

# **Thelbridge Parish Council**

## Meeting Minutes

19<sup>th</sup> October 2022

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### **Present:**

Cllrs Boundy, Cowell, Gilbard, Grant, Hayes, Squires (DCC & MDDC), Lloyd (MDDC)

### **Apologies for absence**

Cllr Clements

- I. Minutes of 26<sup>th</sup> July were signed as a correct record.
- II. Public forum  
No members of the public were present.
- III. Declarations of interest  
There were none.
- VI. Reports from County and District Councillors  
County will over-spend this year. There are shortages of social workers. Affordable housing for essential workers is an issue.  
MDDC also have budgetary pressures. The three weekly bin collections have started, some black wheelie bins have been delivered that are not required.
- VII. Defibrillator  
It was **resolved** to accept the recommendations in the defibrillator report:
  1. Agree the London Hearts quote and place an order for the defibrillator and cabinet
  2. Delegate responsibility for agreeing the cost and arranging installation and to the Clerk
  3. Remaining funds be accounted for separately to cover future maintenance costs.and provide Cruwys Morchard Parish Council with £200 towards the replacement of the Nomansland defibrillator, if still required.
- VIII. Finance
  - a The statement of accounts and budget report were considered and approved.
  - b Printing and postage at £12.80 for the second quarter was approved.

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## IX. Clerk's Report

HMRC have issued a "penalty for failure to file PAYE returns on time"; this is being contested since the returns have been filed on time.

- An email has been received from the Mid Devon Wildlife Co-ordinator. They are seeking volunteers:

*What does being a Wildlife Warden involve?*

- *A few hours of training and induction and then as little or as much time as you would like (just a few hours a month)*
- *Championing wildlife in your area - this could mean working on a specific project with others or contributing to a range of nature projects and community events*
- *Working together with 2-5 other Wildlife Wardens representing wildlife in your parish*
- *Reporting in to the MDWWS Coordinator and Parish Council on a monthly basis*
- *Being part of a District-wide scheme offering support and training*

It was **resolved** to put an item in next year's newsletter.

An email from Paul Major a committee member of the charity "Dream-A-Way" and also a councillor for Willand Parish Council was received asking for publicity and also, possibly a donation. Dream-A-Way is an Exeter based charity entirely run by volunteers since 1993 and provides grants to Devon's children and adults with disabilities, including those with a terminal prognosis, to help fund holidays and days out. Over 18,000 people have benefited to date. It was **resolved** to include information in the next newsletter and the website.

## X. Planning

There is one new planning application for consideration:

[Alterations to dwelling to include replacement of existing roof covering, installation of photovoltaic array to south facing roof](#)

Campbellhays Cottage Witheridge Tiverton Devon EX16 8QL

Ref. No: 22/01133/HOUSE | Received: Mon 30 May 2022 | Validated: Tue 11 Oct 2022 | Status: Pending Consideration

It was **resolved** to submit a neutral comment

## XI. Grant Award Policy

It was **resolved** to adopt the new grant award policy, subject to changing k to include "if requested".

## XII. Damaged Finger Post Sign

The Highways Officer has not suggested any contractors. The contractor that replaced the footpath sign a couple of years ago has been contacted, but so far there has not been any response. **Clerk** to email the Highways Officer again and cc Cllr Squires.

## XIII. Items for future agenda

Defibrillator

Finger post repair

Complaints Policy

Freedom of Information Publication Scheme  
Information Charter/Privacy Policy

XIV. Future meeting dates

- 14<sup>th</sup> December 2022 (budget setting)
- 8th February 2023
- 19<sup>th</sup> April 2023 (year-end accounts)
- 17<sup>th</sup> May 2023 (annual meeting)

The meeting closed at 20:20

Signed *W. K. Bondy*.....(Chairman) Date *11<sup>th</sup> January 2023*