

TIMBERSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 26th June 2023 at Timberscombe Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors K. Attwater (KA) - Chairwoman, S. Campbell (SC), S. Walker (SW), A. Sutton (AS), Flo Lloyd (FL), L. Webb (LW)- Clerk and 8 members of the public.

Item	Minutes	Action
	<p>Questions from the public.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr Jeffrey asked for clarification on the Public Questions start time. Clerk to make it clearer on the website. 2. Mrs Chaffey presented a letter, signed by a number of villagers, asking for the village green to be cut on a regular basis, as it used to be. A number of parishioners at the meeting supported this view. KA proposed that the Parish Council distribute a questionnaire to ensure that the whole village had a chance to record their opinion. 3. Mrs Hart asked if the Prideaux's plans were going to be publicised on the website, as stated in the January minutes. The clerk explained that the plans had not yet been finalised with ENP. The plans did not include any changes to the existing footpaths. If necessary, ENP would undertake the public consultation exercise and plans would then be circulated on the website. 4. Mrs Powles asked what had happened to the publicised roadworks on Dunster Steep. The Parish Council have received no information on this. 	<p>LW</p> <p>KA/LW</p>
23/71	Apologies for Absence. I.Ware (IW), K. Walker (KW), County Councillors - F. Nicholson (FN) and S. Pugsley (SP)	
23/72	Declarations of Notifiable Interests. None	
23/73	Approval of the Minutes of the last ordinary meeting held 24 th April 2023. Proposed by AS and seconded by SC. Accepted as a true record and signed by KA.	
23/74	<p>Matters Arising.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Bank Details still required by the clerk. (b) Wessex Water update – The clerk had contacted Wessex Water re the upcoming pipe replacement in Timberscombe. Details of the work has not yet been completed and Wessex Water have, therefore, been invited to attend the July meeting. If the plan were not ready at this stage an additional meeting would be held by the Parish Council in August. (c) Maintenance - Bus shelter, parish noticeboard and telephone box cleaning are awaiting completion. 	<p>FL</p>
23/75	Report by Somerset Councillors. County Councillors F. Nicholson (FN) and S. Pugsley (SP) were unable to attend on this occasion. They had no issues to report.	
23/76	<p>Highways</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) LW reported on the meeting with Somerset Highways re the leak in Great House Street. Jetting would be undertaken in Great House Street in July, so that the integrity of the drains could be checked. If this showed no problem and the water appeared to be a natural spring, a gully would need to be installed at the side of the road to lead the water towards an existing drain. This would involve major works and could not be scheduled until next year. Meanwhile, a hessian salt bag would be provided, to be placed in the water stream, so that water would be less likely to freeze in the winter. (b) The drain at the bottom of School Lane would be fully cleared out in July. (c) AS reported that flooding had occurred in Willow Cottage, because of excess water running down the hill. LW to request that the Highways Steward clears these drains and cuts back the roadside bank, which pushes the water across the 	<p>LW</p>

	roadway. Situation to be monitored once these jobs have been completed to assess if further work needs to be undertaken.	
23/77	Bridle Paths –KA reported that three parishioners had assisted ENP rangers to remove old tree guards and repair existing guards near Timberscombe Hill Fort. Further checks would be made on the site.	
23/78	Finance Report. a) Bank Reconciliation. The Parish Council currently has a total of £21,085.96 in the accounts. b) The Council resolved to pay the £57.00 to the Village Hall for hire over the last 4 months, Clerks pay and expenses totalling £792.76 for the last 4 months and HMRC tax payment of £181.00. Since the last meeting bills totalling £150 had been paid for grass cutting and £300 donated to the CAB to support their work in the village.	LW
23/79	Planning Applications and Decisions. None	
23/80	Village Maintenance – (a) AS expressed concern about the growth of vegetation in the Timberscombe Stream between the pub and the ford. AS to report to the Environment Agency. (b) AS reported that the Holes Square sign was missing. AS to report to Somerset Council via the “Report a Problem on the Roads” website.	AS AS
23/81	Village Environment Items. KA has requested details of the ENP strategy for environmental diversity so that the parish could work along the same lines	
23/82	Councillor Portfolios – The following areas of responsibility were confirmed. KA – Chair, LCN rep, Housing Enabler link AS – Footpaths and Bridleways KW – JAPF chair, Bus representative SW – JAPF and SID monitoring SC – Defibrillator Guardian, Village eyes and ears FL – Liaison with the School IW – Defibrillator monitor All Parish Councillors are also trustees of the JAPF.	
23/83	Correspondence (a) LW to request that the play area and football pitch are made into a Dog Exclusion Areas by Somerset Council. LW to request, again, that the school replaces the gate on the football field. (b) Housing Enabler to contact KA (c) Play Area equipment to be installed in July. Mr Rush to take away old equipment for reuse.	LW LW
23/84	Report from other Representatives. KW was attending a bus meeting during this parish meeting and would, hopefully, report back at the next meeting.	KW
23/85	Chairman’s Notices. None	
23/86	Items for next agenda. Village Pantry	

Meeting finished at 9.15 pm.

Date of next meeting Monday 31st July.

JAPF AGM meeting to be moved to September 11th.