

## TIMBERSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2021

At Timberscombe Village Hall – 7.30pm

Present: Councillor(s): P. Pilkington (PP) – Chairman, C. Collins (CC), K. Walker (KW) and Lesley Webb (LW)- Clerk

**123/21 Questions from the public.** - None

**124/21 Apologies for absence.** S Campbell (SC), P Chisling (PC), M. Savage (MS) & Somerset West & Taunton District Councillor (SW&TDC) S Pugsley & Somerset County Councillor (SCC) F Nicholson

**125/21 Declarations of notifiable interests** – None

**126/21 Approval of the Minutes** of the last meeting held on 28th June 2021. Proposed by CC and seconded by KW as a true record and signed by PP.

**127/21 Matters Arising** from the minutes of 28/06/2021

- a) PP will make repairs to the noticeboard on the church wall before moving it to the playing field.
- b) CC volunteered to cut back vegetation in School Lane.
- c) The Unitary Council for Somerset will now go ahead in April 2023.
- d) PP has had no response from Cutcombe regarding the speeding signs. He will chase this up.
- e) There appears to be a breach of planning at Garden Cottage with regard to the parking place and drop curb. LW to check with ENP.

**128/21 Report by the SW&T District Councillor and Somerset County Councillor.**

No councillor's present. PP is in discussion with SCC about the land on the corner of the Cowbridge junction and will look to do a suitability survey with ENP to see if affordable housing is possible on the site.

The village does not appear to have had any problems with recycling so far.

**129/21 Highways** – Nothing to report

**130/21 Bridle** - Nothing to report.

**131/21 Finance Report** – All invoices have been paid. Notification of exemption for the Parish Council audit has been received. MS has been confirmed as signatory by Utility Bank. SALC invoice sent to finance officer to be paid.

**132/21 Planning Applications and Decision:** 6/8/21/110LB North Hawkwell Farm. The Parish Council had no comment.

**133/21 Parish Lengthsman (PLM):** Next visit 9<sup>th</sup> September. List of jobs – Paint bus shelter, continue to clear pathway beyond Bembery Bank, clean telephone box/defibrillator interior, repair bench on The Green. Contract to be reviewed at next meeting.

**134/21 Village Maintenance** – LW to find out what has happened regarding the village trough. Mowing has been completed and signs are up explaining the wildflower areas.

Hedge around the play area to be cut in September. LW to check DEFRA dates and get quote from Richard Pluck.

PP to contact MAGNA about their grass cutting areas.

**135/21 Climate Change.** CC updated the Council.

No mow May had received mixed responses from the public but the trend is encouraging. The church has become involved via the diocese.

CC to chase up the biodiversity study and nature walks. It is hoped to have some feedback for the Showcase Timberscombe in August.

CC attended an online course for Parish Councillors. It stressed the urgency of the situation, the need to involve the public and to keep people informed. The Showcase would be used to target interested people and set up a working group.

There is an online course on Wilding in the National Parks on 28<sup>th</sup> July. All welcome.

The Council has an offer of help, advice and perhaps finance from Somerset Wildlife Trust. CC to follow this up.

**136/21 Correspondence.** It was agreed that LW would forward relevant correspondence to councillors.

**137/21 Report from representatives of other groups.** None.

**138/21 COVID 19 update in the parish.** The national statistics have fallen for the 6<sup>th</sup> day in a row. Somerset figures continue to climb. SWT is currently at around 200 per 100,000 the lowest in the region.

**139/21 Showcase Timberscombe.** SC has agreed to provide refreshments and a raffle prize of local produce. PP/CC to produce a letter from the Parish Council. LW to provide leaflets about the event. PP to post outlying areas. Name labels to be provided. PP to chase Falcon representative, LW to chase a Magna representative. Tables to be put up 10am on the day. Labels to be provided by LW.

**140/21 Review of Accessibility Statement.** It was agreed that no changes were needed to the statement.

**141/21 Chairman's and councillor's notices.** None

**142/21 Items for next meeting agenda.** Grass Cutting tender, Lengthsman's contract/additional work, Defibrillator, Clerk's contract.

**143/21 Date of next meeting** - Monday 27th September 2021 followed by a JAFP meeting.

Meeting finished at 8.36pm