

TIMBERSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 27th March 2023

at Timberscombe Village Hall – 7.30pm

Present: Councillors: K.Attwater – Chairman, S. Campbell (SC), S. Walker (SW), K. Walker (KW),

L. Webb (LW)- Clerk, County Councillors F. Nicholson (FN) and S. Pugsley (SP).

Item	Minutes	Action
	Questions from the public. None	
23/35	Apologies for Absence. F. Lloyd	
23/36	Declarations of Notifiable Interests. KA declared that one of the applicants for the grass cutting tender was her gardener.	
23/37	Approval of the Minutes of the last meeting held on 27 th February 2023. Proposed by KW and seconded by SC. Accepted as a true record and signed by KA.	
23/38	<p>Matters Arising.</p> <p>(a) Grass cutting. Four people had applied for the work and two of them were significantly lower quotes than the others. It was resolved that the chair would have further discussion with the current applicant about his willingness to complete the extra work on offer and then make a final decision between the two lower priced applicant. LW to inform applicants once a decision has been made.</p> <p>(b) Speed Indicator Device. Three people would meet with Kate Brown from Highways on 29th March to discuss positioning of the SID and other highway issues.</p> <p>(c) Defibrillator. Following current advice the code for the defib cabinet has been placed in the phone box. This would be communicated to the public via the Dunkery Tidings and the village website email. Spare pads and prep kit now purchased.</p> <p>(d) Playing Fields. Some possible grants had been found, although funding was likely to be very difficult to come by as priorities for many grant providers had move to cost of living support. It was agreed to look for funding for teenage/adult gym equipment.</p>	<p>KA, LW</p> <p>KA, LW, AS</p> <p>LW, SC</p> <p>LW</p>
23/39	Co-Option Mr Ware had expressed an interest in joining the council but was unable to attend the meeting. It was agreed to move co-option to the next meeting and invite Mr Ware to attend.	LW
23/40	<p>Report by the SW&T District Councillor and Somerset County Councillor.</p> <p>SP reported:</p> <p>a) The Exmoor Panel is now well underway in the transformation into the Local Area Network. The new LCN would officially come in to being on 8th April 2023 and would be for the Dulverton and Exmoor area.</p> <p>b) The West Somerset Council would cease to exist as from 1st April 2023 and all services would be taken over by Somerset Council.</p> <p>c) Nomination papers for ENP would be available to councillors from 17th April. An extra Parish Council meeting would need to be arranged between 31st May and 14th June to decide who the Parish Council would vote for.</p> <p>FN stated:</p> <p>d) We should discuss the outstanding highways issues with her after the meeting with Highways this Wednesday.</p> <p>e) Exford and Porlock schools had OFSTED inspections this week.</p>	KA, LW

	<p>KA expressed concern to the councillors that Magna were no longer responsible for the welfare of their residents and that the Village Agents were now taking over the work that the warden had previously undertaken.</p> <p>A new Magna warden and a new Village Agent are now in post for Timberscombe. Ka to ask if they would attend a Parish Council meeting.</p>	KA
23/41	Highways – No further issues	
23/42	Bridle Paths – Pathway to Timberscombe Hill Fort needs clearing.	LW
23/43	<p>Finance Report.</p> <p>a) Bank Reconciliation. The Council currently has £ 11,970.03 in the bank.</p> <p>b) The Council resolved to pay the Village Hall bill for £42.75</p> <p>KA has now been authorised for online banking.</p> <p>KW is still having problems LW to contact Unity Bank.</p> <p>The average 10% rise in the parish precept will only raise approximately £900. There was no rise at all last year in the precept.</p>	LW
23/44	<p>Planning Applications and Decision.</p> <p>a) Applications for Applecombe and Hillview have been approved by ENP.</p> <p>b) Application 6/34/23/003 for additional solar panels at Knowle Farm was supported by the Council. Lw to inform ENP.</p>	LW
23/45	<p>Village Maintenance – Cut back vegetation around the bus shelter, treat the wooden bus shelter, remove old village noticeboard by church, clear weeds from around the trough.</p> <p>Highway Steward – Turn “school” sign by village hall. Turn 30mph sign by Duddings.</p>	
23/46	Village Diversity Project. KA expressed concern about the fields near Totterdown which had been sprayed. KA to find owner. AS has volunteered to liaise with West Somerset Wildlife re. mapping project.	KA AS
23/47	Magna/ Village Agent. Covered above in 23/40	
23/48	<p>King’s Coronation Celebrations. Plans are underway for a village celebration along the lines of the Queen’s jubilee with BBQ, band and tea.</p> <p>The Council to look in to buying Coronation mugs for the village children, as long as the school were not already doing something similar. To be printed with “Presented by Timberscombe Parish Council”.</p>	LW
23/49	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>a) An email was shown to the council from Jo Kelly containing pictures of the trees provided by them.</p> <p>b) A letter from the CAB has been received thanking the council for inviting them to speak in February.</p>	
23/50	Report from other Representatives. No meetings other than that reported by SP in 23/40 which was attended by KA and LW	
23/51	Chairman’s and Councillors’ Notices. None	
23/52	Items for next agenda. Budget, CAB, Highways update, Coronation update	

Meeting finished at 9.10pm

Date of next meeting Monday 24th April 2023