

TIMBERSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 26th January 2026 at Timberscombe Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Present: Councillors - K. Attwater (KA), - Chair, C. Gibbard (CG) arrived 8pm, J. Daniel (JD), S. Campbell (SC), L. Davis (LD), County Cllr F. Nicholson (FN), County Councillor S. Pugsley (SP), L. Webb (LW)- Clerk.

Item	Minutes	Action
	Questions/Comments from the public. None	
26/15	Apologies for Absence H. Moore (HM), I. Ware (IW),	
26/16	Declarations of Notifiable Interests. None	
26/17	Approval of the Minutes of the last ordinary meeting held 26 th January 2026. Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by SC and seconded by LD. Accepted as a true record and signed by KA.	
26/18	Matters Arising (i) The blockage under the bridge, next to the Pub, has been cleared but SC reported that some of the debris was now further down the river. (ii) It remains too wet for the football posts and the new gate to be installed on the football pitch.	LW to chase up
26/19	Report by the County Councillors SP reported that : (i) The road at Pitt bridge is in need of repair. Vegetation clearance work will start shortly and traffic lights will be needed at the site. (ii) The Cutcombe Hill road repairs are progressing well. (iii) The recent Housing Sub-Committee meeting raised the problems with Magna again. KA added that, after discussions with Rachel Gilmore, they were hoping to arrange a meeting with Magna senior management. It appears that the package of work previously announced would not take place in full. Concern was expressed that without the whole package the new heating would be inefficient and expensive to run. (iv) Great House Street works were discussed at the LCN Highways sub-committee. A final decision on the solution has yet to be made. (v) The Boundary Commission report is due to be published on 3 rd March 2026. (vi) The Cutcombe crash inquest has been postponed again. (vii) A review of signage for lorries is being undertaken. The Council requested that the signage at Couple Cross be included in the review, as inappropriate lorries continue to comedown Church Street and then get stuck. KA had contacted Forestry England after a logging lorry became stuck and was told that contractors are instructed not to drive through the village. SC reported that the road through the village has been noticeably busier since the road works at Dunster had started.	
26/20	Highways a) Potholes in Great House Street have been reported again by LW. b) The solar panel for the SID has arrived and it is hoped that it can be installed this week. c) The Glebe "Give Way" light still not working. LW to report again. d) The trees leaning on the wires in Church Street have been reported to Open Reach by a resident.	IW/CG LW
26/21	Footpaths and Bridleways SC has reported a dangerous catch on the School Lane gate to ENP.	
26/22	Finance Report. a) Bank Reconciliation. The Parish Council accounts stand at a healthy total of £14,503.77. b) Invoices. The following invoices were unanimously approved for payment: Elan City £509.08 for the solar panel, Mailerlite £116.64 for the village email service,	LW

	<p>Clerks pay £ 577.57 and HMRC tax £133.20. It was also unanimously agreed to donate £1000 to the JAPF account to cover insurance and maintenance work.</p> <p>c) Due to the closure of the TESCO card in April, it was unanimously agreed that the clerk should open an ANNA pre-paid card for petty cash purchases. The only costs would be a 0.95% transfer in fee.</p>	LW
26/23	Planning Applications and Decisions. None.	
26/24	<p>Village Maintenance and Village Environmental Items</p> <p>a) Grass Cutting Tender. It was unanimously agrees to accept the tender from Mr Williams. LW to communicate with all applicants.</p> <p>b) It was agreed that the quote for repainting and repairing the telephone box was rather higher than expected. It was resolved to seek further quotes or volunteers for the work. <i>CG arrived.</i></p> <p>c) Football pitch Dog Order applied for. Signage for the Play Area requested.</p> <p>d) Daffodils coming up all around the village.</p> <p>e) JD requested a "Pick up after your dog" sign for the village green. It was unanimously agreed to purchase 2.</p>	<p>LW</p> <p>JD/LW</p> <p>LW</p> <p>LW</p>
26/25	Correspondence. None.	
26/26	Report from other Representatives. None.	
26/27	Chair's Notices. None	
26/28	Items for next agenda.	

Meeting finished at 8.30pm. Date of next meeting Monday 30th March 2026.