

TIMBERSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Planning Meeting held on 30th January 2023

at Timberscombe Village Hall – 7.30pm

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

Item	Minutes	Action
	<p>Questions/ Comments from the public. Mr. and Mrs. Prideaux presented their re-winding plans. These plans affect the far end of Timberscombe Common (Kitswall) - about 32 acres. It is proposed to split the site into two areas as this will be easier to manage, both environmentally and agriculturally. The split would be approximately one-third and two-thirds with one section for cattle and the other for habitat. At the same time, Mr. and Mrs. Prideaux would like to make a bridleway that people seem to want from Totterdown Gate to Dunster Gate. Dog walkers would have a permitted path, without cows, from Snuggly Wuggly and around the edge of the smoother grass area.</p> <p>Mr. Prideaux assured the Parish Council that there is no proposal to close off any existing permitted rights of way. All these matters will have to be progressed through ENP.</p> <p>AS asked if there can access warning signs that the bridlepath is not accessible to wheeled vehicles. The Parish Council will order signs, if required, in due course.</p> <p>PP said the Parish Council will discuss these plans and put them on the website to obtain feedback from the wider village.</p>	PP
23/01	Apologies for Absence. Lesley Webb (clerk) , Kathy Walker	
23/02	Declarations of Notifiable Interests. SC declared an interest in item 23/14 Timberscombe Post Office	
23/03	Approval of the Minutes of the last meeting on 28 th November. Proposed by SC and seconded by AS. Accepted as a true record and signed by PP.	
23/04	<p>Matters Arising.</p> <p>(i) Trees. KA said there is one oak tree sapling left over. The PC wondered if it could become a Coronation tree. PP will put its availability on the PP village website.</p> <p>(ii) Defibrillator concerns and training. SC and SW said they would attend the training on 20th February. PP proposed and KW seconded that the PC donate £100 to Minehead Defibrillator Group for the training.</p> <p>SC reported the defibrillator is currently offline (it has possibly been deployed) and she is dealing with it.</p> <p>After 400 metres distance the system becomes out of range and this includes Orchard Way. PP felt an email should be sent to Magna request they position one of their own defibrillators in Orchard Way.</p> <p>(iii) Speeding figures. FN and SP reported they have some figures and over a five year period there have been 9 reports of road traffic collisions in the Timberscombe area. PP said they would look to getting a Speed Indication Device (SID) and will try to obtain some Police funding.</p>	PP SC LW PP

<p>23/05</p>	<p>Magna Housing. Ian Wood from Magna Housing had been invited to the meeting He did not attend but did send the job description for the Warden. Ellie Bishop, Village Agent, explained some of the changes regarding the job title of sheltered staff and their duties.</p> <p>The Wardens have now become Sheltered Housing Advisors (SHA). They offer a weekly telephone call to residents and provide monthly testing of alarms and smoke detection equipment.</p> <p>The Village Agents (VA) are a separate body and they offer residents support by e.g. visiting their home if there is a particular problem (if the individual consents to this) and helping residents find the appropriate organisation to contact. If required, the VA and the SHA can work together. Ellie Bishop would leave some leaflets in the Post Office that explain how village agents can help the community. KA asked if Village Agents would help clients to get a response from Magna if they were not dealing with an issue. Ellie Bishop (VA) said they would.</p> <p>SC voiced her concern about Magna’s duty of care. FN said the Safeguarding Adults Board (comprised of the Health Service, Local Authority and the Police) can be approached or Somerset Direct is a contact for a safeguarding concern. SP said he will pass on the general feeling of concern to Magna in his Councillor capacity. He said the Council can deal with fitness of housing but not duty of care.</p> <p>SC and Timberscombe Good Neighbours to voice specific concerns.</p>	<p>SC</p>
<p>23/06</p>	<p>Report by County Councillors</p> <p>SP reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The new LCN areas have been decided and we now have our own Exmoor Division - the first fully-formed governance - covering Porlock to Brushford and Pitsford Hill to Wiveliscombe. (ii) Exmoor National Park has increased its planning staff and planning officers are going to be responsible for getting plans through and making sure they are complied with. Tim Williams is our new contact. <p>FN reported:</p> <p>The Highways pilot project has been relevant for this area but, for other aspects, we will work with people outside our area.</p>	
<p>23/07</p>	<p>Highways</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The main road between Cowbridge Sawmill and The Green will be closed on 1st and 2nd of Feb. Thanks to Frances Nicholson for getting emergency access and access for residents. (ii) Excess water on the main road by Duddings and 30mph sign facing wrong direction has been reported by LW to highways. (iii) FN reported that in the next budget year SCC propose to cut supplies of bins and bags of road grit salt and to only treat A roads. She will forward the details to enable the PC to reply to the Council. SP is frustrated with the lack of winter maintenance. (iv) SC asked if there could be a different drainage system at the bottom of school lane as, at the moment, the water and stones are flooding across the road. 	

	(v) SP said he will press on with the 'horse in road' signage. FN said these will be considered in the next financial year.	AS
23/08	Bridle Paths Nothing to report.	
23/09	Finance Report. (i) Bank Reconciliation. Res Acct £12,061.26, , Cur Acct £1,753.35, Soldo £100.05. Total £13,915.11 (ii) Invoices – none to pay (iii) PP said we may have to contribute to the SID and PC is still considering fitness equipment.	
23/10	Planning Applications and Decisions. FL has some queries which she will forward to the clerk.	FL
23/11	Village Maintenance / Jobs for the Highway Steward FL reported that the wall next to the stream in Brook Street has been knocked and some stones loosened. SC questioned where the church sign had gone that used to be on the fence at the junction with Brook Street and the main road. It was wondered if the church or the PC will replace it.	AS
23/12	Correspondence: (i) Following a complaint from a resident about the fireworks at Bickham. The clerk contacted PCSO Linda Brooks who visited the Bickham and explained that the fireworks were not legal at that time of night and caused distress to animals and residents in the village. Apologies sent from Bickham (ii) Letter notifying the PC that gates are being left open on the bridleway and stock can then access the Highway. The PC have been asked to raise concerns. PP to put the matter on the website asking people to close gates. Clerk to respond to landowner	PP LW
23/13	Report from other meetings. None.	
23/14	Timberscombe Post Office Timberscombe Post Office. SC has organised a petition in a quest to obtain funding for the double glazing frontage of the shop from Somerset Community Foundation. The PC gave a unanimous decision to support this.	
23/15	Chairman's Notices: The Chairman said this is his last meeting as he is stepping down from the PC due to change of circumstances. Thanks given to Joy Booth for taking the Minutes.	
23/15	Items for next agenda. (i) CAB representative to attend (ii) Vacancy for a new PC Chairman	

Meeting finished at 8.45 pm

Date of next meeting Monday 27th February 2023