

TIMBERSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL (TPC) MINUTES
Monday 29th March 2021 7.30pm via Zoom

Present: Parish Councillor(s): P. Pilkington PP – Chairman, P Chisling PC, C. Collins CC, S. Takle ST, & Somerset West & Taunton District Councillor (SW&TDC) S Pugsley PS & Somerset County Councillor (SCC) F Nicholson FN, & Clerk C Hornsby. Members of the public: one

22/21 Questions from the public. – none

23/21 Apologies of Absence SC - S Campbell

24/21 Declarations of notifiable interests: PP and ST both declared interest on the planning application 6/8/21/102 - Allercott Farm,

25/21 Approval of the Minutes of the last meeting held on 22/02/2021 – these were proposed by CC and 2nd by PC as a true and correct record.

26/21 Matters arising from the minutes of 22/02/2021 – none

26/21 Councillor Vacancy – two people showed interest. K walker and M Savage. K walker was unable to attend the meeting. The councils listened to the email from K Walker and also a report from M Savage on why they both felt they would be able to support the parish council. Mr Savage was asked to leave the meeting while the Cllrs discussed and debated who to appoint. It was agreed to appoint Mr Savage due to his experience of fundraising and past work on committees. It was also agreed to ask K Walker if she would be happy to support the playing ground committee. Clerk to organise. Mr Savage was then Co-opted as councillor but as he was unable to sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office at the time, he would not be able to vote on any matters that may arise during the rest of the meeting.

28/21 Report by the SW&T District Councillor and Somerset County Councillor. – FN reported that (i) from the 7th of May the parish councils will be unable to hold Zoom meetings, all must now be physical. (ii) A £12million Community Rehabilitation fund has been advertised in Somerset. With priory areas being Sedgemoor and the Mendips. The County Council is making a case for West Somerset. (iii) FN to send cllrs press release about Economic Development workshops. (iv) The climate Change Grant that TPC applied for has been granted. (v) Please report all road defects to the website and Alan Jones of Highways will be attending the next panel meeting. **FN then left the meeting.** SP reported that (vi) ENPA have sent out a future economy of Exmoor survey – Clerk to fwd. to Cllrs. (vii) Business rates and Council tax are now over due and will be chased by the SW&T DC however they will take in to account the pandemic and will chase with care and consideration. (viii) in April there will be business start up grants available.

29/21 Highways - Please report all road defects via the website.....

30/21 Bridle paths -report by ST – ENPA have been clearing trees that have been recently felled.

31/21 Finance report by RFO including (i) Bank reconciliation Reserve Account Balance Now 7987.76 Current Account Balance Now 2532.79 Total of both bank accounts 10520.55 (ii) Invoices - Lesley Webb for website £60; West Som Free Press advert £87.60 - Cllrs agreed both to be paid.

32/21 Planning Applications and Decision: 6/8/21/102 - Allercott Farm, Timberscombe - Proposed change of use of area from sheep and cattle feeding area to a timber storage area together with the widening of existing gateway and creation of banking and planting of hedgerow. Retrospective. Four cllrs were present but two had to declare an interest. The two remaining said that it had not caused any problem and were both in support of the retrospective application. Clerk to email ENPA

33/21 Parish Lengthsman (PLM): Check list of jobs - to be reviewed. Parish Lengthsman Work sheet

- Strimming around signs
- Path to Bembury Bank
- Orchard Bungalows - front of
- Village sign by Duddings

- Drains clearing
- Painting of Bus Shelter

34/21 Village Maintenance – Cllrs to report on any work required within the village. (i) Decision: Mowing in the village – tender decision 3 responded – Clerk to email the two most close to the council’s budget about specifying grass clearance costs. Once this has been finalised, PP will get Cllrs to vote on who they wish to have the Tender for 2021 – this will be done via email to speed up the process. (ii) Wildflower sowing – Cllrs to meet with due care of CV19 restrictions to discuss where the recent seed bombs that PP had purchased should be distributed and how the cutting of the grass should be done – date booked for Monday 5th April. (iii) Benches – M Savage offered to sand down and varnish the bench(s) on the village green

35/21 Climate Change: (i) update from CC – CC will send around to the Councillors the outline of tasks and dates that Bill and Graham have said they will do for the Climate Emergency Fund Grant that has been received.

36/21 Correspondence – Concerns were raised over a Motor Cycle event that was to happen in the parish. CC to email the organiser to express concerns.

37/21 Report from representatives of other groups: (i) Exmoor Panel (ii) Consultative & Parish Forum (iii) JAPF meeting Wednesday 14th April 7.30 via Zoom (iv) PLT meeting Wednesday 14th April via Zoom (following the JAPF meeting) emergency meeting tonight but will only last 15 mins tops

38/21 COVID 19 update in the parish – none

39/21 Chairman’s and councillors’ notices – none

40/21 Items for next meeting agenda

41/21 Date of next Meeting - Monday 26th April 2021

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