

THROWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the COUNCIL MEETING held in Parsonage Farm Conference Centre on Monday 18th January 2016 at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Roger Scutt (Chairman)
Roger Clarke
Tim Young
Adam Jastrzebski
Frances Wilson
Alan Murphy
Jill Moore (Clerk)

Apologies: Sian Lewis, Cllr Prescott, Andrew Bowles

1. **Minutes** of the council meeting on Monday 5th October 2015 were taken as read.

2. **Matters arising**

- a. Roads update – Frances Wilson phoned the council about roofing felt dumped at Valley Farm, it is still there. **Action – Frances Wilson to phone again.**
- b. Internet Reception – Adam Jastrzebski reported that he received correspondence from George Chandler saying about Throwley being considered in the plans for Phase 2 of the Broadband UK project and that specific details will be known soon. George Chandler has invited Adam and TPC councillors to a meeting to work out various options for Throwley, once they are known. The project is to be completed in 2017 and the work related to Throwley will most likely start this year. Additionally, Eastling exchange has been recently upgraded to fibre and undergoes testing at present. Furthermore, Helen Whately, MP already had a discussion with the Openreach and Kent's Broadband UK project team. Therefore, Adam had decided that contacting Helen Whately would not be useful at present. Then, Adam described various options available for implementation of Throwley fast, if not necessarily superfast, broadband, including local fibre street cabinet and the potential "last mile" solutions (cable, wireless, fibre). Adam commented that the satellite broadband solution, currently formally available through the KCC broadband website, has not had good customer feedback and is not advisable. Roger Scutt thanked Adam Jastrzebski for all his efforts. **Action - Adam Jastrzebski, Frances Wilson and Alan Murphy to attend a meeting with George Chandler about broadband for Throwley plans.**
- c. George Chandler has accepted an invitation to the Parish meeting 21 March 2016. Roger Scutt will not be able to attend but will prepare a report for Roger Clarke. **Action – clerk to i) invite George Chandler to meeting in church and ii) put details in parish magazine.**
- d. Adam Jastrzebski further news – Paddy Reeves has been improving the parish website. This will be excellent when BT are nearing actioning their plan. Adam Jastrzebski has suggested they set up another email address for neighbourhood watch.
- e. Road Safety letters have gone out – no replies as yet
- f. Sink hole letter has gone out to Mr McConaghie – no reply as yet. It was discussed and decided to wait until next meeting for reply then write to him again. **Action – clerk**
- g. Registration of interest forms. **Action – clerk to email forms to Alan Murphy**

3. **Grass cutting on the forstal**

Roger Scutt reported that Mark Deals is no longer interested in cutting the grass on the forstal but may still continue to cut the churchyard. Roger has been in contact with another grass-cutter. the new person proposes picking up the grass, the viability of this was discussed. Possible price was also discussed. Roger Clarke reported that the grass-cutting at Challock is done by KCC under Ashford BC. **Action - Roger Scutt to contact new person then possibly KCC.**

4. **Finance update**

- a. All payments up to date and precept application confirmed.
- b. Adam Jastrzebski reported on repairs to container roof that there are 3 sheets of corrugated that weren't used. They are 90cm wide x 3m long and available to purchase back from TPC. Contact Adam Jastrzebski if interested.

5. Village clean up

The date and procedure was discussed, the best option was thought to be 13th March, with 20th as the second option. **Action – clerk to i) email Sian Lewis to check her availability and ii) contact Swale BC to arrange collection of bags on the following Monday. Roger Scutt is to contact Swale BC to obtain bags and gloves .**

6. Any other business

- a. Repairs to electricity box. Roger Clarke is to assess what work is needed and report at the next meeting. **Action - Roger Clarke**
- b. Adam Jastrzebski brought up the subject of TPC, PCC and TEA having a concerted effort to hold more social/community activities. He expressed concern that there are few new parishioners coming forward to organise activities and asked how they could be encouraged to do so. The subject was discussed. It was thought the Queen's official birthday in June may provide an opportunity for a social/community activity. Adam Jastrzebski proposed that a committee be formed from a cross-section of TPC, PCC and TEA. Adam Jastrzebski and Roger Scutt expressed an interest of serving on the committee. **Action - none at present.**

The time and date of the next meeting is Monday 21st March 2016 at 7.30 pm in the Church.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00 pm

Signed_____ Date_____