

TIMBERSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 27th October 2025 at Timberscombe Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Present: Councillors - K. Attwater (KA)- Chair, S. Campbell (SC), I. Ware (IW), C. Gibbard (CG), County Councillors S. Pugsley (SP) and F. Nicholson (FN) L. Webb (LW)- Clerk.

Item	Minutes	Action
	Questions/Comments from the public. None	
25/126	Apologies for Absence H. Moore (HM), J. Daniel (JD), L. Davies (LD)	
25/127	Declarations of Notifiable Interests. None	
25/128	Approval of the Minutes of the last ordinary meeting held on 29 th September 2025. Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by SC and seconded by CG. Accepted as a true record and signed by KA.	
25/129	Matters Arising. The mis-spelling of councillors names had been corrected.	
24/130	Report by Somerset Councillors – a) Winter services will continue as in previous years, with all red roots being salted whenever the temperature drops and green roots salted if there is a prolonged cold spell. b) The LCN Housing Report will be published in the new year. 88% of social housing on Exmoor is owned by Magna. Exmoor Councillors are attempting to get a local needs condition attached to the Magna Houses. c) The traffic lights at the Cutcombe accident site have been replaced with a more reliable set. The crash inquest will begin in January 2026. d) SC expressed her concern at the recent traffic chaos in the village, caused by the closure of the A39. This would be raised at the next LCN meeting. It was suggested that repainting of the white lines on the road might help traffic at the Post Office/Pub junction. LW to report this to County.	KA LW
25/131	Highways – a) IW has now completed the required SID training course and the SID will be erected shortly. It was agreed that IW would purchase the necessary clips at a price of £31.74	IW
25/132	Footpaths and Bridleways – No new concerns.	
25/133	Finance Report. a) Bank Reconciliation. The Parish Council accounts stand at a total of £18,115.47 b) Invoices. Invoices for grass cutting totalling £120 have been paid since the last meeting. New (pre-approved) defib pads were purchased at a cost of £86.39. The following invoices were unanimously approved for payment: £1,310.40 to Idverde for dog waste and rubbish bin emptying for the year. £45 to SALC for clerk's AI training. £45 to Mr Dunford for village maintenance. It was unanimously agreed to donate 20 pounds to the Poppy Appeal. Paying these invoices will take the PC account to just over £16K.	LW
25/134	Planning Applications and Decisions. a) The Planning Application for retro fitting of Orchard Way and Orchard Bungalows was unanimously supported by the Council. b) The clerk reported that no planning permission was required for the Old Dairy to install charging points. On excavation, the owner discovered that there is already hard-standing from the foundations of the old building. Therefore, no planning is required for this project.	LW

25/135	<p>Village Maintenance and Village Environment Items a) CG reported that the vegetation along the church wall had been cleared by Mr Dunford. The path along the triangle of grass at the end of Bembury Bank had been widened by clearing vegetation. Work still outstanding: hedges to the left of the Vicarage Court exit, parts of the village green edges, around the trough in the village square and the wall in front of Orchard Bungalows.</p> <p>b) A new grass-cutting tender will be advertised in December.</p> <p>c) CG reported that the seat in the bus shelter was too low but the seat has already been raised. LW to investigate if this problem has now been solved.</p> <p>d) It was unanimously agreed that the Council would pay for a new gate and “no Dogs” sign at the entrance to the football pitch. Quotes to be obtained by the clerk for this work. CG to check the width of the gate required by the grass cutter and to ask on Facebook if anybody had a spare gate they were willing to donate.</p> <p>e) JD still working on the flood plan.</p>	<p>CG</p> <p>LW</p> <p>LW</p> <p>LW/CG</p> <p>JD</p>
25/136	Correspondence – A letter had been received regarding the annual Road Trail.	
25/137	Report from other Representatives. None	
25/138	Chair’s Notices. Magna have finally tracked down the connections for the Orchard Way car park light and it is hoped that this work can be completed soon.	
25/139	Items for next agenda. Budget and Precept, Grass Cutting contract.	

Meeting finished at 8.30 pm.

Date of next meeting Monday 24th November 2025.