

TIMBERSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 31st October 2022

at Timberscombe Village Hall – 7.30pm

Present: Councillors: P. Pilkington (PP) – Chairman, A. Sutton (AS), K.Walker (KW), S. Campbell (SC), K. Attwater(KA), S.Walker (SW) , F Lloyd (FL) and County Councillor S. Pugsley (SP)

Item	Minutes	Action
	Questions from the public. None	
22/161	Apologies for Absence. F. Nicholson (FN)	
22/162	Declarations of Notifiable Interests. None.	
22/163	Approval of the Minutes of the last meeting. Proposed by AS and seconded by KW. Accepted as a true record and signed by PP.	
22/164	Matters Arising. Areas of work around the village clarified. FL to get a quote for treatment of bench and bus stop. LW to contact Highways re horse signage at Chapel, drains in Great House St. LW to contact school re hedge cutting.	FL LW
22/165	Report by County Councillors SP - i) The recent Exmoor Panel meeting was well attended, with 23 parishes represented. The majority of attendees (15/23) favoured “option d”, combining Exmoor as one LCN and working with other LCNs as appropriate. This would be passed on to Somerset Council by SP and FN. ii) The Somerset Prepared meeting was poorly attended. FN and SP to try to get a more local meeting iii) WS Community Land Trust. Also attended by KA. The group seeks to address the housing shortage in the SW. It was agreed to declare a housing emergency in West Somerset. The number of evictions was also increasing and local people were unable to afford to live in the area. Concern was expressed by Parish Councillors about the growing number of second homes and holiday homes in the village. SP explained that primary legislation (by the government) was required to restrict the number of such homes in an area. iv) ENP have recruited two new planning offices and additional support staff so the processing of planning should speed up. v) SP reported the death of Cllr Anthony Trollop Bellew.	
22/166	Highways Drains at Beasley appear blocked. LW to report to Highway Steward	LW
22/167	Bridle Paths All items reported by AS after last meeting had been completed.	
22/168	Finance Report. (i) Bank Reconciliation. Res Acct £13,020.38, Cur Acct £2936.89, Soldo £100.05. Total £16,057.32. Bank statements signed as correct by AS. (ii) The Council resolved to pay Grass Cutting £200 pd, Idverde contract to be renewed, Hedge cutting quote of £200 accepted. (iii) Budget. An ongoing budget was presented by the clerk, which showed that we were well within the budget limits set.	LW
22/169	Planning Applications and Decisions. Allercott Farm 105- Approved by ENP.	

	A meeting would need to be convened to discuss the Methodist Chapel application. LW to approach the owners to see if they would be able to attend.	LW
22/170	Village Maintenance. See 22/164. It was resolved to set a £250 limit on spending on these items. Weeds at roadside in Great House Street getting out of hand. LW to report to Highways Steward.	LW
22/171	Survey Results PP presented the results of the recent village survey. By far the most popular suggestion was the purchase of a SID. PP/LW to look into this further. A 20mph limit within the very centre of the village seems to be popular.	PP/LW
22/172	Defibrillator Training Request from parishioners for defibrillator training. LW to look into this. The defibrillator may need to be updated. Report of flies in the telephone box. LW to contact Mr Ware to see if he was still willing to maintain the box. The current guardian will be leaving the village shortly. LW to advertise for another guardian. SC to look after it temporarily. Concern was expressed over reports of difficulty obtaining the defibrillator code. LW to look into this further and report back to next meeting.	LW LW LW LW
22/173	Bins Contract agreed see 22/168.	LW
22/174	Correspondence The church would be opening as a warm space on Thursdays. The Old Dairy committee had applied for a grant and if successful would also be open as a warm space. Thanks received from Mrs Curtis for the parish council's donation for the Poppy Appeal.	
22/175	Councillor Training KA already signed up for basic councillor training. KW, PP and SW agreed to take part in the planning training and PP agreed to do the Chairman's course. LW to book courses.	LW
22/176	Report from other meetings. None	
22/177	Chairman's Notices None	
22/178	Items for next agenda. Defibrillator, Grass, update on Magna. LW to ask Mrs Booth to attend, if possible.	LW

Meeting finished at 9 pm

Date of next meeting Monday

28th November 2022 - Full Parish Council meeting.

Date of Planning Meeting to be confirmed.