

THELBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 25th January 2016

Clerk: John Wilkinson, 4 Silver Way, Shobrooke, Crediton, Devon EX17 1HP
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Present. Cllr W. Boundy(ch) Cllr P. Gelbard, Cllr J. Gibson, Cllr R. Hayes, Cllr J. Binks. ~~Cllr J. Binks~~.
Three members of the public.

1. Public Questions.

There were several complaints about the work being carried out in preparation for the proposals at Edgeworthy Farm. A high tension cable is being buried on the 'back road' on the lane leading up to the cricket pavilion.

The current contractors were appointed in haste following the default of the original appointees and they appear not to be as safety conscious or as adept as they should have been.

Deep, water-filled trenches were abandoned with no proper warning notices nor lamps and it would appear that the warning tapes, mandatory in excavations of this kind were not being used correctly.

The site had been left unsafe with polythene sheeting blowing about and empty cable drums abandoned.

The Enforcement Officer was summoned but on attending seemed to do nothing.

The road had been closed without the correct license and an excavation above 1000m such as this needs to carry planning permission; no planning permission was in place on this site,. The Clerk was asked to send a letter of complaint to both County Council and Mid Devon Councils couched in the terms already discussed.

The PC's reactions to this were already covered by the foregoing.

3. Declarations Of Interest.

None.

4. Minutes.

The minutes of the October meetings were both signed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

5. Matters Arising From The Minutes.

None.

6. Planning

Items 1-6 were matters of report.

15/01808/FULL Courtesy report from Parish of Cruwys Morchard. The Chairman of Cruwys Morchard Parish Council was in attendance and declared herself alarmed at the potential amount of chicken litter which will be produced through the welter of planning proposals and developments which have taken place in the area.

The owner claims that 41% of the digestate will be outsourced. There will be an enormous amount of litter produced plus large delivery vehicles coming from all over the area. The Clerk was asked to send a letter to MDDC objecting to this proposal on the grounds of the inevitable augmented road traffic, increase in chicken litter and possible over-production of chickens.

15/01439/FULL This proposal has been removed.

The proposal for an anaerobic digester at Edgeworthy Farm has been deferred until 26th January.

7. Complaint Against Clerk and one Councillor.

The Clerk made a report about these complaints by saying that the matter seems to have been settled.

8. Finance.

7:1 The current bank statement was presented, it showed a credit balance of £1,199.30

7:2 The annual precept was discussed and it was decided unanimously that a similar sum to last year should be requested, £1,500.00

7:3 Account settled.

7:3:1 John Wilkinson, Clerk's pay 116.00 (one third of a year)

9. Grass Cutting.

Attempts will be made to regularise the position.

10. Closure of Crediton Council Office.

CLr Binks relayed the information from CLr Letch that there would be some staff available in Crediton even after the withdrawal of MDDC staff. This will be financed by Crediton Town Council.

11. Correspondence.

Some printed matter received by the Clerk was presented.

12. Chairman's Reports.

None.

The meeting closed at 9.35pm, Next meeting in May, date to be decided.

W. H. Bandy

21st March 2016