

THURLESTONE PARISH COUNCIL
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Draft Minutes of Parish Council Meeting on 7th July 2025

Date: 7th July 2025	Venue & Time: Thurlestone Parish Hall, 19.30 hrs	
Present: Cllr Rosa Lewis (in the Chair) Cllr Gill Stone Cllr Eric Palmer Cllr Nigel Hadaway Cllr David Smyth	In Attendance: Helen Leather (Parish Clerk) DCC Cllr Louise Wainright SHDC Cllr Mark Long Parishioners/guests: 10	Apologies: Cllr Mike Hodges SHDC Cllr Sam Dennis

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.

28. OPEN FORUM

A Member of the Public asked if it was possible for the parish lengthsman to cut back some of the vegetation overgrowing from gardens onto the road at the top of Thurlestone as it is making it very dangerous to walk along the road. The clerk has already contacted DCC and the lengthsman about the problem along the raised footpath in Thurlestone, and will contact them again about the road at the top.

A MOP asked if there was any news on the Community Compost site. Cllr Lewis said sadly not. Will ask Cllr Hodges to chase up.

29. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

Email DCC Cllr Louise Wainwright: louise.wainwright@devon.gov.uk

Traffic Orders & Road Safety

South Hams Traffic Orders Committee approved new parking restrictions for Salcombe Division. Cllr Wainright is now Vice Chair and actively involved in shaping future road safety decisions.

Working Together on Highways

Efforts are underway to improve communication between parish councils and highways teams:

- Site visits are being carried out to review local priorities.
- Parish councils are asked to confirm priorities and use a shared scoring system for repairs.
- Use the Report It portal for defects and updates: Devon County Council – Report a Problem - <https://www.devon.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/report-a-problem/>
- A new digital magazine, The Same Page, will soon include guidance on community involvement in road care.

Parking Enforcement

Illegal parking on double and single yellow lines, if out of permitted parking hours remains a concern in Thurlestone and Bantham.

- Residents are encouraged to report incidents with photos via the portal.
- Thurlestone PC is considering QR code signage to streamline reporting and enforcement.

Speeding & Traffic Volume

Speeding issues have been raised in several parishes. If appropriate, requests may be assessed by the SCARF team, including potential speed checks or a Community Speed Watch scheme.

- Parish councils may apply for 20mph zones (limited annual approvals). Thurlestone did apply for this last year but did not meet the criteria, the PC will use this opportunity to re-apply. Possibly use a 24/7 discreet camera to monitor speeds.
- A motion to expand these zones will be debated in September.
- Twenty is Plenty signs can help raise awareness near schools (with landowner permission).

Children & Young People in Care

Devon County Council is investing £156 million in new homes, foster places, and schools for children with complex needs—a significant shift toward direct support and care services.

Ban on Disposable Vapes

From 1 June 2025, disposable vape products are banned in the UK to reduce plastic waste and encourage sustainable alternatives.

30. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS.

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

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

SHDC Cllr Long read out joint report from SHDC Dennis and himself:

Local Government Reorganisation

South Hams District Council have launched the first phase of their engagement on Local Government Reorganisation. Please encourage your residents to have their say on what matters to them to help shape SHDC's final proposals and ensure they reflect the needs and aspirations of people living and working in the area. Take part in the short survey here -

www.southhams.gov.uk/local-government-reorganisation.

Community Resilience Plans

Devon Community Together hosted a community resilience event at Blackawton on Monday 23 June. These events are part of their ongoing work helping communities to help themselves, particularly at Parish Council level. Traditionally, there has been a misconception in some communities that these plans are all about how a community acts when they are at risk of flooding, but they are much broader than this. Any community that hasn't engaged with them yet is being advised to do so. Resources and information on grant funding is available on the Devon Communities website:

<https://www.devoncommunities.org.uk/projects/devon-community-resilience-forum>

and if you would like more information contact CommunityDevelopment@swdevon.gov.uk

Life on the Edge

Lots more Life on the Edge events planned for the summer holidays in the nearby area, so do check out the South Devon National Landscape website and make the most of these free or minimal cost events.

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South Hams Markets

There has been a recent focus on promoting the markets within the South Hams, namely Totnes, Ivybridge and Kingsbridge. Grants have been awarded to individual traders to invest in their equipment. Personally, Cllr Dennis was sorry that the money was not spent on improving the facilities on our market/town squares that would have benefitted everyone throughout the year e.g. installing pop-up electricity points, fold-away canopies, or lighting. However, residents and local businesses should know that SHDC is keen to support anyone interested in becoming a market trader and wanting to book a pitch in Kingsbridge or further afield. They can find further information on the website: www.southhams.gov.uk/markets

Rockbox

The sites being occupied by Rockbox are the same as last year. The first site occupied this year was the Churchstow site, then to the Thurlestone Golf Club Field, after which they will move to the Field in South Milton above the beach. It has been clearly stated that the 28 days at each location includes moving on and off sites. The move to Thurlestone should be underway. The closing hours of operation are 10pm last orders and clear by 10.30pm. Importantly there is no live music allowed at Thurlestone. Obviously, they are and will be monitored for compliance on various matters including provision of toilets etc.

31. APOLOGIES

SHDC Cllr Sam Dennis, Cllr Mike Hodges

32. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd June 2025 were approved and signed and initialled by the Chair.

33. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were received.

34. CLERK'S REPORT

- A reminder that the Bantham Swoosh takes place on Saturday, 12th July 2025 and road restrictions will be in place 04.30 – 13.30. Details and maps can be found on the Parish Council website (<https://thurlestoneparishcouncil.gov.uk/>), the Parish Council Facebook page and the Thurlestone Noticeboard Facebook page.
- The clerk has asked Paul Martin to look at the Pump House in Thurlestone to assess if any remedial work needs undertaking. Then the lengthsman can repair and refresh the building.
- New toilet roll holders for public toilets – Cllr Hadaway kindly agreed to install them over the next week.
- Town & Parish Council Briefing for councillors: Local Government Reorganisation, takes place on Zoom on 23rd July 2025 – 5.30 – 6.30 pm
- Have your say on the future of Devon – a consultation by SHDC for residents, community groups and businesses to have their say on local government reorganisation. Everyone is encouraged to take part in the survey which can be found at: www.southhams.gov.uk/local-government-reorganisation
- South Devon National Landscape Management Plan Review – change of date for meeting from 17th July to 16th July – on Zoom at 6.00 pm

35. COUNCILLOR REPORTS ON AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY AND BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED –

a) Overgrowth on raised footpath in Thurlestone – already discussed.

b) Footpaths update. Cllr Smyth

- **Dixon Quay footpath:**
 - Meeting scheduled for 8 July at Bantham with DCC representatives and landowners to discuss the creation order. Parish was not initially invited—only the original applicant, Graham Gilbert. Cllr Smyth and Cllr Lewis plan to attend to represent parish interests.
- **Footpath 13:**
 - Ross Davies is waiting for landowner approval to access the land for repair work.
- **Footpath 6:**
 - Missing signpost and gate.
 - Repairs are pending confirmation from Footpath 13's landowner, so both footpaths can be addressed simultaneously.

c) Road hotspots, Pot Holes and Yellow Line updates - Cllr Hadaway:

Key points from the recent Highways meeting:

Road Defects & Repairs

- Defects vs. Non-defects:
- Non-defects (e.g. potholes): Reported via the DCC portal.
- Defects (other issues): Prioritised by the parish and passed to DCC Cllr Wainwright via the Clerk.
- Give Way signs near The Sloop were repainted following a previous request.
- Residents are encouraged to report potholes both to the DCC portal and the parish council for coordinated action.
- Road repair contractors are under contract until 2027 and currently meeting performance targets (KPIs).

Speeding & Traffic Monitoring

- Speed surveys found notable speeding only near the Golf Club, where a VAC sign is proposed.
- Discreet week-long camera monitoring is suggested to gauge accurate average speeds—TPC wishes to control timing to reflect true local traffic conditions.

Parking Enforcement

- Recent enforcement visits to Thurlestone have led to action.
- Residents should report illegally parked vehicles on the DCC site: Report a Problem
- A “No Parking” sign for The Sloop is under consideration to deter parking on yellow lines.

“20 is Plenty” Initiative

- DCC Cllr Wainwright will contact Thurlestone School about designing localised “20 is Plenty” road signs for community visibility and engagement.

d) New Bins – no further news at this time. SHDC Cllr ML will chase up.

36. PLANNING & ENFORCEMENT (RESPONSE DATES NOTED)

Full details of all applications and Thurlestone Parish responses please visit the South Hams District Council planning portal at:

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<https://southhams.planning-register.co.uk/Disclaimer?returnUrl=%2F>

1182/25/FUL - Land at SX 680 433, (Court Park Farm), Thurlestone. Erection of farm shop (Use Class E) & parking to include the provision of a community car park & with associated works. **30/05/2025 – Ratification of TPC decision following site visit. TPC had objected to the application on the grounds of design and where the shop would be situated, but were in favour of a farm shop. The application is now withdrawn.**

1666/25/HHO – Beacon, Eddystone Road, Thurlestone, TQ7 3NU. Householder application for proposed extension & alterations to dwelling. Improved access way, parking, detached garage, gables to hips, vertical extension to entrance porch & reconfigured/rationalised fenestration. **24 July 2025. No decision – site visit planned.**

SOUTH HAMS DISTRICT COUNCIL DECISIONS:

- **RE: Appeal Reference: APP/K1128/W/25/3360028 – Not Yet Decided**
- **1407/25/TPO - Grove Cottages West Buckland TQ7 3AG. Refused.**

37. FINANCE & GOVERNANCE Receipts & Payments – Month 4

It was agreed to pay the following payments:

Parish Hall Hire Invoice 2939 - £18.00 and 3 hours for 27th June - £18.00. Clerk's salary.
Julian Lee hours for June.

Governance:

38. NEXT MEETINGS

4th August 2025

1st September 2025

39. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 08.09 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 L Wainright, South Hams District Council Salcombe & Thurlestone Ward Councillors, Thurlestone Parish Website:

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