

TIMBERSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 22nd May 2023

at Timberscombe Village Hall following the Annual Meeting of the Parish at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors: – K.Attwater (KA)Chairman, Ian Ware (IW), S. Campbell (SC), A. Sutton (AS), K.Walker (KW), Scott Walker (SW)

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

Item	Minutes	Action
23/71	Election of Chairperson Katy Attwater was duly elected Chairwoman for the forthcoming year and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Chair.	
23/72	Election of Vice Chairperson. Flo Lloyd was elected as Vice Chair of the Council.	
23/73	Apologies for Absence. Flo Lloyd (FL)	
23/74	Declarations of Notifiable Interests. None	
23/75	Approval of the Minutes of the last meeting held on 23 rd May 2022. Proposed by AS and seconded by SC. Accepted as a true record and signed by KA.	
23/76	Matters Arising. None	
23/77	Finance Report (i) Report from Internal Auditor. Adopted and signed by the Chairman. (ii) Presentation of 2022/3 accounts (previously circulated). Adopted and signed by KA and Accounts and Bank Reconciliation agreed and signed by KA. Reserve Account £11,061.26, Current Account £628.19, SOLDO card £262.58. Total funds £11,952.02. (iii) Invoices -a) Approval of donation of £40 to the Internal Auditor to be paid and donate to the Red Cross. b) Grass cutting £140 already paid, as agreed. It was resolved to pay all invoices. Proposed AS, seconded KW. (iv)	LW
23/78	Audit - Certificate of Exemption 2022-23: Approved and signed by KA and LW. The auditor's comments were noted.	
23/79	Audit - Section 1: Annual governance statement 2022/23. Approved and signed by KA and LW	
23/80	Audit - Section 2: Accounting statements 2022/23 Signed by LW. Approved by the Council and signed by KA. All audit papers to be sent off to external auditor.	LW
23/81	Review of Key Policies Code of Conduct, Standing Orders, GDPR & Aims, Objectives & Business Continuity: (Previously circulated). There have been no national changes to policies and no changes were necessary.	LW to update website

23/82	<p>Report by Somerset County Councillors. FN reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Somerset and Devon Councils have increased their funding to ENP which should mitigate, in part, the government's cuts. b) Hustings for the ENP election takes place on 31st May at Weddon Cross. All welcome. c) The first Exmoor LCN meeting will take place on 8th June 2023. The priorities were seen as highways, housing, the economy and education. Subgroups would be needed to set up and control works in these areas. AS expressed concern about the size of lorries using local roads. FN thought this would need to be decided at national level and people should lobby their MP. SP reported: d) A new monitoring Officer had been appointed, David Clark. e) The SW+T newsletter would be replaced by a Somerset version. 	
23/83	<p>Highways and Bridleways The Council had received a very helpful response from Highways, following their meeting earlier in the year with officials. New signage and road markings to be placed at Dudding, Bickham and Church Street entrances to the village. Further details to be lodged with the minutes. The Council is still waiting to hear about the trough and the water in Great House Street and positioning of SID. LW and KA to liaise on chasing this up. AS reported that there has been a lot of growth on the footpaths and bridleways. He and Garry would be clearing or reporting as required.</p>	<p>LW LW, KA AS, GS</p>
23/84	<p>Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) A letter was agreed to be sent to the Prideaux supporting their rewilding project. (b) Wessex Water to be invited to speak to the Council about their future plans to upgrade the village pipework. LW to arrange. (c) The Council agreed to nominate a worthy villager for the Chairs Award. (Name withheld for the moment) 	<p>LW LW LW</p>
23/85	<p>Planning Applications and Decision. Knowle application approved by ENP.</p>	
23/86	<p>Parish Maintenance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Grass Cutting. It was agreed that a path should be cut on Brewer's Green, a wider edge and cutting to be completed at Bemerry Bank triangle. SC and KA to meet with grass cutter to make sure he is clear about what is to be done. b) Bus Shelter. It was resolved to pay £50 + cost of paint for the re-treatment of the bus shelter. c) IW agreed to take down rotten parish noticeboard and clear the inside of the telephone box. d) Salt for Great House Street to be kept in box at the end of the nearby alley. e) 	<p>SC, KA SW IW AS</p>
23/87	<p>Report from representatives of other groups. No other meetings.</p>	

23/88	<p>Chairman's and Councillors' Notices. a) A grant of nearly £7000 had been received from the Morrisons Foundation. This would be used to replace the slide and rotten wooden structure with a 4-piece outdoor gym for use by teenagers and adults.</p> <p>LW asked for help in fulfilling the grant requirements. KW to agree a quote for publicity. FW to be approached to organise photos of children. Quotes for removal of old slide and wooden structure to be sought.</p>	KW, LW, FL?
23/89	Items for next agenda. Portfolios, Village Eco plans	
23/90	Date of the next meeting 26 th June 2023	
23/91	<p>Future Dates All Mondays – 2023: July 31st, Sept 25th, Oct 30th , Nov 27th</p> <p>2024: Jan 29th, Feb 26th, Mar 25th, Apr 29th , May 20th</p>	

Meeting finished at 9.30pm