TIMBERSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 25th October 2021

at Timberscombe Village Hall – 7.30pm

Present: Councillor(s): P. Pilkington (PP) – Chairman, C. Collins (CC), Sarah Campbell (SC), District Councillor S. Pugsley (SP), County Councillor F. Nicholson (FN), Lesley Webb (LW)- Clerk and 6 members of the public.

Item	Minutes	Action
21/167	Questions from the public.	
	a) 5 parishioners made a presentation to Cllr Campbell on behalf of the village to say thank you for her efforts in the Post Office, particularly over the last 18 months during the Covid pandemic. Her support for villagers has been very much appreciated. PP added the Parish Council's thanks to SC for her work in the village.	
	b) Mr Jones of East Harwood Farm requested the assistance of the Parish Council with regard to the dangers on the bridleway close to his farm. The chair requested that Mr Jones forward his concerns in writing to the clerk so that the Council could fully understand the situation and take any appropriate action.	
21/168	Apologies for Absence - K. Walker (KW), P. Chisling (PC)	
21/169	Declarations of Notifiable Interests – None	
21/170	Approval of the Minutes of the last meeting held on 27 th September. Proposed by CC and seconded by SC. Accepted as a true record and signed by PP.	
21/171	Matters Arising from the minutes of 27/09/2021 a) Garden Cottage Parking. In order to make progress on this situation it was felt necessary to establish who owns which pieces of land around Brewer's Green.	
	 The Parish Council resolved to approach their solicitors or the Land Registry to obtain a copy of the Brewer's Green deeds. Proposed PP, seconded CC. Agreed by all present. b) Following the last meeting, FN sent a detailed letter to all interested parties summarising the position regarding the village trough. No response from Somerset 	LW
	Council. c) The Parish Council has been registered with the printer recycling company and are awaiting a collection box before advertising the scheme.	LW
21/172	Councillor Vacancy Mr Martin Savage has resigned from the Parish Council and a vacancy has been advertised. Applications must be in by 9 th November. Due to the non-attendance of Cllr Takle (ST), for a period of 6 months, her position on the Council has now been terminated. Clerk to send letter to ST. A second vacancy will now be	LW
	advertised.	LVV
21/173	Report by the SW&T District Councillor and Somerset County Councillor. SP reported on the difficulty with the unparished area of Taunton. Exmoor National Park tree planting 6/7 th November.	
	Seed exchange at Exford. Exmoor Panel Meeting 4 th November at Exford. FN reported that a pilot scheme was underway in Somerset to find new ways of working as	
	a unitary authority. West Somerset to pilot Highways. Highways to visit Timberscombe 28 th October 3pm to discuss new ways of working.	
21/174	Report from representatives of other groups. No other meetings have taken place.	
21/175	Correspondence a) PP has written a letter to the MAGNA board raising concerns about the closure of the Old Dairy. No response as yet.	

	 b) Mr Goodall has asked if the Parish Council would be prepared to make a donation for the Poppy Appeal. The Parish Council resolved to donate the sum of £100 towards a silhouette tommy or towards other items in the village display. Proposed PP, seconded SC. Clerk to contact Mr Goodall. c) FN had sent the council notification of the appointment of Mrs Naomi Philps as the new Head of the Moorlands Federation, which includes Timberscombe First School. d) Water Forum 19th November. e) ECPF meeting 18th November cancelled. 	LW
21/176	Bridlepaths – Diversion to the bridleway at Thorne Farm has been approved.	
21/177	Finance Report – No new invoices to approve. The Parish Council resolved to add all new councillors to the Utility Bank signatory lists, provided the councillors were agreeable. Proposed PP, seconded SC. The Parish Council resolved to purchase a new laptop, mini projector and required software. Proposed PP, seconded SC.	LW
21/178	Planning Applications and Decisions Bougham Farm - approved with conditions.	
21/179	Defibrillator. In the absence of PC it was agreed to move this to the November meeting.	
21/180	Village Maintenance/ Parish Lengthsman (PLM) Jobs for the PLM – Pathway to Ford Cottage, trees at the end of Bemberry Bank, weed clearance around the centre of the village, old noticeboard removal, treatment of bus shelter. The Parish Council discussed the possibility of a new dog big but decided against this proposal at this time.	PP to meet PLM in Nov.
21/181	 Eco Update. a) CC reported on a very successful first meeting of the Eco Group. Flower planting is scheduled for the weekend of 30th/31st October. CC to make a poster. b) Concerns were express about the recent rally held in the parish, particularly the timing of the event during the rutting season. CC to draft a letter to the authorities expressing the Parish Council's concerns. c) CC to contact West Somerset Together with the suggestion that the parish hosts a meeting about wildflowers. 	cc cc
21/182	Poor's Land Committee. The Parish Council resolved to add a further Trustee to the Poor's Land Committee. Proposed PP, seconded SC. Clerk to approach absent councillors.	LW
21/183	Chairman's and Councillor's Notices. A quote of £80 plus parts has been received from a parishioner to make the necessary repairs to the Play Area following the recent safety survey. A new seat to be bought to replace the damaged one.	LW
21/184	Items for next meeting agenda . Defibrillator training, Precept, Annual Budget, Eco Group hire fees.	

Meeting finished at 21.10

Date of next meeting Monday 29th November 2021