

TIMBERSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 24th April 2023 at Timberscombe Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors:– Flo Lloyd (FL)-Chairwoman, S. Campbell (SC), S. Walker (SW), K. Walker (KW), A.Sutton (AS), I.Ware (IW)after co-option, L. Webb (LW)- Clerk, County Councillors F. Nicholson (FN) and S. Pugsley arrived 8.05pm (SP)

Item	Minutes	Action
	Questions from the public. None	
23/54	Apologies for Absence. K. Attwater	
23/55	Declarations of Notifiable Interests. None	
23/56	Approval of the Minutes of the last meeting held on 27 th March 2023. Proposed by KW and seconded by SC. Accepted as a true record and signed by FL.	
23/57	Matters Arising. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Grass cutting has started. Councillors requested a full cut of The Green, area by Orchard Way and Bembery Bank triangle at the end of April before “no mow May” began. (b) Defibrillator. Following current advice, the code for the defib cabinet has been placed in the phone box. (c) Coronation mugs have been ordered. AS, SC to distribute. KA to be asked to present to the school. (d) School sign has been turned back by Highways Steward. (e) Potholes in Great House Street and by the pub had been repaired. 	 KA KA, SC, AS
23/58	Co-Option It was resolved to invite Mr Ware to join the council. Mr Ware signed all the relevant forms. LW to send forms to Somerset Council.	LW
23/59	Report by Somerset Councillors. FN reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The West Somerset Council ceased to exist on 1st April 2023 and all services have now been taken over by Somerset Council. FN and SP would now oversee the entire Exmoor Local Community Network area. b) The Exmoor LCN meets for the first time on 8th June. Membership would be widened, from the current Exmoor panel membership, to cover areas such as education, health and social care. c) Timberscombe PC has already adopted the Somerset code of practice. KW complained about the Dunster to Minehead roadworks, where very little work appears to be going on but with maximum disruption. FN agreed that this needed to be improved and hoped that the new LCNs would have more control over future works. (SP arrived). AS asked what would happen about footpath defects if ENPs budget was to be cut. FN stated that faults should continue to be reported to ENP but that they would require landowners to pay a greater share of the costs of clearance or repair work.	
23/60	Highways – LW reported on the meeting between Somerset Highways and members of Timberscombe Parish Council. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Highways has agreed to provide new “horse in road” signs at Bickham and by the Methodist Chapel. b) Stripes and SLOW signage would be repainted, but additional stripes would need to be investigated to comply with the legislation. c) Highways supported the purchase of a Speed Indicator Device by the Parish Council but it’s placement would be difficult. Regulations require that it is at least 60m inside the 30mph zones. This would be easy at the Bickham end of the village 	

	<p>but difficult in Church Street and at Duddings, as there was no verge at either place suitable for a post.</p> <p>Highways would investigate land ownership at the Duddings site, but it may be necessary for the Parish Council to ask permission from private landowners if SC does not own the verge.</p> <p>It was agreed that a 30mph SID sign 60m into the zone in Church Street could in fact be dangerous, as 20mph was more than enough at that point. The Parish Council would investigate the possible use of a “20 is plenty” sign on private land at this point.</p> <p>d) Some sort of bollard was discussed to protect the trough.</p> <p>e) The leak in Great House Street was not covered as the reps from Highways were from traffic management. This issue would be pursued with other departments at Highways.</p> <p>It was hoped that the traffic management team would give further feedback before the next meeting to enable the Parish Council to progress these issues.</p> <p>f) The recent speeding figures were once again faulty, with hundreds of vehicles apparently passing through the village in the early hours at less than 10mph! LW is in communication with the operators regarding this issue. LW to send concerns to FN.</p>	LW
23/61	Bridle Paths – ENP have confirmed that they will clear the pathway to Timberscombe Hill Fort, remove old tree guards and repair existing tree guards.	
23/62	<p>Finance Report.</p> <p>a) Bank Reconciliation. The Council has just received the annual precept and VAT refunds and so currently has £ 22,125.38 in the bank. Budget to be covered in May meeting.</p> <p>b) The Council resolved to pay the insurance bill for £343.23.</p> <p>c) The Council resolved to add IW as a banking signatory.</p> <p>KW and FL were asked to complete their bank registration asap.</p> <p>Accounts will shortly be going to the Internal Auditor</p>	KW, FL LW
23/63	Planning Applications and Decisions. None	
23/64	Village Maintenance – SW would get a quote for treating of the wooden bus shelter. LW to ask a parishioner to remove old village noticeboard by church and clear weeds from around the trough.	SW LW
23/65	Village Eco Project. KA asked councillors to consider how we can support wildlife projects in the village. To go on the next agenda.	All
23/66	King’s Coronation Celebrations. Plans are underway for a village celebration along the lines of the Queen’s jubilee with BBQ, band and tea. Posters have been circulated for 7 th May. A village photograph to be discussed. Cream Tea at the Old Dairy on 8 th May.	SC
23/67	Correspondence The Council did not wish to make a representation on the Ruishton Development Plan.	
23/68	Report from other Representatives. No meetings. KA and LW would attend the Exmoor Panel meeting on 25 th April.	
23/69	Chairman’s and Councillors’ Notices. It was resolved to nominate KW as a parish member for ENP.	
23/70	Items for next agenda. Budget, Donations to JAPF and CAB	

Meeting finished at 8.50pm

Date of next meeting Monday 22nd May 2023 APM and AGM