

**TIMBERSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at Timberscombe Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors K. Attwater (KA) - Chairwoman, K Walker (KW), A Sutton (AS), S Walker (SW), S. Campbell (SC), Flo Lloyd (FL), L. Webb (LW)- Clerk. Cllr Steven Pugsley (SP) and Cllr Frances Nicholson (FN) arrived at 9pm

Item	Minutes	Action
	<b>Questions from the public.</b> None	
24/01	<b>Apologies for Absence.</b> None	
24/02	<b>Declarations of Notifiable Interests.</b> None	
24/03	<b>Approval of the Minutes</b> of the last meeting held on 27 <sup>th</sup> November 2023. Proposed by FL and seconded by SC. Accepted as a true record and signed by KA.	
24/04	<p><b>Matters Arising.</b></p> <p>(a) KA expressed concern about the water in Great House Street. At the LCN meeting, attended by KA and LW, the Highways department seemed to be moving away from the idea of completing the work during the Wessex Water closure. Highways dept have yet to read the drain survey report completed in Sept 2023. Letter to be sent to Highways. SP and FN to be asked to intervene to ensure the report was read.</p> <p>(b) The missing Holes Square sign was now on the Somerset Council list to be replaced but given the likelihood of this department’s work being cut the Council agreed to get quotes for providing a sign. AS to speak to householder to see if a sign could be painted onto the house to prevent future thefts.</p> <p>(c) No action from Mr Fowler on bus stop replacement. LW to chase.</p> <p>(d) Salt bins now full. KA to ask householder at Cowbridge if they would be willing to scatter salt on the slope near Cowbridge Mill.</p> <p>(e) A response from the agents has finally been received regarding the purchase of the JAPF land. ENP have stated that the land is listed as an “important visual amenity” and could not be built on. The value of the land as agricultural land is approximately £3500. A land auctioneer has been contacted and, following his advice, it was agreed to offer £4000 for the land plus costs. LW has asked for quotes for both the diocese costs and the JAPF costs so we can assess an overall amount required.</p> <p>(f) LW had repeatedly tried to contact Environmental Health re the Dog Exclusion Order. With no contact established SP and FN to be asked to pursue this.</p> <p>(g) Mr Smyth has agreed to take on the jobs around the village and has already replaced the light bulb in the phone box.</p>	<p>LW/SP/FN</p> <p>LW</p> <p>AS</p> <p>LW</p> <p>KA</p> <p>LW</p> <p>SP</p>
24/05	<p><b>Report by Somerset Councillors.</b> Covered at the end of the meeting after arrival of SP and FN at 9pm.</p> <p>County Councillor SP and FN reported that:</p> <p>(a) The level of cuts in services is still unknown and the decision date is likely to be pushed back further.</p> <p>(b) The Exford road-closure is progressing well.</p> <p>(c) Jo White is now Head of Planning at ENP</p> <p>(d) The Exmoor LCN is investigating the possibility of sharing a Highway Steward with other LCNs.</p> <p>(e) The councillors agreed to follow up the Council’s concerns re the Dog Order and Water in Great House Street.</p>	

