

TIMBERSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday 22nd February 2021 – 7.30pm via Zoom

Present: Parish Councillor(s): P. Pilkington (PP) – Chairman, S Campbell (SC), C. Collins (CC), S. Searle (SS) S. Takle (ST), P Chisling (PC) & Somerset West & Taunton District Councillor (SW&TDC) S Pugsley (SP) & Somerset County Councillor (SCC) F Nicholson (FN) Clark and Responsible Finance Officer (RFO) C Hornsby. Members of the public: None

22/21 Questions from the public. None.

23/21 Apologies of Absence: None – Cllr J Stitt has stepped down. Details in 38/21

24/21 Declarations of notifiable interests: None

25/21 Approval of the Minutes of the last meeting held on 25/01/2021 – CC raised a point that was missing from the minutes but which was later covered in 26/21. SS proposed and SC 2nd as a true and correct record of what took place and all agreed.

26/21 Matters arising from the minutes of 25/01/2021 – 10/21 (ii) Invoices: Clerk reported that the sensitive cutting requirements for the church yard that were raised at the Jan Meeting was left out of the minutes because she wanted to contact the church before it became public. It was noted at the January 2021 meeting to ask the church to cut with wildflowers in mind and allow to flourish because the TPC had signed up to the Climate and Environment Emergency Declaration which means everything they do must take this in to account. Clerk contacted the Church and the response was read in point 35/21

27/21 Report by the SW&T District Councillor and Somerset County Councillor. (i) SWAT DC meet to finalise the Council Tax for the forthcoming year. (ii) On Going CV19 grants available – go to SW&T DC website for details. <https://www.somersetwestandtaunton.gov.uk/news/swt-issues-further-grant-support-to-local-businesses/> (iii) Government changed the way in which affordability is being calculated and so Housing Association is more likely to be built in Somerset West (iv) continue to be vigilant with keeping distance, washing hands and staying safe.

28/21 Highways Go to: <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/report-a-pothole-or-road-defect/> to report road defects (i) Drain outside village hall has been done. (ii) Pot hole in Great Street – SS to report on website (iii) water flowing down Great Street from a spring. (iv) Tiles outside shop lifting – SC to report on website.

29/21 Bridle paths -report by SC – New sign at Beasley, School Lane and by Old Mill. Trees removed that had crossed foot paths

30/21 Finance report by RFO including (i) Bank reconciliation Reserve £7987.76; Current £2532.79; Total £10,520.55 (ii) Invoices - None

31/21 Planning Applications and Decision: 6/34/21/101 EAST HARWOOD FARM,

Proposed retention of first floor flat for three years (pending construction of approved permanent dwelling). The parish council supported this planning application

Here is the direct link

<https://planning.agileapplications.co.uk/exmoor/application-details/22024>

32/21 Parish Lengthsman (PLM): Cllrs to fwd all jobs they want the PLM to do so she can add to the jobs list.

33/21 Village Maintenance – Cllrs to report on any work required within the village. (i) Decision: Mowing in the village – tender details: JAPF cut as before with a margin; Roadside cut with a 1-2m strip; Brewers Green cut as before as concerns were raised if the area was left to wild meadow, children may play there and dog mess may not be picked; Road side of Falcon Housing. Tenders are invited for wildflower-friendly mowing, starting 5th April 2021 – 22nd October 2021 One over-all cut, then sensitive, selective mowing fortnightly through the summer. Please contact the parish council via: timberscombecclerk@gmail.com for more details. Tenders close 22nd March 2021. Cllrs will meet with the prospective contractor to advice on the cutting. TPC happy to hear from public in the future, about how they feel the new cutting scheme is going. (ii) it was also

proposed that PP purchase some wildflower seed to scatter and it was also mentioned that the school might like to take part. FN to enquire.

34/21 Climate Change: (i) PC suggested a wildflower project for people to do in their gardens and seeds to be available in the shop. A photograph your wild garden was suggested which can be put on the website. More discussion in the March meeting.

35/21 Correspondence to include (i) The Church thanked the parish council for their donation for the church yard cutting. They understood the request to reduce cutting for wildlife and will take to the next Church meeting to discuss. (ii) Good Neighbour scheme thanked the Parish Council for the donation.

36/21 Report from representatives of other groups: (i) Exmoor Panel – West Somerset Together giving a talk (ii) Consultative & Parish Forum - None

37/21 COVID 19 update in the parish. - None

38/21 Chairman's and councillors' notices (These items will be on the next Agenda if they need to be voted on.) PP reported that it was with regret that he had to inform the council that Cllr J Stitt has stepped down due to work commitments. PP stated that JS was a valued cllr and was welcome back at any time – should there be a vacancy. Clerk will now set-in motion an advert for a new Cllr. PP stated that a new Chair for the JAPF committee was required and that a meeting will be held in March. Clerk noted that as JAPF Trustees do not have to be Cllrs, that any one from the village could join. A poster will go up in the village shop and an advert on the website – clerk to organise.

39/21 Items for next meeting agenda.

40/21 Date of next Meeting - Monday 29th March 2021