

THURLESTONE PARISH COUNCIL
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Draft Minutes of Parish Council Meeting on 1st September 2025

Date: 1st September 2025	Venue & Time: Thurlestone Parish Hall, 19.30 hrs	
<u>Present:</u> Cllr Rosa Lewis (in the Chair) Cllr Gill Stone Cllr Eric Palmer Cllr Nigel Hadaway Cllr David Smyth Cllr Mike Hodges	<u>In Attendance:</u> Helen Leather (Parish Clerk) SHDC Cllr Mark Long SHDC Cllr Sam Dennis DCC Cllr Louise Wainright Parishioners/guests: 14	<u>Apologies:</u>

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.

52. OPEN FORUM

A MOP talked about Rockbox and the scale of the South Milton site. The extent of the lighting in a Dark Skies area is excessive and extends at times across the Public footpath.. Will the increased scale of this site be repeated when they return to Thurlestone next year? Better management of the pop up is key. Secondly he mentioned the increased scale of the Level Water operation in Bantham, local residents had suffered inconvenience and had been unable to leave or return to their homes on the day. The scale of it was too large this year and the management of the event needs improving. The third thing is the turbine at Kingston, as a supporter of green energy and having worked in the wind turbine sector, why was there no full feasibility study on wind turbines undertaken for the whole area along the coast and one that also looked at smaller turbines, and other technologies and possibilities for green energy?

A MOP introduced himself as Simon Harrow, and his son Louie Harrow who had the Field of Dreams and were attending because the event was on the agenda.

A MOP spoke about Rockbox, and how nice it was in the summer to have somewhere near to the beach that people and go to eat with family and friends and listen to entertainment, the music was not loud and the footpath was not blocked.

A MOP said that he lives 0.5 km from the Rockbox site at Thurlestone and cannot hear any music, but when they are at the South Milton site 1.5 km away the music is very loud and he has complained to SHDC.

A MOP said she supported Rockbox but South Milton seemed to have increased the amount of entertainment and therefore noisier, not helped when some live music events use Metal trailers as their stage.

A MOP whose Recruitment company provides staff to the hospitality sector, during the past 25 years, spoke of her concerns regarding the damage pop ups like Rockbox have on permanent local businesses that provide employment all year round, not only directly but indirectly via their suppliers etc. These local businesses have to pay business rates, rent, maintain the premises and very importantly provide a service that contributes massively to sustainable communities 12 months of the year. These businesses and their suppliers rely on their high season months to see them through the lean months of the year which is so vital to our local economy.

53. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

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

Councillor Wainwright said she was in support of the wind turbine at Kingston as she is chair of the Bigbury Net Zero campaign. However, Octopus have just withdrawn the application as it is not commercially viable. She will send her full DCC report to the clerk.

Local Government Reorganisation (LGR). Devon is transitioning from County and District Councils to Unitary Authorities over the next 2–3 years. The proposed 1:4:5 model divides Devon into three Unitaries, with Plymouth lobbying for its own expansion ("Plymouth Land-Grab"). Estimated £100 million cost to implement in Devon, with uncertain long-term savings. Residents are encouraged to participate in surveys and attend roadshows to shape the future. These are Modbury Memorial Hall 14.00 to 16.00 Monday 22nd Sept and Kingsbridge Community College 18.00 to 20.00 Thursday, 2nd October.

South West Peninsula Mayoral Strategic Authority (MSA). Proposed devolution model to coordinate transport, housing, energy, and skills across Devon, Torbay, and Plymouth. Cornwall has opted out for now but may join later.

Strategic Plan 2025–2029. Approved by Full Council in September; outlines **vision, values, and performance tracking. Final Cabinet approval expected in November.

Rural Affairs & Broadband. Airband contract withdrawn, leaving all 16 Salcombe Division parishes excluded from fibre rollout. Voucher schemes closed, but lobbying is underway to reinstate them. Parish councils are urged to survey internet speeds and prepare for future funding bids.

Highways & Traffic. Twenty is Plenty” motion approved: parishes can fund 20mph zones themselves (£5k–£10k). Parish Priority Lists encouraged to streamline road maintenance requests. Pilot studies underway to improve pothole repairs and review precept-funded maintenance.

School Smartphone Ban. Full Council approved a ban on smartphones in schools starting September 2026.

Hate Crime & River Rights Motions. Zero Tolerance for Hate Crime motion passed. River Rights motion deferred to Cabinet in November. River Summit – 4 October 2025. Focus on water quality in River Gara, Avon, and Salcombe Estuary. Parishes invited to participate in £500k–£2M funding bid via BLUEprint for Rivers.

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Parish Collaboration & Transparency. Louise4Devon website now hosts parish data comparisons, encouraging **cross-parish partnerships. Monthly reports will be shorter and more accessible, with sign-up options for residents.

Emergency Planning & Flooding. Parishes urged to update Emergency Plans if older than 5 years. Devon Resilience Forum offering support.

Locality Funds. Funding available for community-building projects—contact Louise Wainwright directly.

54. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS.

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

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

SHDC Cllr Dennis:

Cllr Dennis was pleased to see the new bins had been installed. Unfortunately, during Salcombe Regatta and Dartmouth Regatta weeks some bin collections had been disrupted, but this is now resolved. General litter and dog waste can be put in the bins, but not household waste. QR stickers for the bins should in place during the week.

SHDC Cllr Mark Long.

There had been cases of vandalism over the summer at South Milton and North Sands which has cost a lot of money to repair. SHDC have now installed sanitary bins in all the public toilets, and in the male toilets there will be a bin in one of the cubicles for prostate cancer sufferers to use.

Local Government reforms – 28th November is date for the final proposals . January 2026 – May 2026 for consultation and announcements expected in July 2026.

55. APOLOGIES

None received

56. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 4th August 2025 were approved and signed and initialled by the Chair.

57. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were received.

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

- a) Overgrown vegetation on roads in Thurlestone. The parish lengthsman has cut back the vegetation on the raised footpath and some of the footpaths by the school. The clerk will also take a note of all the properties whose hedges are causing a nuisance and will write to them again and inform DCC of any that do not respond.
- b) Footpaths update – No further news on the creation order regarding Dixons Quay news. Footpath 13 – the gate has been repaired. Cllr Smyth advised that in addition to the outstanding repairs on Paths 6 and 13 he had noticed a signpost on Path 20 on Eddystone Road, Thurlestone that needed replacing and flood related ruts on Path 4, below the Sloop in Bantham that required attention. These have also been reported to DCC.
- c) Narrow part of road by Merchants gardens. Councillors discussed. If there was a 20 mph in the village this would be less of a problem, however there have not been any other

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complaints. The situation will be monitored. Cllr Wainwright suggested that the PC make a priority list of any highways issues in the parish and to send it to herself and DCC Highways.

- d) Highways/Roads update. Parking restrictions near the Sloop – Cllr Hadaway and Cllr Palmer will walk the stretch of road recommended by DCC Highways for double yellow lines and measure the exact stretch needed. Cllrs will request 24 hour monitors for problem areas in the Parish.
- e) Speeding on road into Bantham. As above.
- f) Community Speed Watch. To be discussed at next meeting.
- g) New bins. Already discussed
- h) Field of Deams event Cllr Smyth spoke about the event and particularly the noise volume, and associated disturbance to neighbouring properties, during the festival and thereafter until up to 3am by people walking down the road towards the beach, many with Bluetooth speakers. He suggested that an official finishing time of 1.00 am was far too late and that much tighter restrictions on hours for any future event should be imposed and security enhanced. Louie Harrow the event organiser, apologised for any disruptions. Around 350 people attended, the music did stop at 1.00 pm, but that didn't cover certain individuals who made a noise once they had left the event. If the event is held next year he promised to contact the council in advance to discuss logistics and organisation of the event.

Matters raised for discussion at next meeting:

- Level Water/ Swoosh Bantham.
Harry Aubrey Fletcher owner Bantham Estate, has confirmed change of dates for 2027 - move to May/October hopefully to avoid peak holiday season. For 2026 event reduced number of ticket sales for Swoosh and inc for the Boomerang following day.
- Golf Course Horsebox – any news on planning application?

59. PLANNING & ENFORCEMENT (RESPONSE DATES NOTED)

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

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

- **2194/25/HHO - 5 Lambs Close, Thurlestone, TQ7 3PF.** Householder application for proposed single storey rear extension & alterations. 4 September 2025. **TPC Support**
- **2112/25/HHO - Buckland Park Farmhouse, Bantham, TQ7 3AB.** Householder application for proposed single storey pitched roof extension to dwelling. 5 September 2025. **TPC Object**
- **2325/25/TPO – Tree works at Clanacombe Lodge West Buckland To Clanacombe House And Beyond West Buckland TQ7 3AF.** 8 September 2025. **TPC Support**
- **1974/25/FUL - Land At Sx 667 483 (Challonscombe Farm), Oldhouse Lane, Kingston.** Installation of a wind turbine, landscaping, access tracks and other associated infrastructure for a temporary period. 11 September 2025. **Application withdrawn.**
- **1972/25/VAR - 5 Whimbrels Edge, Thurlestone, TQ7 3BR.** Ratification of Decision - **Support**
- **2060/25/HHO – The Clock House, Bantham, TQ7 3AN –** Ratification of Decision – **Object**
- **1923/25/HHO – Cob Cottage, Thurlestone, TQ7 3NJ.** Ratification of Decision - **Support**
- **1924/25/LBC – Cob Cottage, Thurlestone, TQ7 3NJ.** Ratification of Decision - **Support**

SOUTH HAMS DISTRICT COUNCIL DECISIONS:

- **2071/25/AGR – Lower Aunemouth Farm, Bantham, TQ7 3AD.** Decision Prior Approval not needed.
- **1972/25/VAR -b 5 Whimbrels Edge, Thurlestone, TQ7 3BR.** Approved
- **2060/25/HHO – The Clock House, Bantham, TQ7 3AN.** Under Consideration.
- **1923/25/HHO – Cob Cottage, Thurlestone, TQ7 3NJ.** Under Consideration

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- 1924/25/LBC – Cob Cottage, Thurlestone, TQ7 3NJ. Under Consideration
- 1666/25/HHO – Beacon, Eddystone Road, Thurlestone, TQ7 3NU. Approved

60. FINANCE & GOVERNANCE Receipts & Payments – Month 4

Accounts to pay – It was agreed to pay/approve – Parish Hall Hire. Clerk's salary. Julian Lee hours for August. Spot on Supplies extra toilet roll holder £16.00 £500 purchase order to approve to go Thurlestone Golf Club for public toilet cleaning and maintenance.

Governance:

Thurlestone Parish Council							31 August 2025 (2025-2026)
Summary of Receipts and Payments							
All Cost Centres and Codes							
Administration							
Code Title	Receipts			Payments			Net Position
	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	A/L Under/over spend
1 Salary				7,000.00	2,457.29	4,542.71	4,542.71 (64%)
2 HMRC		1,344.63	1,344.63				1,344.63 (N/A)
3 Hall Hire				394.00	90.00	294.00	294.00 (76%)
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	1,481.80	148.20	148.20 (9%)
16 ICO Subscription				35.00	47.00	-12.00	-12.00 (-34%)
17 DALC Subscription				400.00	302.99	97.01	97.01 (24%)
18 SLOC Subscription				75.00	75.00		(0%)
19 Internal/External Audits				500.00	400.00	100.00	100.00 (20%)
24 PAYE Annl Subscription				120.00		120.00	120.00 (100%)
25 Website				1,500.00		1,500.00	1,500.00 (100%)
28 Election Recharge				190.00		190.00	190.00 (100%)
33 SCRIBE				500.00		500.00	500.00 (100%)
34 Climate & Ecology							(N/A)
38 Travel Expenses							(N/A)
47 Bank Charges	228.00		-228.00	51.00	21.25	29.75	-198.25 (-71%)
SUB TOTAL	228.00	1,344.63	1,116.63	14,566.00	4,846.33	9,709.67	10,828.30 (73%)
Grounds Maintenance							
Code Title	Receipts			Payments			Net Position
	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	A/L Under/over spend
13 Grass & Hedge cutting				4,000.00	780.00	3,220.00	3,220.00 (80%)
SUB TOTAL				4,000.00	780.00	3,220.00	3,220.00 (80%)
Income							
Code Title	Receipts			Payments			Net Position
	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	A/L Under/over spend
20 Precept	44,934.00	22,467.00	-22,467.00				-22,467.00 (-50%)
21 Bank Gross Interest	18.00	98.39	80.39				80.39 (446%)
22 HMRC Refund	1,376.45		-1,376.45				-1,376.45 (-100%)
30 REFUND							(N/A)
31 Localities Grant	500.00		-500.00				-500.00 (-100%)
45 P3 Funding Income	700.00		-700.00				-700.00 (-100%)
SUB TOTAL	47,528.45	22,565.39	-24,963.06				-24,963.06 (-52%)
Loan Repayment Parish Hall							
Code Title	Receipts			Payments			Net Position
	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	A/L Under/over spend
7 Loan Repayments				6,215.21	3,107.66	3,107.66	3,107.66 (50%)

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All Cost Centres and Codes

31 August 2025 (2025-2026)

SUB TOTAL					8,215.21	3,107.55	3,107.88	3,107.88 (50%)
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Parish Events & Associated			Receipts			Payments			Net Position
Code	Title	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	Budgeted	Actual	Variance		41- Under/over spend
23	VE Day Celebration		24.00	24.00	3,000.00	3,435.84	-435.84		-411.84 (-13%)
27	Wreaths				50.00		50.00		50.00 (100%)
37	Coronation Event								(N/A)
43	Church Donation				300.00		300.00		300.00 (100%)
44	Grants Donation								(N/A)
46	Climate								(N/A)
SUB TOTAL			24.00	24.00	3,350.00	3,435.84	-85.84		-81.84 (-1%)

Public Toilets & DAAT			Receipts			Payments			Net Position
Code	Title	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	Budgeted	Actual	Variance		41- Under/over spend
8	DAAT Electricity				320.00	213.48	106.52		106.52 (33%)
9	Public Toilets Water				2,000.00	7.57	1,992.43		1,992.43 (99%)
10	Public Toilets Electricity				900.00	192.78	707.22		707.22 (78%)
11	Public Toilets Cleaning				4,500.00		4,500.00		4,500.00 (100%)
12	Public Toilet Repairs/Maintenance				2,000.00	526.70	1,473.30		1,473.30 (73%)
42	DAAT Repairs								(N/A)
SUB TOTAL					8,720.00	940.53	8,779.47		8,779.47 (80%)

Repairs & Maintenance			Receipts			Payments			Net Position
Code	Title	Budgeted	Actual	Variance	Budgeted	Actual	Variance		41- Under/over spend
15	Speed Signs				300.00		300.00		300.00 (100%)
26	Phone Box Maintenance & Upke				300.00		300.00		300.00 (100%)
29	Asset Repairs				1,500.00		1,500.00		1,500.00 (100%)
39	DAAT								(N/A)
40	Defibrillator Repair								(N/A)
41	P3 Funding Income								(N/A)
SUB TOTAL					2,100.00		2,100.00		2,100.00 (100%)

Summary									
NET TOTAL	47,768.45	23,934.02	-23,822.43	38,940.21	13,108.26	28,830.98	3,008.53 (5%)		
V.A.T.					830.55				
GROSS TOTAL		23,934.02			13,940.20				

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61. NEXT MEETINGS

- **Monday, 6th October 2025 7.30 pm**
- **Monday, 3rd November 2025 7.30 pm**
- **Monday, 1st December 2025 7,30 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.

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