

TIMBERSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL DRAFT MINUTES

Monday 30th November 2020 at 7.30pm via Zoom

Present: Councillor(s): P. Pilkington (PP)– Chairman, S Campbell (SC), C. Collins (CC), J. Stitt (JS), & Somerset West & Taunton District Councillor (SW&TDC) S Pugsley (SP) & Somerset County Councillor (SCC) F Nicholson (FN) and Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer (RFO) C Hornsby and two members of the public.

20/146 Questions from the public. None

20/147 Apologies of Absence Parish Cllrs: S. Searle, S. Takle

20/148 Declarations of notifiable interests: None

20/149 Approval of the Minutes of the last meeting held on 26th October 2020. These were proposed by SC and 2nd by CC and those present at the meeting AGREED they were a true and correct record of what took place.

20/150 Matters arising from the minutes of 26th October 2020

20/151 Councillor Vacancy. There are two people are interested and they will be asked to attend the January meeting. Clerk to organise.

20/152 Report by the SW&T District Councillor and Somerset County Councillor. FN spoke about the following: Funding for Small Improvement Scheme. FN then left the meeting. SP spoke about the following: Exmoor National Park Authority (ENPA) planning training for parish councils; SW&TDC grants for businesses affected by the latest lockdown. The application process can be accessed through the Council's Covid-19 business pages where you can also find SWTs grant information -

<https://www.somersetwestandtaunton.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19-advice-and-information/>

20/153 Highways The large dumpy bags of salt have been delivered around the parish and there are also small emergency salt bags available for areas of public use, the elderly and disabled – please contact Cllr Peter Pilkington for more details at: peterpilk@gmail.com

20/154 Bridle paths - clearing by ENPA continues

20/155 Finance report by RFO including (i) Bank reconciliation: current a/c £4,289.27; reserve a/c £8,487.76 (ii) Invoices: **Dan Pass more final cut of the year £105.00** All agreed this is to be paid. (iii) Budget: was presented by the clerk and all agreed the finances are looking healthy but must be prepared for any sudden hidden costs over the next 2 years (iv) Precept: Due to the finance being positive, this was agreed by all Cllrs to keep at the same amount £8481.00 - Clerk to organise paperwork.

20/156 Planning Applications and Decision: GDO 20/09 - Land at Hopcott Common (Easting: 296370, Northing: 144650) Prior notification for proposed alteration and upgrading of existing road to improve access. ENPA Website link: <https://planning.agileapplications.co.uk/exmoor/application-details/21847> This was for reference only – parish council do not need to respond, just be aware of.

20/157 Parish Lengthsman (PLM) (i) Dulverton TC asked if the TPC wish to continue with the PLM – the parish council AGREED to continue with the PLM (ii) Next scheduled days: 10th Dec, 4th Jan. – clerk to call PLM with details of work, but Cllrs to notify clerk by 7th Dec of any work they feel needs doing.

20/158 Village Maintenance – Curb stones on Jubilee Terrace have been hit again – SC and Clerk to register on SCC road defaults website page. To report any damage to the roads in Somerset please go to <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/report-a-pothole-or-road-defect/>

20/159 Climate Change: Free trees from SW&TDC – these are now with PP and it was agreed to share equally between the following three areas: The Forest School, The Hill Fort and along a public footpath between

Timberscombe and Beasley,. Planting will happen over the weekend of 5th and 6th Dec whilst observing current COVID 19 Gov guidelines.

20/160 Village Survey working group – JS presented his plan for the village survey and ALL AGREED it was excellent and thanked JS for his work. It will be distributed around the parish in January 2021

20/161 Correspondence: none

20/162 Report from representatives of other groups: (i) Exmoor Panel: conducted remotely and issues such as Salt bags were raised. (ii) Consultative & Parish Forum: conducted remotely and issues such as the report on nature recovery and the responses was discussed.

20/163 COVID 19 update in the parish – Chair PP thanked Lesley Webb for her updates on the website and SP reported that the area is in Tier 2 mainly due to the lack of hospitals in the area and any increase in cases will cause a strain on the hospital’s resources.

20/164 Chairman’s and councillors notices These items will be on the next Agenda if they need to be voted on. SC reported that herself and SS will be arranging the village Christmas tree again and many people from the community have also offered to assist. The tree will be decorated on Sunday 6th whilst observing current COVID 19 guidelines from the Gov. SS stressed this is not a parish council event or responsibility but a community event.

20/165 Items for next meeting agenda. Parish Maintenance: Cllrs to consider employing someone extra to do work in the village in addition to the PLM hours.

20/165 Date of next Meeting - Monday 25th January 2021

There being no further busines the chair closed the meeting at 8.45pm

Signed by the Chair.....Date.....