

## TIMBERSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023

at Timberscombe Village Hall – 7.30pm

Present: Councillors: K. Attwater (Chairwoman), A. Sutton (AS), S. Campbell (SC), F. Lloyd (FL), L. Webb (LW) (Clerk), County Councillor S. Pugsley (SP) and two members of the public

Item	Minutes	Action
	<p><b>Questions/ Comments from the public.</b> Two members of the Citizens Advice SW attended. A summary of the sort of work with Timberscombe residents was presented. The CA can advise on employment, benefits, debt, housing health and many other issues. A request for a donation to help with this work would be looked at by PC at the end of the financial year.</p>	PC May
<b>23/18</b>	<p><b>Election of a new Chairperson.</b> Following a vote by councillors KA was elected as Chairwoman and FL as Vice Chair. Both councillors signed their acceptance of Office forms.</p>	LW send A of O to SCC.
<b>23/19</b>	<p><b>Apologies for Absence.</b> S. Walker, F. Nicholson</p>	
<b>23/20</b>	<p><b>Declarations of Notifiable Interests.</b> LW declared an interest in item 23/28 planning.</p>	
<b>23/21</b>	<p><b>Approval of the Minutes</b> of the last meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> January. Proposed by SC and seconded by AS. Accepted as a true record and signed by KA.</p>	
<b>23/22</b>	<p><b>Matters Arising.</b></p> <p>(i) Defibrillator: Letter of thanks to be sent to Minehead Defibrillator Group for the outstanding training session provided. The course was well attended with 19 villagers present. Following its recent deployment, the defib is now back online. The issue of the code being inaccessible to the ambulance service outside a 400m range was discussed. The council unanimously resolved to follow the new guidelines and remove the code. Until this was investigated the defib code would be placed inside the box so that any user could access the defib without going through the ambulance service. This would be communicated to the villagers. A ring round system would also be established amongst willing participants. SC agreed to contact Bickham and Duddings to see if they felt able to purchase a defib for their businesses.</p> <p>(ii) KA stated that SCF had sent a sincere apology for the misunderstanding over the Post Office grant funding. A crowd funding page would now be investigated. The PC is not permitted to donate money to individuals or their businesses.</p> <p>(iii) A card was signed thanking Peter Pilkington for his outstanding contribution to the PC over the last few years.</p>	LW  SC LW LW SC SC/KA  KA  PC

	<p>(iv) The advert for a replacement councillor has been published. The closing date is 8<sup>th</sup> March. If no applicant comes forward by then the PC will co-opt a councillor at the March meeting.</p> <p>(v) AS and KA reminded PC that we signed up to the Declaration of Climate Emergency and to bear this in mind in relation to all the decisions made regarding the safety of the land, people and homes in our parish now and into the future.</p>	
<b>23/23</b>	<p><b>Report by County Councillors</b></p> <p>SP reported:</p> <p>(i) Somerset Council becomes a unitary council in a few weeks. The new LCN areas have been decided and we now have our own Exmoor Division. The constitution is likely to be very similar to the Exmoor panel constitution. Attendees at the LCN should be parish councillors. Next meeting 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at Cutcombe. New Highway Steward, Tim Williams, has been appointed.</p> <p>(ii) Salt bags will continue to be provided by Somerset Council. Large bins could be purchased through the LCN budget. Green routes, such as the Wootton junction should be salted, as soon as all red routes are completed.</p> <p>(iii) ENP planning has been reorganized and one officer will cover both planning and enforcement in each area. Elected representative on the ENP will be up for election this year.</p>	
<b>23/24</b>	<b>Highways.</b> No additional problems. KA to contact Francis Nicholson re outstanding issues with Highways.	KA
<b>23/25</b>	Bridle Paths Numerous problems have been reported by AS and our footpaths monitor, Garry Southon, Thanks to them for their great work.	
<b>23/26</b>	<p><b>Finance Report.</b></p> <p>(i) Bank Reconciliation. Res Acct £12,061, Cur Acct £1,753, Soldo £100. Total £13,914. The budget had over-spent over the predicted annual budget due to the PC's support of the Jubilee celebrations. There was still plenty in the reserve.</p> <p>(ii) Invoices – It was resolved to pay all invoices on the agenda. To transfer a further £300 to the SOLD account to cover new defib pads, to donate £350 towards the church grass cutting and to pay the £100 donation to Minehead Defib Group.</p> <p>(iii) It was resolved to add FL to the bank as an additional signatory.</p> <p>(iv) It was proposed to discuss a donation to the Citizens Advice centre in May.</p>	LW  LW/FL
<b>23/27</b>	<p><b>Speed Indicator Device (SID)</b></p> <p>The PC resolved to push on with its decision to purchase a SID. A meeting with Highways would be organized to this end. LW, AS and KA agreed to be present. LW to organize. The cost of a SID would be around £3000, depending on type chosen.</p>	LW, AS, KA.
<b>23/28</b>	<b>Planning Applications and Decisions.</b>	

	(i) LW left the room. 6/34/23/001 Applecombe, Great House Street, Timberscombe TA24 7TQ. Unanimously supported by the PC (ii) 6/34/23/002 Hillview (Cowbridge Sawmill), Timberscombe, Somerset, TA24 7TD. Unanimously supported by the PC	LW  LW
<b>23/29</b>	<b>Village Maintenance / Jobs for the Highway Steward</b>  The new steward had visited the village and started to clear weeds and mud at the roadside in Great House Street. He would continue this at his next visit. He would also look at what could be done re. the water in the roadway. LW to request that mud cleared from drain was not left on the roadway, as has happened next to the village hall. No other new jobs at present.	LW
<b>23/30</b>	<b>Grass Cutting Tender.</b> The PC resolved to advertise the grass cutting tender along the same lines as last year, with KA to liaise with the successful candidate regarding the rest of the village grass. Contract to be for 2 years. Confirmation of the successful candidate to be agreed via email. An explanation of the PC policy on grass cutting would be advertised in the Dunkery Tidings and on the village email.	LW  SC/LW
<b>23/31</b>	<b>Correspondence:</b>  The Dunkery Tidings would continue to be produced in a paper form. LW to send in council meeting dates and names of councillors. SC to write a summary of anything important that villagers should be made aware of. Chair's report was well received last year and would be continued.	LW/SC
<b>23/32</b>	<b>Report from other meetings.</b> None.	
<b>23/33</b>	<b>Chairman's Notices:</b> None	
<b>23/15</b>	<b>Items for next agenda.</b> Co-option, Coronation Celebrations	

Meeting finished at 9.45 pm.

**Date of next meeting Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2023**