

# TIMBERSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at Timberscombe Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Present: Councillors k. Attwater (KA, Chair) S. Campbell (SC), I. Ware (IW) , C. Gibbard (CG) arrived 8.20pm , J. Daniel (JD) , H. Moore (HM), L. Webb (LW Clerk), F. Nicholson (FN) joined the meeting at 8pm.

Item	Minutes	Action
	<b>Questions/Comments from the public.</b> None	
<b>25/16</b>	<b>Apologies for Absence</b> L. Davies (LD), S. Pugsey (SP)	
<b>25/17</b>	<b>Declarations of Notifiable Interests.</b> None	
<b>25/18</b>	<b>Approval of the Minutes</b> of the last meeting held on 27 <sup>th</sup> January 2025. Proposed by SC and seconded by JD. Accepted as a true record and signed by KA.	
<b>25/19</b>	<b>Matters Arising.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) KA met with the Wessex Water representative and the compound light has now been angled downwards.</li> <li>(b) The light in Orchards Way was still a problem it has now been passed to the National Grid to locate the connections.</li> <li>(c) The SID has arrived but cannot be sited until a councillor has undergone training. LW has asked the Cutcombe clerk if their representative would be willing to put up our SID until we have a trained person. Reply awaited. KA to store SID until it can be put up. LW to check next available course.</li> </ul>	KA LW
<b>24/20</b>	<b>Report by Somerset Councillors</b> taken later in the meeting on arrival of FN.	
<b>25/21</b>	<b>Highways</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Speeding. KA and LW met with Mrs Wealleans and agreed a possible positioning of a sign in her garden, overlooking Church Street. The Council resolved to purchase of 3 x “Slow Down 10 mph” signs at a cost of around £21 each. One for Mrs Wealleans garden and a further 2 for the end of Great House Street and further up Church Street.</li> <li>(b) Concern expressed by SC over a tree leaning on the cables near Bougham. LW to contact ENP.</li> <li>(c) Drain by Village Hall has been dug out but it seems that the pipe is blocked further down on the football pitch.</li> </ul>	LW  LW
<b>25/24</b>	<b>Bridlepaths and Footpaths</b> SC expressed concern over a tree down in School Lane. SC to report it.	SC
<b>25/25</b>	<b>Finance Report.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Bank Reconciliation. The Council currently has a total 23,903.49 in the accounts. £4,900 of this is ring fenced grant money.</li> <li>b) Invoices. It was unanimously resolved to pay £2747.99 to Elan City for the SID, £35 to SALC for councillor training, £72 for two years of webhosting. It was also agreed that LW should purchase the necessary clips and additional insurance for the SID.</li> </ul>	LW
<b>25/24</b>	<b>Planning Applications and Decisions.</b> None	
<b>25/25</b>	<b>Village Maintenance</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) One quote of £2240 for the bus stop had been circulated to Councillors. A second was over £4000. It was resolved to accept the £2240 quote from Mr Evans.</li> <li>(b) The daffodil bulbs are coming up in several places around the village.</li> </ul>	LW
<b>25/26</b>	<b>Village Environment Items</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) KA to meet with a Somerset River Authorities rep and an Environmental Farming rep to discuss flooding issues.</li> </ul>	KA
<b>25/27</b>	<b>Correspondence.</b> None	

<b>25/28</b>	<b>Report from other Representatives.</b> IW to discuss Bus meetings at next meeting	
<b>25/29</b>	<b>Chair's Notices.</b> None (FN arrive at 8pm)	
<b>25/20</b>	<b>Report by Somerset Councillors.</b> <b>(a)</b> FN was asked to get a decision from Highways re the work in Great House Street at the next LCN meeting as both KA and LW would be unable to attend. (CG arrived at 8.20pm) <b>(b)</b> KA expressed the Council's concern over the possibility of land, owned by the Diocese of Bath and Wells, becoming available for building houses in Timberscombe. This land has been subject to frequent sewage flooding. Concern has also been expressed over the two types of housing proposed, Social and Affordable. The village already has 1/3 of its housing stock as social housing which is thought to be a good balance. The PCs view of the definition of affordable housing is that it is not affordable in the current market. .	
<b>25/30</b>	<b>Items for next agenda.</b> Bus meeting.	

Meeting finished at 8.30 pm.

Date of next meeting Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025.