## TIMBERSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> February 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), Ian Ware (IW), L. Webb (LW)- Clerk. Cllr Steven Pugsley (SP) arrived at 8.50pm

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	Questions from the public. None	
24/16	Apologies for Absence. Cllr. Frances Nicholson (FN)	
24/10	Declarations of Notifiable Interests. None	
24/18	Approval of the Minutes of the last meeting held on 29 <sup>th</sup> January 2024.	
24/10	Proposed by AS and seconded by SC. Accepted as a true record and signed by KA.	
24/19	Matters Arising.	
24/15	(a) Active Signs have quoted for £35 for a replacement for the missing Holes Square	
	sign. It was resolved to purchase a sign.	LW
	(b) No action from Mr Fowler on bus stop replacement.	200
	(c) LW has received a quote of £2,252, for legal costs for the JAPF committee to	
	purchase the JAPF land. A formal offer has now been made to the land agents for	
	the land. If accepted, total costs are likely to be in the region of £9,000.	
	(d) LW has repeatedly tried to contact Environmental Health re the Dog Exclusion	
	Order with no response. It was hoped that FN or SP had made some progress.	
	(e) A letter was sent to Highways expressing the Parish Councils deep concern over	
	the water in Great House Street. This has finally received a response. The jetting	
	survey showed some congestion in the pipework. Highways will wait to see what	
	the Wessex Water mains water works reveal and, if necessary, plan work for the summer.	
	(f) Update on Wessex Water works. All seems to be going well and the workmen	
	have been very helpful. Concern was expressed about the poor vision for	
	residents leaving Vicarage Court, due to works vans. The work on the main road is	
	almost complete. If the problem persists after this work is finished LW to contact	
	Wessex Water.	
	It was resolved to spend up to £50 on mixed daffodils to be planted where the	LW
	earth had been turned over by the works.	
24/20	Report by Somerset Councillors See end of meeting	
24/21	Highways The next closure by Wessex Water would be The Glebe. Wessex Water have	
_ ,,	confirmed that the road would be closed between 9am and 3pm, so traffic could pass at	LW
	other times. LW to remind the school and residents. Concern was expressed over parking	
	once the Village Hall car park was closed.	
24/22	Bridle Paths and Footpaths – A tree which was leaning dangerously over the Wanneroo	
	path has been reported to ENP, but no action has yet been forthcoming. KA to contact	КА
	Sue Applegate.	
24/23	Finance Report.	
	a) Bank Reconciliation. The Parish Council currently has Reserve Acct £16,461,	
	Current Acct 562.04, SOLDO Acct £71.41 giving a total of £ 17,094.45 in the	
	accounts. The only payments since the last meeting was £50 for the bus shelter work.	
	b) The Council resolved to pay the clerks fees of £1.026.21 for the last 5 months and HMRC bill of £234.40.	LW
	c) It was resolved to purchase plastic ties, to repair the dog bin near the phone box. Because of the excessive weight of this bin, it would be sited on the ground in	LW
	future. Cost approximately £11.50	

24/24	Planning Applications and Decisions. None.	
24/25	Village Maintenance / Jobs for the Highways Steward. No new jobs.	
24/26	<b>Village Environment Items.</b> There have been lengthy discussions between KA and the Environment Agency. The EA do not have plans to do any further work in the river at this moment. Concerns were expressed about the rise in the silt level under the bridge by the pub and the resultant restriction in the water flow. It was felt that this could cause flooding in the future. AS, FL and KA to meet to discuss what could be done about this problem.	AS, FL and KA
24/27	Correspondence.	
	<ul> <li>a) A letter from Magna, previously circulated to all councillors, was discussed. There seems to be a significant gap between what was said in the letter and the reality experienced by the residents. LW to send out paper copies of "How to complain" to all Magna residents. KA to continue discussions with FN, SP and Somerset County Council to ensure Magna are held to account (See item 24/20 c held after the end of the meeting).</li> <li>b) LW had been contacted by Heartstart who would no longer have the Timberscombe Defibrillator under their umbrella. The Defib has been reregistered by the Parish Council. IW agreed to undertake the regular maintenance of the defib. New pad to be purchased by LW.</li> <li>c) A request for a £350 donation toward the cutting of the church grass was read out the was reached to paper CaEO to St Detroch's grass outting fund.</li> </ul>	LW KA IW/LW
24/20	out. It was resolved to pay £350 to St Petrock's grass cutting fund.	LW
24/28	<b>Report from other Representatives.</b> Zoom meeting of the bus group to be held this week. Concerns had been expressed at the reduction in the No 28 service from Minehead to Taunton. KW to update at the next meeting.	кw
24/29	Chairman's Notices.	
• -	KA has spoken to ENP with regards to the sale of Timberscombe Wood. Due to the asbestos this sale has been placed on hold and seems unlikely to go ahead.	
24/30	Items for next agenda. None	
	<b>Meeting finished at 8.50 pm.</b> Date of next meeting Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2024.	
24/20	<ul> <li>Report by Somerset Councillors. Covered after the end of the meeting on arrival of SP at 8.55pm. County Councillor SP reported:</li> <li>(a) He had followed up the Council's concerns re the Dog Order. The person dealing with the Dog Orders was Jo Toogood. Messages had been left for her but as yet no response had been received by SP.</li> <li>(b) Following his intervention regarding the water in Great House Street, Highways had responded to the Council (see 24/19 e.)</li> <li>(c) SP has spoken to Jo Humbler, of Somerset Council, regarding the Magna problems. Our MP was also monitoring the situation.</li> <li>(d) The problem of an overflowing drain near the Old Dairy was brought to the attention of SP.</li> </ul>	
	attention of SP. IW agreed to contact the owner and advise him to contact SP, who would bring it to the attention of our MP.	IW