

# The Annual Parish Meeting Of Timberscombe

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021 Timberscombe Village Hall 7.30pm**

Attendees P Pilkington, S Campbell, C Caitlin, P Chisling

1. Welcome by the Chairman

2. Minutes of the 2019 annual parish meeting (Previously circulated)

3. Approval of Minutes of the last meeting of May 2019 Prop by S. Campbell and 2<sup>nd</sup> P Pilkington

4. Report about the last 24 months within the Parish read by the chairman

## Annual Report for Timberscombe: 2019-21

The Timberscombe Parish Council were unable to hold an Annual Parish Meeting in 2020 due to the pandemic and so this report covers two years.

The Parish Council considered many planning applications over the past 24 months from various locations:

Barn at Well Farm Cottage, Knowle Farm, Waydown, East Harwood Racing Stables, Wennis Cottage, Avill Nurseries, The Great House, Honeysuckle Cottage, 2 Bembury bank. West Harwood Farm, a Biomass boiler at Bickham Manor, Combe House, Land at Hopcott Common, Allercott Farm, East Harwood Farm.

The Parish Maintenance has been carried out the Parish Lengthsman and the parish council are very happy with the work that Shaun does in the village.

We have declared a Climate and bio diversity Emergency and have secured funding to help with an action and implementation plan

We have contributed to the good neighbours' scheme, and the installation of a public toilet at the church, we continue to help and support The John Arlott playing field and the defibrillator in the phone box Thanks to Kath Macdonald for monitoring and maintenance

There has been changes on the Parish council with councillors retiring and moving away and we have welcomed new members as well I would like to take the opportunity to thank those members who have left and welcome the new members

The Parish Council would like to note and acknowledge the passing of Mr Tony Webb most of you will have known Tony, he was intrinsic to the village of Timberscombe, his knowledge and experience and compassion have been instrumental in so many areas of our village from the school, the village hall, the parish council, the Mill to name but a few, and on a personal note he was an inspiration to me and helped and encouraged me in my time as a parish councillor and district councillor

Of course behind every great man there is a great woman, and Lesley Tony's wife, was right there beside him very much a team effort so we thank you as well Lesley, and our condolences and sympathies are with you at this difficult time

The parish dealt with the pandemic by working together and I would like to acknowledge the role of our post office and fellow councillor Sarah Campbell who has been a vital link for our residents during the pandemic both by providing a service and a welcome human connection in these estranged times, also the Lion Inn, the Good Neighbour Scheme, the church and all the residents who have managed so magnificently in such difficult times

The Parish council meetings were held at Timberscombe village hall during 2019 to Mar 2020. Then, due to the pandemic, via Zoom till March 2021. Zoom meetings worked very well.

The Parish Council Website is kept up to date with parish Council matters; Agendas, Minutes and important documents are up loaded to comply with the Transparency Legislation.

Thanks to Mrs Lyn Fisher for completing the internal audit for 2019/20 and 2020/21

The Parish council also acknowledges Mrs Frances Nicholson, County Councillor and Mr Stephen Pugsley District Councillor for their attendance at our parish meetings, keeping us updated from a County Council and District Council perspective especially concerning Covid 19.

We also acknowledge that there will be significant changes to our District and County council. With the proposed enforcement of a Unitary Council for Somerset or West Somerset. this will have an impact on us as a Parish Council but to what extent, is yet to be seen.

In summing up the last 24 months we have encountered some significant challenges but by working together we have managed to survive and thrive, Take Care Everyone and Stay Safe

Peter Pilkington 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021 .