THROWLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Throwleigh Parish Council on Monday, 16th November 2026 at 7.00pm in Throwleigh Village Hall, Throwleigh.

Present: Cllr R Littlewood (Chairman), M Byatt, D Jordan and, P Wilson.

Also in attendance: K Graddock, Parish Clerk.

THR25 Apologies
Cllr D Vincent, J Wiesnieski and K Barrau.

THR26 Declarations of Interest
None.

THR27 Minutes
RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of 21st September 2026 be approved and signed as a correct record.

(NC)

THR28 Public Participation
No public were present.

THR29 Reports from outside bodies

a) Devon County Councillor – Cllr Sue Davies
Cllr Sue Davies sent a report for members, which is attached as Appendix 1.

b) West Devon Borough Councillor – Cllr Steve Guthrie

- District Councillors will be elected next May.
- Mayoral by 2028.
- DNP has consultation out that ends on 22nd November. Emerging Dartmoor Local Plan 2026 | Dartmoor
- Capital grants available – open today until 10th January.
- West Devon looking for good contractors to complete for properties within the area.
- Terrain talks at Drew Arms – about housing land and resilience. Thursday at 6pm.

THR30 Finance

a) Payments and Receipts: To approve Payments and Receipts
RESOLVED: That the following payments be approved.

(NC)

K Graddock – Salary	£865.85	Chq no 669
HMRC – PAYE	£216.40	Chq no 670
K Graddock – expenses	£41.80	Chq no 669
E Warwick Oliver – Website hosting	£32.36	Chq no 668

b) **TOR Support Services**
A request had been received from TOR Support Services asking for a donation towards their services.
RESOLVED: That a grant of £200.00 be approved.

(NC)

THR31 **Planning**

a) **Application 0356/26** Change of use of 2-bedroom holiday let to a Class C3 (Discounted Open Market Affordable) dwelling for occupation as a principal residence by local qualifying persons at The Bolt Hole, Throwleigh, Okehampton, Devon, EX20 2JA **Link to application here**
RESOLVED: that there are no objections from the Parish Council.

(NC)

THR32 **Road Warden Scheme**

Discussion as to whether the Parish Council sign up to the Road Warden Scheme.

There was a discussion on some of the minor roads around the village that are becoming increasingly worse.
RESOLVED:

1. That Cllr Byatt complete the Road Warden course.
2. That the Clerk invite Jade Ash to meet with them during the day to look at some of the local roads and also extend an invitation to a meeting to discuss the local roadways.

(NC)

THR33 **Notice Board Repairs**

The clerk contacted a local carpenter and the following prices were obtained
£1,100.00 for a new noticeboard in the village, fitted.
£170.00 for repairs at the Wonson notice board.

Cllr Sue Davies has pledged £700.00 towards these costs and the clerk will look to obtain funding for the remainder and it was **RESOLVED:** That the clerk continue with the implementation on these.

THR34 **Councillors' Reports and Items for Future Agenda**

The Clerk asked Councillors if they were happy for her to dial in via teams on the January meeting – no issues raised.

Meeting ended at 7.45pm.

Signed: …… Dated: ……

Appendix 1: Report from Cllr Sue Davies

Devon County Council Report – Throwleigh Parish Council - 16th November 2026

Local Government Reorganisation and Mayoral Strategic Authority

The scheme for 4 Unitary Councils as proposed and accepted by the government has now been officially cancelled. New proposals will be brought forward next year for a change to a Unitary council system. We look forward to a more workable and reasonable proposal for the whole county.

The government have also indicated that they are willing to back a bid for Devon to become a Mayoral Authority. Should this go ahead we would be electing a Mayor in 2028 and this will pave the way for more government funding direct to the county.

Government backs plans for a Mayoral Strategic Authority for Devon, Plymouth and Torbay - News

National Grid – Reinforcement Project

Please see attached link for details. This project is essentially to improve resilience of the grid in Devon, and this will involve a new line of pylons/supply lines from Alverdiscott to North Tawton due for delivery in 2030.

National Grid - Central Devon Reinforcement Project

Whilst we do need to improve our grid resilience, we do not believe this is the best way of doing so, and with the help of CRPE Devon I will be campaigning against this project to place more pylons on the beautiful Devon landscape. There is a meeting being planned to speak with the developers which we are hoping to hold at the Rugby club in North Tawton, no date is set as yet.

A link to the Campaign for the Protection of Rural England : Home - CPRE Devon if you are not already members, the parish council might like to consider joining. This project is not covered on the website as yet but there will be information uploaded soon. Our campaign is supported by an engineer who has some interesting ideas how we can challenge this project and introduce something much more suitable.

Please feel free to share this information with councillors – we would be very grateful for their support. CPRE are also campaigning against the vast Data Centre at Great Torrington. Torridge district council will be considering the proposal next year and CPRE are coordinating a vast number of public objections.

SWW – Water Supply Resilience

Reservoir levels | South West Water

You may already be aware that the reservoir levels in the county are extremely low. DCC are considering implications of a water shortage. This is not something that I advise sharing widely with residents as it is bound to cause concern. However if there is an opportunity to suggest to residents that a small stock of bottled water is a wise idea, without causing alarm, this would be prudent. We will keep an eye on the situation – also after attending a meeting to discuss the above, I followed on with a council meeting to consider to problems of roads flooding this winter. So make of that what you will.

Revised National Planning Policy Framework

Please see attached details of a planning workshop that councillors may be interested in attending to consider the upcoming changes to planning.

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