

**TIMBERSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2022

at Timberscombe Village Hall – 7.30pm

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

| <b>Item</b>   | <b>Minutes</b>   | <b>Action</b>                     |
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|               | <b>Questions from the public.</b> None   |                                   |
| <b>22/182</b> | <b>Apologies for Absence.</b> None   |                                   |
| <b>22/183</b> | <b>Declarations of Notifiable Interests.</b> None.   |                                   |
| <b>22/184</b> | <b>Approval of the Minutes</b> of the last meeting on 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct 22 and the planning meeting on 15 <sup>th</sup> November. Proposed by KW and seconded by KA. Accepted as a true record and signed by PP.  |                                   |
| <b>22/185</b> | <p><b>Matters Arising.</b></p> <p>(i) The clerk has contacted SCC Highways re horse signage at Chapel, weeds in Great House St, drains up to Allercott and school re hedge cutting. No response from Highways regarding the additional “horse in road” signs. LW to forward information on these to FN to follow up.</p> <p>(ii) Defibrillator training is being organised in Jan/Feb. Parish Council agreed to give a donation to Minehead Defibrillator Group for the training. Mr Ware has agreed to take on guardianship of the defibrillator. Concern was expressed over the time taken for the emergency services to provide the code for the defibrillator in an emergency. LW to discuss this with BHF and Police.</p>   | <p>LW/FN</p> <p>LW</p> <p>LW</p>  |
| <b>22/186</b> | <p><b>Report by County Councillors</b></p> <p>SP reported-</p> <p>i) Precepts would now be handled by SCC.</p> <p>ii) Rate relief would be standardised across the county.</p> <p>iii) The Highways pilot was still operating well, although the Highways Steward had been recruited by SCC. A new Steward should be appointed shortly. Highways were concerned by the lack of notice given by utility companies for roadworks.</p> <p>iv) The new LCN areas have not yet been decided and the pilot work seems set to continue next year.</p> <p>v) SCC have voted to increase second home council tax to twice the standard rate. The councillors are pushing for the revenue to be used for housing.</p> <p>FN reported –</p> <p>(i) Jane Lillis (village agent) is to be replaced by Diana Weston and Wayne Stokes.</p> <p>Concerned was expressed by county councillors that non-standard reports sent to Highways were getting absolutely no response and there was no way of chasing Highways for action. FN asked for details of the water in Great House Street and the 20 is plenty signage correspondence with Kate Brown.</p> <p>Concern was also expressed that the Parish Council was not being notified of road accidents in the parish. There has been yet another accident near Knowle. LW to contact the Police.</p> | <p>LW/FN/SP</p> <p>LW</p>         |
| <b>22/187</b> | <p><b>Highways</b></p> <p>(i) AS to ask if salt bags could be stored near the Great House Street leak.</p> <p>(ii) KW reported that despite being marked up last year, the exposed iron works near Dudding have still not been repaired. SW to send detail to FN.</p> <p>(iii) SC asked if Timberscombe could have yellow strips on the roadway at the entrances to the village. A letter would be written to Highways/FN/SP detailing what we would like to do.</p>   | <p>AS.</p> <p>SW</p> <p>LW/PP</p> |

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|        | (iv) The roadway above the chapel has been eroded by rainwater. AS to report online using the SCC "report a problem on the road" website.   | AS           |
| 22/188 | <b>Bridle Paths</b> Several problems have been reported by AS. All footpaths must be recorded or be lost. "no vehicular access" signs are available, if any landowner is having problems with motorbikes, or other vehicles on their land. Contact AS.  |              |
| 22/189 | <b>Finance Report.</b><br>(i) Bank Reconciliation. Res Acct £3,020.38, Cur Acct £2030.74, Soldo £100.05. Total £15,151.62<br>(ii) The Council resolved to pay bills for Hedge Cutting £200, three SALC bills totalling £90, Village Hall hire £57.00.<br>(iii) It was unanimously agreed to increase the precept for next year by 10% to keep up with inflation. Proposed KA seconded FL. Precept form to be returned by 20 <sup>th</sup> January 2023  | LW<br><br>LW |
| 22/190 | <b>Planning Applications and Decisions.</b> Planning applications for Knowle Manor and Burrow Farm were for discharge of conditions only and the parish council had no comments to make.  |              |
| 22/191 | <b>Village Maintenance.</b> School to be contacted again re the hedging, which restricted the view of traffic leaving Vicarage Court, and lack of gate to the football field.   | LW           |
| 22/192 | <b>Defibrillator Training</b> see matters arising.  |              |
| 22/193 | <b>Correspondence :</b><br>(i) National pay scale for clerks would increase the clerk's pay for 2022/3 by 9%<br>(ii) Rural Grant letter from Stogumber was discussed. Situation to be monitored.<br>(iii) Somerset Emergency Contact. Up to three people to be nominated to act as emergency contacts. PP and LW agreed to be nominated. A Good Neighbours rep to be approached.<br>(iv) JAPF report received. Much better than in previous years but a decision needs to be made on the slide at the next meeting, in Jan. | LW           |
| 22/194 | <b>Report from other meetings.</b> KA attended the Exmoor Panel meeting. Most of the meeting involved Highways concerns.  |              |
| 22/195 | <b>Chairman's Notices:</b><br>(i) Support of Magna residents was still a cause of concern. A Magna rep, Joy Booth, Ellie Bishop (village agent) would be invited to the January meeting.<br>(ii) Mr and Mrs Prideaux to be invited to present their re-wilding plans to the Parish Council in January.  | LW<br><br>LW |
| 22/196 | <b>Items for next agenda.</b> Magna.  |              |

Meeting finished at 9 pm

**Date of next meeting Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2023**