

TIMBERSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 29th April 2024 at Timberscombe Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Present: Councillors - Flo Lloyd (FL)- Chairwoman, K Walker (KW), A Sutton (AS), S Walker (SW), S. Campbell (SC), L. Webb (LW)- Clerk and one member of the public. County Cllr S.Pugsey (SP) arrived at 8.20pm.

Item	Minutes	Action
	Questions from the public. A Magna resident spoke to the Council about his successful approach regarding problems with his Magna home. The Parish Council have recorded his successes. KA and LW to discuss with the County Councillors how to use the resident's approach to the benefit of other Magna residents and report back to the Council.	KA/LW/FN/SP
24/46	Apologies for Absence. K. Attwater (KA), Ian Ware (IW), County Cllr F. Nicholson (FN)	
24/47	Declarations of Notifiable Interests. None	
24/48	Approval of the Minutes of the last meeting held on 25 th March 2024. Proposed by KW and seconded by SC. Accepted as a true record and signed by FL.	
24/49	Matters Arising. (a) A resident of Holes Square has agreed to put up the new sign. (b) Update on Wessex Water works. All seems to be going well and the workmen have been very helpful. (c) Dog Exclusion Order. Still no official notification from Somerset Council. (d) The dog waste bin in The Glebe has been permanently repaired. (e) The untaxed car was moved almost immediately after being reported. Residents and Councillors are urged to report untaxed cars via Gov.uk. The site does not require you to identify yourself. (f) The portrait of the King is now hanging in the Post Office. (g) FL reported back on the Flood and Water group meeting. Villagers to be asked, via the website emails and facebook to let the Parish Council know of any flooding issues within the parish. Somerset Council have requested more details of any problems. The group will meet again.	LW
24/50	Report by Somerset Councillors (see later in the meeting)	
24/51	Highways - No new issues	
24/52	Bridle Paths and Footpaths - Several styles are in need of repair. To be reported by AS. A reminder to residents to shut gates will be posted on the website and facebook.	AS LW
24/53	Finance Report. a) Bank Reconciliation. The accounts have now been sent to the internal auditor. At the end of the financial year the Parish Council had a total of 15,444.38 in the accounts. This is an increase of £3,492.35 over last year and gives the Council a very high level of reserves. This will, shortly, be put towards the planned projects within the village. These include a Speed Indicator Device (the outcome of a grant application is expected in July), support for the JAPF to purchase the play area (response from the diocese awaited) and support for the village hall to purchase a generator. A grant of £500 has been secured from Magna for the generator and the Parish Council unanimously resolved a limit of £850 to support this purchase. b) It was unanimously resolved to pay the annual insurance of up to £500.47 to Clear Councils. The clerk is awaiting a figure for a 3-year deal. The insurance would need to be adjusted to cover the SID and liabilities arising from it, once purchased.	LW

24/54	Planning Applications and Decisions. None.	
24/55	Village Maintenance. Weeds near Slade Cottage to be cleared. Mr Smyth has cleared the wall in front of Orchard Bungalows and around the JAPF gate. More clearance to be completed around Church Street and the trough.	
24/50	<p>Report by County Councillors (SP arrived at 8.20pm). SP reported that he will be discussing Magna at the Scrutiny Committee meeting. The next LC meeting on 9th May would be discussing a review of the Highways pilot scheme.</p> <p>New contractors, Kier, have taken on the County Highways contract. AS was advised to contact Ross Matthew at Somerset Bridges re structural checks. SP was briefly updated on the Magna situation and asked that further detail be forwarded to him and FN.</p> <p>Concern was expressed over a resident's emergency ambulance which never arrived. LW was asked to forward details to SP and FN so that a complaint can be lodged with the appropriate organisation.</p>	<p>AS LW</p> <p>LW</p>
24/56	Village Environment Items No new issues	
24/57	<p>Correspondence.</p> <p>a) It was unanimously resolved to purchase a Bleed Kit. LW to investigate the best model to fit into our phone box and then purchase at a cost of just under £200 plus VAT, depending on the model.</p> <p>b) A First Aid course to be arranged later in the year.</p> <p>c) An email had been received from a resident requesting planning advice. It was restated that the Parish Council are not in a position to give planning advice and residents should contact ENP.</p>	<p>LW</p> <p>LW</p>
24/58	Report from other Representatives. KW to contact John Perrett, Service Manager for Transport in Somerset, re the future of the local bus service.	KW
24/59	Chairman's Notices. None	
24/60	Items for next agenda. It was agreed to move the next meeting and the Parish Meeting to TUESDAY 21 st May, in order to avoid other meetings in the village and the bank holiday weekend.	

Meeting finished at 8.55 pm.

Date of next meeting TUESDAY 21st May 2024.