TIMBERSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 30th October 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), I Ware, L. Webb (LW)- Clerk and 2 members of the public. Cllr Steven Pugsley arrived at 8.00 pm.

Item	Minutes	Action
	Questions from the public.	
	1. Mrs Jeffrey requested financial support for the publication of a village newsletter	
	which would publicise events from all organisations in the village. A sum of £200	
	was requested. PC to discuss under finance.	
	2. Mrs Hart asked if there was any further news on the sale of Timberscombe Wood.	
	KA had received an email from ENP stating that the sale was "on hold".	
23/121	Apologies for Absence. K. Walker (KW), County Councillors - F. Nicholson (FN) and S.	
	Pugsley (SP), who would be late due to another meeting.	
23/122	Declarations of Notifiable Interests. None	
23/123	Approval of the Minutes of the last meeting held on 25 th September 2023.	
	Proposed by IW and seconded by SC. Accepted as a true record and signed by KA.	
23/124	Matters Arising.	
23, 124	(a) Wessex Water update –A public meeting has been arranged for 7 th November	KA/LW
	2023 by Wessex Water. KA and LW to meet with Wessex Water beforehand with	IV y L VV
	the aim of understanding the proposed organisation of the closures, particularly	
	in the village cul-de-sacs.	
	(b) Still no response from Highways re the Great House Street jetting work and water	KA/LW
	on the road. KA and LW to chase Highways at the next LCN meeting.	INTY L VV
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	(c) The river in the village is due for a regular check by the environmental Agency in	NA
	Dec 2023. KA to chase up. SP arrived.	
	(d) Missing sign on Holes Square and damaged sign for Willow View have been	LW/SP
	marked up by Somerset Council as "no action at this time". LW to send reports to	LVV/3P
	SP for him to query.	
	(e) The Speed Indicator Device design has been approved by Somerset Council. The	
	Parish Council agreed to KA signing the Memorandum of Understanding between	
	them and Somerset Council. The next stage is to apply to the Police for a grant.	LW
	Concern was expressed about the attacks on the roadside signs. Somerset Council	
	have been very quick to make good the damage. LW had been unable to register	
	this as a crime as the Parish Council were not the owners of the signs. Somerset	
	Council have been asked to do this. LW has received advice from the Police	
	regarding our rights to put up a camera once the SID is in place. This will be	
	looked in to further by LW.	LW
	(f) Barry Fowler has looked at the bus shelter and will give us a quote for the repair.	
	He has suggested a small ditch on the back and Cutcombe side to prevent the	LW
	wood touching the ground and causing rotting. LW to chase quote.	
	(g) Dumpy bags of salt have been delivered by Somerset Council, however, the salt	LW
	bins remain empty. LW to send positions of bins to SP to chase up.	
	(h) There have been no responses to the request for an Odd Job person. It was	
	agreed to up the rate offered to £20 ph. Two possible people were suggested. LW	LW
	to progress if no further offers were forthcoming by 6 th Nov.	
	(i) Grass at end of Bemberry Bank has now been cut, as requested.	
	(j) Free daffodils have been planted around the edges of the playing field by KA/LW	
	(k) No response from the diocese regarding the cost of JAPF lease extension or	
	purchase of land. LW has contacted the agents again and they have promised to	
	chase this diocese.	
23/125	Report by Somerset Councillors.	
	County Councillor S. Pugsley (SP) reported that:	

(a) Somerset Council were very short of money due to the doubling of the cost of adult and child social care. Major cuts were being made to avoid bankruptcy. (b) The LCN had formed two new subgroups. The housing subgroup is looking at how housing can be improved in the region. The Economic Regeneration subgroup have come up with some innovative ideas. The Parish Council will be asked to complete surveys on issues, such as broadband reception. It was felt that a Rural Business Enabler was needed. SP left the meeting. 23/126 Highways (a) SC asked how long scaffolding was able to remain on the roadway, as the current scaffolding in the middle of the village was causing difficulties. SC agreed to contact the householder and, if necessary, Somerset Council who issue scaffolding permits. 23/127 Bridle Paths – No new issues. AS to monitor footpaths after the coming storm. AS AS Finance Report. a) Bank Reconciliation. The Parish Council currently has a total of 18,620.02 in the accounts. b) The Council resolved to pay the following bills: levered dog and rubbish bin emptying for the year £1112.40, Grass Cutting for October £240, a donation of £20 to the Poppy Appeal for a wreath. Since the last meeting bills totalling £100 had been paid for grass cutting. c) It was agreed to support the village newsletter to the sum of £200, provided certain conditions were met. The Parish Council is prohibited from giving money to a church, so the newsletter must become a whole village newsletter, not a church newsletter. If the newsletter was to include events held in Wootton Courtenay the Council would expect the Wootton Courtenay Council to match the Timberscombe donation, or, alternatively, for organisations outside the village to pay for their advert. LW to meet with Mrs Jeffrey to explain these points. 23/132 Village Maintenance – No further issues but lots of work still outstanding. AS to monitor the electrical works on Willow View to ensure it is tidied up satisfactorily. AS to monitor the electrical works on Will			1
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