

TIMBERSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday 26th April 2021 7.30pm via Zoom

Councillor(s): P. Pilkington – Chairman, S Campbell, C. Collins, M. Savage, & Somerset West & Taunton District Councillor (SW&TDC) S Pugsley

61/21 Questions from the public. NONE

62/21 Apologies of Absence: P Chisling, S Takle, F Nicholson

63/21 Declarations of notifiable interests: None

64/21 Approval of the Minutes of the last meeting held on 29/03/2021 – Clerk noted that the numbering should run from 42/21 – 61/21 and will be amended before the chair signs. Proposed by CC 2nd by PP And agreed as a true and correct record of what took place.

65/21 Matters arising from the minutes of 29/03/2021: Outstanding payments from the last minutes – SC agreed to sort out her authorisation this week.

66/21 Councillor Vacancy – Sue Searle has stepped down from the parish council as she has moved away. PP wanted it minuted that Sue had always been a fantastic councillor for the parish and had given many year of service and will be sorely missed. Clerk will notify SW&T DC and start advertising for a new councillor. Due to the rules and regulations the parish council are unable to offer the position to anyone who has applied previously as this is for a different council vacancy. However, it was agreed to ask K Walker who applied last time to the May meeting.

67/21 Clerk Vacancy On 09/04/2021 the Clerk notified the Chair and council of her decision to leave the parish council due to other work commitments. She stated that it was with saddens that she has to step down as she has loved the role. PP thanked CH for her work and remarked how she had been a fantastic clerk and that he was sure all councillors would agree and we are all very sorry to see her leave. The Clerk will stay on till end of May and if no one has been found by then will help out till June. As the Clerk is still continuing with Exmoor Parish Council, she will be able to support who ever takes on the role so they will not be on their own. Adverts are on the website, Dunkery Tidings, the Post Office and will be in West Somerset Free Press too.

68/21 Report by the SW&T District Councillor and Somerset County Councillor. (i) SP also added praise to the clerk, he also praised PP who was stepping down as portfolio holder at SW&T DC and he stated that he has always been a voice for Exmoor on the Executive committee and will be missed. (ii) SW&T AGM is next week. (iii) A meeting will also be held to decide if a local poll should be done to get local opinion from the residents of Somerset about the changes taking place. (iv) ENPA: SP advised that someone would attend the meeting to discuss the timber storage at Allercott if at all possible. There were two members who are unable to due to a declaration of notifiable interest. (v) Bungalow Knowle Lane - application made to certify that bungalow can continue to be occupied by a non-agricultural worker and family. Clerk to circulate to all Cllrs.

69/21 Highways - Pavement tiles have been fixed by highways outside the shop,

70/21 Bridle paths – New signs by play park are incorrect – PP to notify ENPA who put them up.

71/21 Finance report by RFO including (i) Bank reconciliation Reserve Account: £7,987.76 Current Account £10,995.79 Precept for £8481.00 from SW&T DC has been paid in. (ii) Invoices: Outstanding payments from the last minutes still to be authorised. PP payment for two lots of Seed Bombs was AGREED to be paid even though it was over the original budget of £50. Invoice details: £49.99 from BeeBombs and £21.60 from Seedball **total payable to Peter Pilkington £ 71.59** The Came and Co insurance will be due before the next meeting and the ALL AGREED for it to be paid asap.

72/21 Planning Applications and Decision: 6/34/21/102 Beasley Yard, Croydon House Farm, Timberscombe Proposed demolition of existing agricultural buildings and construction of replacement general purpose agricultural building (540 sqm). All Cllrs fully supported the planning application
<https://planning.agileapplications.co.uk/exmoor/application-details/22215>

73/21 Parish Lengthsman (PLM): Clerk to email Dulverton TC and see when the calendar of work will come through.

74/21 Village Maintenance – Cllrs to report on any work required within the village. (i) Mowing in the village update – tender decision was made to continue with Dan Passmore who has now done the first cut and will work with the PC to ensure it will be cut sympathetically. (ii) Wildflower sowing - ground very hard at present due to no rain, sat 1st May at 2pm was agreed for all to meet to do planting and also to look at the state of the benches. Some Cllrs feel they need to be replaced where others felt they were ok. MS offered to trim the sedges of Brewers Green. There was concern raised over a barn wall that has fallen in to disrepair, cllrs to keep an eye on it.

75/21 Climate Change: (i) update from CC – signature required on grant paperwork, clerk to organise and send by 14th May. An event was discussed for all the village to find out about the climate work and at the same time a Post Covid Parish Council party on the green was suggested for all the village to attend to celebrate the return to gathering together. Cllrs all agreed and would look at a date for June/July

76/21 Correspondence - CC sent a letter about the recent Motorbike event and was disappointed with the response. It was agreed that this will be monitored if it returned in the future as it was damaging to the lane and surrounding area.

77/21 Report from representatives of other groups: (i) Exmoor Panel (ii) Consultative & Parish Forum (iii) JAPF (iv) PLT - NONE

78/21 COVID 19 update in the parish.

79/21 Chairman's and councillors' notices None

80/21 Items for next meeting agenda. Election of Chair, Audit, clerk role.

81/21 Date of next Meeting - Monday 24th May 2021 – in the village hall

Signe by Chair.....Date.....