

## TIMBERSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2022

at Timberscombe Village Hall – 7.30pm

Present: Councillors: P. Pilkington (PP) – Chairman, A. Sutton (AS), K.Walker (KW), S. Campbell (SC), L. Webb (LW)- Clerk, County Councillor F. Nicholson (FN), District Councillor S. Pugsley (SP) and 2 members of the public.

Item	Minutes	Action
22/120	<b>Questions from the public.</b> None	
22/121	<b>Apologies for Absence.</b> S. Walker, K. Attwater	
22/122	<b>Declarations of Notifiable Interests.</b> None.	
22/123	<b>Approval of the Minutes</b> of the last meeting. Proposed by AS and seconded by KW. Accepted as a true record and signed by PP.	
22/124	<p><b>Matters Arising.</b></p> <p>(a) Magna - Mr Wood from Magna attended the meeting to give feedback to the Council regarding the lack of support for residents during the recent storm. Magna has now formed a Business Contingency Group to deal with such emergencies, which has twice been called into action recently. The warden call system will be replaced in all Magna properties by 2025 with a digital system including back up batteries. A free router will be supplied by the telephone companies to anybody without one. A new smoke detector system would also be installed at the same time. A Vulnerable Persons Policy is being compiled. It was proposed that the Timberscombe Good Neighbours scheme should have a contact number for Mr Wood. This was agreed by Mr Wood. SP reported that BT had agreed a pause in the roll out of the digital network until an emergency system was in place. Residents could currently refuse to be transferred until this system was ready.</p> <p>(b) Eco Money has all been spent.</p> <p>(c) Garden Cottage to look at reapplying for parking access.</p>	LW
22/125	<b>Co-option of a new councillor.</b> The council had two excellent applicants for the one vacant post. After much discussion Flo Lloyd was co-opted onto the council. She completed her declaration of acceptance of office and register of interests forms and then joined the council. The second candidate would be contacted and asked to put himself forward for the next vacancy as the council would very much like to have him on board.	LW
22/126	<p><b>Report by the SW&amp;T District Councillor and Somerset County Councillor.</b></p> <p>SP reported:</p> <p>a) The role of WSC is gradually being reduced as services are transferred to SCC. The LCN district areas would be published shortly.</p> <p>b) A consultation on council tax support is currently underway.</p> <p>c) The Highways Steward role was well under way and Timberscombe had had some tasks completed by him already. The system has been well received.</p> <p>d) Councils need to bid for any Small Grants Funding as soon as possible.</p> <p>e) Parish Online was to be made available to all parishes free of charge.</p> <p>f) Councillors expressed concern about Ash Dieback in trees close to the roadway. Any concerns should be reported to SCC Highways via the online reporting form.</p>	AS FN and SP left at 20.30
22/127	<b>Report from other representatives.</b> KW reported on the Bus Forum. Events would be taking place to encourage people to get back on the busses. Details on the Somerset Bus Partnership Facebook page. Details of bus routes to be updated online and in the parish noticeboard	LW

<b>22/128</b>	<p><b>Highways</b></p> <p>(a) The speeding figures from the SID at Duddings were faulty and the Police have been asked to redo these checks. Quotes for a Speed Indicator Device have been sourced and a SID would cost £2000 - £3000 depending on style. Public support would have to be demonstrated for a SID.</p> <p>(b) LW had contacted Highways and the Police re the concerns raised at the last meeting by a resident regarding speeding and dangerous driving in the village. Highways have agreed to do a speed check on the Bickham bend to assess the situation. It was unlikely that this would receive funding from SCC as there were no records of accidents on this stretch. It would cost the Parish Council approximately £3500 to extend the current 30mph around the bends. To be discussed once results are complete.</p> <p>All signage around the village has now been cleared and a horse sign at Cowbridge has been renewed.</p> <p>The Police have suggested that riders should wear head/body cameras as the footage from these can be used to prosecute.</p> <p>(c) The “twenty is plenty” signs provoked a wide range of reactions. The Parish Council have, however, been asked to remove them by SCC Highways as they were deemed a distraction to the traffic.</p>	
<b>22/129</b>	<b>Bridle Paths</b> AS expressed concerns re the growth of vegetation on footpaths in the Parish. AS to compile a list and report them to ENP via the online reporting system.	AS
<b>22/130</b>	<b>Correspondence</b> No other items	
<b>22/131</b>	<p><b>Finance Report.</b></p> <p>a) Bank Reconciliation. The Council currently has £3,630.34 in the current account, £13,000.72 in the reserve account and 5p in SOLDO account making a total of £16,631.11. Bank Statements were signed.</p> <p>b) The Council resolved to pay invoices for £30 SALC training, £42.75 to TVH for hall hire and to transfer a further £100 to SOLDO to cover emergencies. Proposed by AS and seconded by KW. £230 for grass cutting and £39.95 for a frame had been paid since the last meeting, as pre-approved by the council. £1000 loan repayment from the PLT now means that the council has around £4000 available for projects in this financial year.</p>	LW
<b>22/132</b>	<b>Village Questionnaire</b> Should include questions on a Zebra Crossing, a SID, an electricity charging point, extending the speed limit area, parking in the village, grass cutting, support for the JAPF. PP to compile a draft and circulate before publishing. To be an online questionnaire with paper copies available in the Post Office.	PP
<b>22/133</b>	<b>Planning Applications and Decisions.</b> East Harwood Stables – It was agreed that the council had no objection to the proposed entrance provided it the ENP conditions were applied.	WB
<b>22/134</b>	<b>Village Maintenance.</b> No further items	
<b>22/135</b>	<b>Chairman’s and Councillors’ Notices.</b> None.	
<b>22/136</b>	<b>Items for next agenda.</b> Planning meeting required in August. PLT meeting to be held in August on the same day as the planning meeting	

Meeting finished at 9.20 pm

**Date of next meeting Monday 8<sup>th</sup> August – Planning and PLT**

**26<sup>th</sup> September - Full Parish Council meeting.**