

TIMBERSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Planning Meeting held on 25th April 2022

at Timberscombe Village Hall – 7.30pm

Present: Councillors: P. Pilkington (PP) – Chairman, C. Collins (CC), A. Sutton (AS), K.Walker (KW), S. Campbell (SC) arrived 7.52pm. L. Webb (LW)- Clerk, County Councillor F. Nicholson (FN), District Councillor S. Pugsley (SP) and 4 members of the public

Item	Minutes	Action
22/62	Questions from the public. None	
22/63	Apologies for Absence. SC.	
22/64	Declarations of Notifiable Interests. None.	
22/65	Approval of the Minutes of the last meeting held on 25 th March and the planning meeting 4 th April 2022. Proposed by AS and seconded by SC. Accepted as a true record and signed by PP.	
22/66	<p>Matters Arising.</p> <p>(a) Magna - Mr Wood from Magna attended the meeting to answer the Council's concerns regarding the lack of support for residents during the recent storm. Magna were, apparently, unaware that the Timberscombe residents were without power for a long period. Mr Wood claimed that the Western Power website indicated only a short outage for Orchard Way. Had Magna been aware they would have taken steps to support the residents, as they did in Dunster. They were also unaware that the emergency call system had malfunctioned. He reported that the housing advisor did "attempt" to contact residents on the Friday and Sunday. Since all phones and the internet were down this was largely unsuccessful.</p> <p>This account was questioned by a member of the public who had subsequently call on 19 residents, none of whom had been contacted by Magna. Councillors also questioned the status of Orchard Way on the power company website. Magna would be reviewing their emergency responses. Mr wood agreed to follow up on the concerns expressed by the Council and the public and report back at the June Parish Council meeting.</p> <p>(b) Jubilee Celebrations 3rd June – SC reported that planning was well underway. The Easter Egg raffle raised £250. A Duck Race and Quiz Night are also planned to raise the necessary funds.</p> <p>The road closure application has been sent off. The celebrations will include a bouncy castle, games in the park, a fancy-dress parade, a band and food. Public liability now satisfactory. First Aiders available. Further meeting to be held this week.</p> <p>72 Mugs have been ordered.</p>	(SC arrived.)
22/67	<p>Report by the SW&T District Councillor and Somerset County Councillor.</p> <p>SP reported:</p> <p>a) Local Community Network was well under way. SC have advertised for a Highways Steward and are now looking at tasks for him/her.</p> <p>b) Review of the National Park Plan is ongoing. Policies look unlikely to change but some changes may be made to advice/definitions. Local Planning Group looks likely to continue into the future.</p> <p>FN reported:</p>	

22/76	Highways Steward. The clerk to forward jobs for the new steward. Trough, path towards Ford Cottages and fencing between Brewer's Green and the river.	LW
22/77	PC and the Press. Councillors should not communicate with the press on behalf of the Council unless the communication has been approved by the Parish Council.	
22/78	I Pads/Tablets for Councillors use. It was agreed to investigate the cost of Ipads/tablets for use on council business.	PP
22/79	Chairman's and Councillors' Notices. a) PP to see Magna re mowing	PP
22/80	Items for next agenda. Code of Conduct, Co-Option, I Pads, Play Area.	

Meeting finished at 9.35pm

Date of next meeting Monday 23rd May 2022