

HOLCOMBE BURNELL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of Holcombe Burnell Parish Council held at Longdown Village Hall on **Monday 8th November 2021** at 7.30pm.

PRESENT Cllr Charles Eden (Chairman)
Cllr Louise Brind (Vice-Chair)
Cllr Judith Betney
Cllr Marion Bulley
Cllr Chloe Bickley
Cllr Kate Morley
Cllr Robert Shipley
Cllr Sir Henry Studholme
Cllr Alan Connett (DCC)

IN ATTENDANCE: Jim Roberts (Clerk and RFO) 3 members of the public

1 Open Forum incl. AOB

Footpath Warden's Report – Footpath 2 repairs have been paid for by DCC. The rainwater runs off Longdown soil creating problems in several areas and this affected FP2. Other repairs have worked well, but rainwater has broken the armour. The FW is meeting with DCC to address the issues with a more long-lasting solution.

Cutteridge bridleway is ongoing and the FW is pressing DCC about it each time he speaks to them on other matters.

The contractor has cut vegetation on FPs 6 & 7 in preparation for the spring wildflowers.

Chapel Hill Fields - Since the last meeting it has been a weekly occurrence (weekends) distressing animals and the scrambling bikes are making louder noises than the 4x4s.

Cllr Bickley has completed Noise Nuisance Logs and returned them to TDC. There have been changes to the personnel in Environmental Health and we need to chase TDC. Other residents sending Logs in would add to our case. Council will chase Cllr Swain to persuade David Eaton, Environmental Protection Manager to act sooner rather than later.

One joint owner of the field is very much against the anti-social use. The issues go back to May and Cllr Bickley has advised TDC.

The draft letter to the Roasts needs to say that the issues are being reported to EH at TDC. It should be shorter and more conciliatory, factually stating that the use is being monitored by EH at TDC. The clerk will revise the letter inviting the owners to meet and find an amenable solution. The Council will look to escalate the matter if necessary.

Each household represented will keep logging the occurrences.

The clerk will chase up the repair to the manhole cover near the bus stop.

[After the forum the 3 members of the public left the meeting.]

2 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Wood and Cllr Swain. The Council unanimously resolved to accept the reasons given.

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3 Declarations of Interests & Registers of Interests – None.

4 Minutes

Council approved the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 11th October 2021 as true & correct records. The Chairman duly signed them.

5 Matters Arising - None.

6 Reports of County and District Councillors.

6.1 Devon County Council Cllr Connett apologised for not being at the recent meetings, partly as our meeting clashes with Starcross. Nothing specific to report and he encouraged Parishes to get in touch in between meetings and not wait for meetings.

Roadworks signs will be chased up.

No adverse comments about the change to the speed limit signs and changes will be made by the end of March.

Cllr Connett noted the Chairman's email about water is coming out of blocked drains. He would help if the normal channels for reporting were unsuccessful.

CIL community consultation called for the speeding on Longdown straight and through the village to be addressed as well as parking and footpaths. Cllr Connett said it was unlikely and depends on accident stats. A further hazard is the recent increase in cyclists with the B3212 now very popular for these vulnerable road users.

Variable speed cameras are possible and have been used in neighbouring Parishes but DCC won't pay for them.

The Council also asked for the white lines to be remarked (earlier request had been made).

The Pocombe bridge road alignment change to accommodate articulated lorries is planned but no signs of a definite date as yet..

Cllr Connett will take these issues forward on our behalf.

6.2 Teignbridge District Council - No report this month.

7 Village Concerns

7.1 Children's Sign Competition

Cllr Bickley is getting the original signs to arrange printing. 2 on Chapel Hill and one on the main road (near the Longdown sign coming from Moretonhampstead on the B3212). Cllr Bickley will distribute the WH Smith vouchers to the winning children.

7.2 Driving & anti-social behaviour on Chapel Hill fields - See above (Open Forum)

7.3 Queen's Green Canopy and the Platinum Jubilee in 2022

Cllr Studholme spoke to the Woodland Trust and the Liaison Officer would be happy to come to talk to the Council. Cllrs will sort by email what trees should be made available. Council resolved unanimously to allocate £250 to spend on commemorative trees.

Longdown will have a Platinum Jubilee Beacon near the trig point. Cllr Studholme will supply the wood.

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8 Village Hall Major Overhaul of Outside Space

Some Cllrs met the VH Cttee to understand the plans for the revamp of the outside space. The car park will be reduced and more green areas introduced.

The Play Area may need to be worked on as it is in the path of the foul water drainage that is planned to go to the reed beds.

Chalks Corner nature area (currently leased) could be returned to VHC. 2 trees could be taken out (sycamore and ash) to create a seating area.

The lease has expired and renewal would cost thousands. The VHC suggested they take over control with a contribution to the costs from the Parish Council.

The Council resolved to return the ownership of a lease as long as there is no financial penalty. The Council trusts that the Play Area, which took a lot of time and effort to create, will remain in perpetuity. Clerk to email the VHC.

The VHC also advised that they plan to refurbish the inside décor.

9 CIL Payment and Community Project - Discussed above.

10 Reports

10.1 Clerk's Report – The clerk reported the following:

- Sylvan belongs to LITE HOMES LIMITED (Co. Regn. No. 06392511) of 39 Belfield Way, Marldon, Paignton TQ3 1NY.
Second site to be identified to gain facts to inform any decisions. Copy in Cllr Connett.
- DCC are having Highways Parish & Town Council Conferences (email 26th Oct) and contacting Snow Wardens..
- TDC are having briefings (2 on Budgets, Climate Emergency, Waste & Recycling and Play & Green Spaces). Email of 27th Oct refers.
- A30 night closures (now until 10th December). Highways England is now called National Highways.
- DALC Newsletter no. 65 has an item on consultation about Litter Penalty Fines.
- TDC Local Plan consultation will run from 15th November for 10 weeks.
- Avian Flu – From 3rd November an Avian Influenza Prevention Zone was declared across Great Britain. This means that all bird keepers in Great Britain (whether they have pet birds, commercial flocks or just a few birds in a backyard are required by law to take a range of bio-security precautions. Any commercial organisation with more than 500 birds has extra tasks. Email of 4th Nov 2021.
- The second half of the precept has been received and is in the bank.
- Helen Frankpitt is away until 15th November so action on the drains may be delayed.
Farrants Cross to Clove Farm Nogsland and the one on the bottom of Bob's drive. Chair will advise. Kingsford farm a gully under the road by the bridge.
- Cllr Shipley will place the wreath on the war memorial.

10.2 Nature Warden's Report - Cllr Morley previously circulated monthly.

Biodiversity Net Gains will affect planning and upstream planting will help to prevent flash flooding. Wording for the Council to add to Planning comments to follow.

10.3 Defibrillator Report – Cllr Betney had ordered and submitted the report online under accreditation ref. 2269.

10.4 Play Area Report – See item 8 above.

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10.5 Occasional reports – Cllr Morley will submit a nature item this month to the Tedburn Times.

11 Planning

11.1 Sylvan – Future of the fence and the site.

The Council asked the clerk to investigate ownership further (see 10.1 clerk's report above).

11.2 21/02323/NPA West Wheatley Farm - 3 dwellings conversion of agricultural building.

The Council believes this should be scrutinised further and should require full planning permission as the building for conversion is not in agricultural use.

11.3 21/02318/HOU Wood Close, Perridge Lane - erection of a water pump house/summerhouse
The Council has no objections.

12 Finance

12.1 Council noted the current balances -	Treasurer's Account	£ 13,394.96
	Business Bank Account	£ 3,425.37
	Total	£ 16,760.33

12.2 2022/23 Budget Planning - The Council noted that the Precept will have to be agreed at the January meeting. Some budget work will need to take place between meetings in December.

Payments – The Council resolved unanimously to make the following payments:

12.3 Payment to Josh Bush for strimming & grass cutting (October)	£ 130.00
12.4 Payment to J P Roberts (clerk) for pay (October) and receipts	£ 201.06
12.5 To DCC Pension Fund (clerk's pension - October)	£ 48.89
12.6 To HMRC for clerk's PAYE Income Tax (September)	£ 37.60

13 Date of Next Meeting – Monday 10th January 2022 at 7:30pm.

14 Urgent Item

The salt bins need to be checked ready for the winter weather. Cllr Morley to action.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:18pm.

Signed
Cllr C Eden, Chairman

Date