

TIMBERSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 27th April 2026 at Timberscombe Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Present: Councillors - K. Attwater (KA) - Chair, C. Gibbard (CG) arrived 8.20 pm, J. Daniel (JD), S. Campbell (SC), I. Ware (IW), , County Cllr F. Nicholson (FN), County Councillor S. Pugsley (SP) and F. Nicholson arrived 8.20pm , L. Webb (LW)- Clerk.

Item	Minutes	Action
	<p>Questions/Comments from the public.</p> <p>(i) Mr Witt asked if the council could consider a dog poo bin at the end of Orchard Way. It was agreed that this was a hot spot for dog mess.</p> <p>(ii) Mr Witt reported that the West Somerset Advice Bureau would not now be closing, as it had secured a grant from Somerset Council. It was still significantly short of funds and asked all parish councils to consider a donation to help keep the service running.</p>	
26/43	<p>Apologies for Absence L. Davis (LD) has resigned from the Parish Council. CG would be late, as she was working.</p>	
26/44	<p>Declarations of Notifiable Interests. None</p>	
26/45	<p>Approval of the Minutes of the last ordinary meeting held on 30th March 2026 Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by IW and seconded by JD. Accepted as a true record and signed by KA.</p>	
26/46	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>(i) Tree leaning on the wire in Church Street has finally been removed by Openreach.</p> <p>(ii) Thanks to Mr Booth for shaving wood off the phone box door and to IW for cleaning the inside of the box. LW to now ask the contractor to paint the outside as previously agreed.</p> <p>(iii) Mrs Chaffey has now agreed to organise and fund the restoration of the existing benches on the village green and install her bench in memory of Mr Chaffey. The Parish Council would like to thank her for her generosity.</p>	LW
26/48	<p>Report by the County Councillors (CG, SP and FN arrived) SP reported that :</p> <p>(i) The government has distributed funds to Somerset Council to help people with their fuel costs. The funds are to be distributed by the Somerset CAB and anybody in need should contact them directly. The funds would be means-tested.</p> <p>(ii) Next LCN meeting 11th June.</p>	
26/49	<p>Highways</p> <p>(i) It appears that something may be happening in Great House Street as markings have appeared on the tarmac. The council have not been told what the plan is.</p> <p>(ii) SC reported that there were two kerb stones loose outside the post Office.</p> <p>(iii) IW reported that there was a kerb stone loose at the start of the Glebe. LW to report these.</p> <p>(iv) CG reported that the poor quality of the white lines by the pub were causing a problem as drivers were not seeing the area as a junction. This has already been reported and is on the waiting list of jobs for Highways. All reported pot holes now appear to have been mended.</p>	LW
26/50	<p>Footpaths and Bridleways No new issues.</p>	
26/47	<p>Co-Option of a new councillor. Following a vote by councillors, Mr Richard Jeffrey was co-opted to the council by a majority vote. Three remaining applicant would be held over until the next meeting when , unless an election is called, the council can co-opt one further councillor. LW to inform applicants.</p>	LW

26/51	<p>Finance Report.</p> <p>(i) Bank Reconciliation. The Parish Council accounts stand at a healthy total of £11,805.44 at the end of the financial year. This is approximately 110% of the precept which is above the recommended reserve level for a Parish the size of Timberscombe. There are still projects in need of funding to complete.</p> <p>(ii) Invoices. It was resolve to pay invoices of £193.54 for the annual SALC subscription, £524.95 for the clerk’s pay since February and £121.20 to HMCR.</p> <p>(iii) New AGAR regulations. As required by the new regulations, it was resolved to pay the sum of £52 to register with the IOC and to ask Mr Hodgson to set up the basic gov.uk email package and gov.uk domain with website at a cost of £100 + VAT plus £160 for his services. Mr Hodgson has already applied to the government to release these items.</p> <p>The clerk summarised the new IT Policy requirements and the new Policy was adopted by the council. A new data audit has also been completed by LW.</p> <p>Data Protection training will have to be completed by all.</p> <p>(iv) It was resolve to pay a grant of £300 to West Somerset CAB.</p>	<p>LW</p> <p>LW/ Mr Hodgson</p> <p>LW</p>
26/52	<p>Planning Applications and Decisions.</p> <p>(i) No new applications.</p> <p>(ii) Following complaints by a number of villagers and the parish council , ENPA have visited Heber Vale and issued an enforcement notice for the works completed there, without planning permission. It was agreed that further Facebook posts by the owner re the planning issues should not be permitted.</p>	<p>JD.</p>
26/53	<p>Village Maintenance and Village Environmental Items</p> <p>(i) The clerk was asked to get quotes for a dog bin at the end of Orchard Way.</p> <p>(ii) The triangle of grass at the end of Bemberry Bank should be cut at the end of April. JD/LW to remind the contractor.</p> <p>(iii) It was resolved to purchase/make dog signs to place at 4 locations in the village – At the end of Orchard Way, on the Great House Street bend, on the Glebe road sign and on the school sign post.</p> <p>(iv) The give way sign on the Glebe is not working again.</p> <p>(v) IW/JD to find out the owner of the grass verge near the bus shelter and ask permission for it to be cut.</p>	<p>LW</p> <p>JD/LW</p> <p>LW</p> <p>LW</p> <p>IW/JD/LW</p>
26/54	<p>Correspondence. None.</p>	
26/55	<p>Report from other Representatives. None.</p>	
26/56	<p>Chair’s Notices. KA reported that she would not be standing for re-election as chair at the AGM.</p>	
26/57	<p>Items for next agenda. None</p>	

Meeting finished at 9 pm.

Date of next meeting Monday 1st June 2026

(One week late to avoid the Bank Holiday and give the auditor time to audit the accounts).