthsman for a quote to do the work.
- h) Small Parish Council Meeting at SHDC report – Cllr Hodges reported back that he had attended the meeting, but until the government decides what will happen to District/Unitary/Council level. It is important to look at areas that DCC or SHDC currently pay for in the parish and for plan accordingly if those facilities were taken away. It had also been suggested that neighbouring parishes meet together to discuss possibility of sharing costs and personnel and contractors.

403. PLANNING & ENFORCEMENT (RESPONSE DATES NOTED)

Full details of all applications and Parish Council responses can be found by entering the reference number on the South Hams District Council planning portal

<https://apps.southhams.gov.uk/planningsearchmvc>

- **RE: Appeal Reference: APP/K1128/W/25/3360028** - Kinnasea, Eddystone Road, Thurlestone TQ7. **TPC have resubmitted their original appeal.**
- **0220/25/LBC - Cob Cottage, Thurlestone, TQ7 3NJ. Ratification of TPC Decision. Holding Objection.**
- **0219/25/HHO - Cob Cottage, Thurlestone, TQ7 3NJ. Application withdrawn**
- **0303/25/HHO - West Seacombe, Ilbert Road, Thurlestone, TQ7 3NY.** Householder application for single storey front extension, internal alterations to existing dwelling & alterations to existing access & parking. **Ratification of TPC Decision. Support.**
- **0630/25/HHO - 25 Mead Lane, Thurlestone, TQ7 3PB.** Householder application for cladding on upper section of east elevation & replacement of windows. **Thurlestone Parish Council Support.**
- **0589/25/VAR – Highfield, 25 Eddystone Road, Thurlestone, TQ7 3NU. Thurlestone Parish Council Support.**
- **0499/25/HHO - 5 Whimbrels Edge, Thurlestone, TQ7 3BR. Thurlestone Parish Council Support but with comment.**
- **0673/25/HHO – Albemar, Ilbert Road, Thurlestone. TQ7 3NY. Thurlestone Parish Council conditional support with comments**

- **0684/25/CLE - Cowrie House Ilbert Road Thurlestone TQ7 3NY.** Certificate of lawfulness for existing material commencement of building operations undertaken pursuant to the conditional planning consent 3954/22/FUL for demolition & replacement of existing dwelling. **Thurlestone Parish Council comment – work appears to have started.**

SOUTH HAMS DISTRICT COUNCIL DECISIONS:

- **3868/24/FUL - Thurlestone Hotel, Thurlestone, TQ7 3NN. Approved**
- **3270/24/HHO - 10 Parkfield, Thurlestone, TQ7 3NW. Under Consideration.**
- **4030/24/HHO – Onnalea, Bantham. Approved**
- **0158/25/HHO - 1 Wingfield, Thurlestone, TQ7 3TE. Approved.**
- **0147/25/HHO – Splinters, Ilbert Road, Thurlestone, TQ7 3NY. Approved.**
- **3611/24/CLP - Edgecombe House, West Buckland, TQ7 3AQ. Approved**
- **0303/25/HHO - West Seacombe, Ilbert Road, Thurlestone, TQ7 3NY. Approved.**
- **0477/25/CLE - The Paddocks, Cross Park, Thurlestone, TQ7 3LP. Approved.**
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404. FINANCE & GOVERNANCE Receipts & Payments – Month 11

Accounts to pay —Clerk's Salary. Thurlestone Parish Hall – March Invoice.

Governance. End of year accounts approved and signed off (see below)

New Financial Procedures published by NALC (TPC draft distributed by email to all councillors for approval). To be approved at next meeting.

Thurlestone Parish Council
Summary of Receipts and Payments
All Cost Centres and Codes

5 April 2025 (2024-2025)

Administration

Code Title	Receipts			Payments			Net Position
	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	+/- Under/over spend
1 Salary				7,000.00	5,587.32	1,412.68	1,412.68 (20%)
2 HMRC							(N/A)
3 Hall Hire				384.00	162.00	222.00	222.00 (57%)
4 Stationery & Admin				1,500.00		1,500.00	1,500.00 (100%)
5 Training				700.00		700.00	700.00 (100%)
6 Insurance				1,600.00	1,320.09	279.91	279.91 (17%)
16 ICO Subscription				35.00	35.00		(0%)
17 DALC Subscription				292.00	293.00	-1.00	-1.00 (-0%)
18 SLCC Subscription				60.00	148.00	-88.00	-88.00 (-145%)
19 Internal/External Audits				500.00	390.00	110.00	110.00 (22%)
24 PAYE Annu Subscription				120.00	100.00	20.00	20.00 (16%)
25 Website				1,000.00	1,091.23	-91.23	-91.23 (-9%)
28 Election Recharge				190.00	122.70	67.30	67.30 (35%)
33 SCRIBE				500.00	417.60	82.40	82.40 (16%)
34 Climate & Ecology							(N/A)
38 Travel Expenses							(N/A)
47 Bank Charges					4.25	-4.25	-4.25 (N/A)
SUB TOTAL				13,881.00	9,871.19	4,209.81	4,209.81 (30%)

Grounds Maintenance

Code Title	Receipts			Payments			Net Position
	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	+/- Under/over spend
13 Grass & Hedge cutting				2,500.00	2,130.00	370.00	370.00 (14%)
SUB TOTAL				2,500.00	2,130.00	370.00	370.00 (14%)

Income

Code Title	Receipts			Payments			Net Position
	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	+/- Under/over spend
20 Precept	35,947.00	35,947.00					(0%)
21 Bank Gross Interest	18.00	302.16	284.16				284.16 (1578%)
22 HMRC Refund	1,376.45	3,310.68	1,934.23				1,934.23 (140%)
30 REFUND							(N/A)
31 Localities Grant	500.00	275.00	-225.00				-225.00 (-45%)
45 P3 Funding Income		1,985.00	1,985.00				1,985.00 (N/A)
SUB TOTAL	37,841.45	41,819.84	3,878.39				3,878.39 (10%)

Loan Repayment Parish Hall

Code Title	Receipts			Payments			Net Position
	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	+/- Under/over spend
7 Loan Repayments				6,215.10	6,215.10		(0%)

**Thurlestone Parish Council
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

	RECEIPTS	PAYMENTS
Opening Balance		
Balance at Bank	38,091.42	
Cash in Hand		
Salary		5,587.32
HMRC		
Hall Hire		162.00
Stationery & Admin		
Training		
Insurance		1,320.09
Loan Repayments		6,215.10
DAAT Electricity		318.71
Public Toilets Water		385.79
Public Toilets Electricity		465.63
Public Toilets Cleaning		3,496.43
Public Toilet Repairs/Maintenance		260.00
Grass & Hedge cutting		2,130.00
Speed Signs		
ICO Subscription		35.00
DALC Subscription		293.00
SLCC Subscription		148.00
Internal/External Audits		390.00
Precept	35,947.00	
Bank Gross Interest	302.16	
HMRC Refund	3,310.68	
Platinum Jubilee		
PAYE Annl Subscription		100.00
Website		1,091.23
Phone Box Maintenance & Upkeep		33.40
Wreaths		25.00
Election Recharge		122.70
Asset Repairs		
REFUND		
Localities Grant	275.00	
SCRIBE		417.60
Climate & Ecology		
Coronation Event		322.00
Travel Expenses		
DAAT		
Defibrillator Repair		76.32
P3 Funding Income		
DAAT Repairs		616.71
Church Donation		1,500.00

**Thurlestone Parish Council
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

	RECEIPTS	PAYMENTS
Grants Donation		100.00
P3 Funding Income	1,985.00	
Climate		275.00
Bank Charges		4.25
VAT		1,344.63
	41,819.84	27,235.91
Closing Balances:		
Balances in Bank Account		52,675.35
Cash in Hand		
TOTAL	79,911.26	79,911.26

The above statement represents fairly the financial position of the council as at 31 Mar 2025

Signed _____
Responsible Financial Officer

Date _____

405. NEXT MEETINGS

2th May 2025 – Parish Meeting and AGM
21st May – Annual Parish Meeting
2nd June 2025
7th July 2025.

406. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 09.00 pm

Signed as a true record:

Print Name: **Date:**

Agenda Items and Updates; where possible please submit to the Clerk one week prior to the meeting to ensure time for inclusion, circulation, and study. If a Council Member is unable to attend a meeting it would be appreciated if they could submit a brief précis of progress on their actions, if applicable, (to the Clerk for distribution) together with their apologies.

Distribution List: Thurlestone Parish Councillors. For Information to: County Cllr R Gilbert, South Hams District Council Salcombe & Thurlestone Ward Councillors, Thurlestone Parish Website: <https://www.thurlestoneparish.co.uk/>