

TIMBERSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 29th November 2021

at Timberscombe Village Hall – 7.30pm

Present: Councillors: P. Pilkington (PP) – Chairman, C. Collins (CC), K. Walker (KW), Sarah Campbell (SC), Lesley Webb (LW)- Clerk and one member of the public.

Item	Minutes	Action
21/185	Questions from the public. - None	
21/186	Apologies for Absence. - District Councillor S. Pugsley (SP), County Councillor F. Nicholson (FN)	
21/187	Declarations of Notifiable Interests. – None	
21/188	Approval of the Minutes of the last meeting held on 25/10/21. Proposed by CC and seconded by KW. Accepted as a true record and signed by PP.	
21/189	<p>Matters Arising from the minutes of 25/10/2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The lease on the Old Dairy has been extended by Magna until the end of March, at which point they will review their financial position. b) PP described the “Parish Online” site. This may be available to the Parish Council free of charge depending on which company is used for the Council insurance. To be assessed next year on renewal. c) KW has agreed to become a Poor’s Land trustee. Two further trustees to be appointed in January. d) The clerk can now access the Unity Bank accounts but further signatories are needed. Bank applications completed for CC and KW. e) It was agreed that the response from SCC regarding the recent rally could be circulated to the Eco group. 	LW
21/190	<p>Co-Option of New Councillors. Two parishioners had expressed an interest in joining the Parish Council. PP thanked the parishioners for their interest. The councillors resolved to invite Katy Thomas to join the Council.</p> <p>Mr Rowlands agreed to monitor the village footpaths and report any faults to the clerk.</p>	LW
21/191	Report by the SW&T District Councillor and Somerset County Councillor. None	
21/192	Report from other representatives. None	
21/193	Highways. Concern was expressed about the holes in the roadway between Duddings and the entrance to Knowle. Council to report this to SCC	LW
21/194	<p>Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Reply received from SCC re rally. b) Letter from Mr Jones re the bridleways around East Harwood. Clerk to reply to Mr Jones and write to ENP to see if anything further can be done. c) Somerset Bus Partnership. KW volunteered to be the parish representative on this forum. d) Concern expressed by residents about the water in Great House Street. Wessex Water have tested the water and it is not pipe water. Clerk to report drainage issue to SCC Highways 	LW KW LW
21/195	Bridle Paths	

	<p>a) Mr Rowlands expressed concern about the condition of the bridlepath next to the Chapel. The clerk to report this to ENP. Lengthsman to be asked to trim the hedges on either side and clear the gully on his next visit.</p>	LW PP
21/196	<p>Finance Report.</p> <p>a) Invoices. The Council resolved to pay SALC £25 and Dan Passmore £160, although concern was expressed over the recent standard of his cutting. Laptop and projector have now been purchased, as previously agreed, at a cost of £573.99</p> <p>b) Budget and Precept for 2022. The clerk circulated the budget figures for the last three years and current expenditure. It was resolved to increase the precept by 5% for the year 2022/23.</p>	LW LW to inform SCC
21/197	<p>Planning Applications and Decision.</p> <p>a) 6/34/21/107 Forge Cottage – Approved.</p> <p>b) 6/34/21/106 River Steep – Objection due to the change of use of the building and the resultant additional cars parking in the village.</p>	LW to inform ENP
21/198	<p>Defibrillator. SC has temporarily taken over the guardianship of the village defibrillator and is waiting for the scheme organiser to contact her. Mr Ware has kindly agreed to clean the phone box regularly. Message to be sent out via the website asking for somebody to take over the guardianship.</p>	LW
21/199	<p>Parish Lengthsman (PLM)/ Village Maintenance.</p> <p>a) Concerns were expressed over the quantity of work carried out by PLM and it was resolved not to renew the scheme at the end of this contract term in April 2022. A maintenance person would be sought in the village next year.</p>	LW to inform PLM scheme.
21/200	<p>Grass Cutting Tender.</p> <p>a) Grass Cutting Tender for the Pay Area to be advertised for next year starting in April 2022.</p> <p>b) The remaining grass to be discussed with the applicants as it would require selective cutting.</p> <p>c) Leaflets re No Mow May to be circulated next year</p>	LW
21/201	<p>Eco Update.</p> <p>a) CC gave an update to the Council. Her report is filed with these minutes and will be circulated on the website.</p> <p>b) The Council resolved to pay the Village Hall hire fees for the Eco Group next year.</p> <p>c) 8 new trees to be collected 3rd Dec. A note to be circulated on the website asking for landowners who would be willing to plant the trees on their land.</p> <p>d) The PC agreed to apply for the ENPA climate change grant to fund a living roof for the bus shelter.</p>	LW PP/CC CC
21/202	Chairman's and Councillor's Notices. None	
21/203	Items for next agenda. None at present	

Meeting finished at 21.25

Date of next meeting Monday 31st January 2022