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HOLCOMBE BURNELL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of Holcombe Burnell Parish Council held at Longdown Village Hall on **Monday 14th February 2022** at 7.30pm.

PRESENT Cllr Charles Eden (Chairman)
Cllr Louise Brind (Vice-Chair)
Cllr Judith Betney
Cllr Marion Bulley
Cllr Kate Morley
Cllr Robert Shipley
Cllr Sir Henry Studholme
Cllr Sharon Wood
Cllr Andrew Swain (TDC)
Cllr Alan Connett (DCC)

ABSENT Cllr Chloe Bickley

IN ATTENDANCE: Jim Roberts (Clerk and RFO) and 1 member of the public.

1 Open Forum incl. AOB

A member of the public gave his comprehensive evidence of the recent use of the land at Orchard Nurseries including aerial photographs and his objections to 21/02922/CLDE . This included activity on the site during lockdown and his contact with MDDC planning department over the past 18 months. He has supplied the clerk with the photographs and information which has been circulated to the Councillors. The Council discussed the application under 11.1 below.

Footpath Warden's Report

The Footpath Warden submitted a written report on 11th Feb 2022.

Items dealt with in January.

Site meetings

1. Tuesday 11th January with Devon County Council Public Rights of Way representatives.
2. 26th January with Culver Sawmill (Contractor), to investigate solutions to resolve:
 1. Water erosion to footpath no.3
 2. Water and Environmental problems on Bridleway no.8

Works Requiring Attention

1. Replace timber staggered barrier at Chapel Hill end of footpath no. 7
2. Water erosion on footpath no.3
3. Water and Environmental problems on Bridleway no.8 (Ongoing investigations)
4. Replace stile and field gate on Footpath no.1 (In hand)

Annual Report to DCC has been submitted to include the P3 Annual Bid Funding Form, with Proposed Works.

Please report any Public Rights of Way matters to: Mike Long Tel 01392 811593

2 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Bickley due to family commitments. The Council unanimously **RESOLVED** to accept the reasons given.

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3 Declarations of Interests & Registers of Interests

None.

4 Minutes

Council unanimously **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 10th January 2022 as true & correct record. The Chairman duly signed them.

5 Matters Arising

- 5.1 Manhole cover near the bus stop – clerk to send a photo to Cllr Connett.
- 5.2 White lines along the B3212 – clerk to chase up, Cllr Connett offered assistance.
- 5.3 Faulty streetlamp on Chapel Hill - clerk to log it again.
- 5.4 Damaged Dog Waste bin on College Lane - This has been repaired.

6 Reports of County and District Councillors.

6.1 Devon County Council

Cllr Connett discussed the Highways issues in Matters Arising above and offered his help. He advised that the new speed limit signs were due to be installed in March.

Cllr Connett also advised that the PCC Commissioner was matching funding for speed-activated warning signs for which Whitestone and Exminster parishes were applying. Kenton have already secured the grant.

6.2 Teignbridge District Council

Cllr Swain advised the following:

- The Midas group going into receivership has delayed TDC's decarbonisation project, but only by a couple of weeks. Another contractor has already been appointed.
- Strong objections were being raised for the housing proposed at Markham's farm, supporting the campaign by Cllr Foden.
- Further strong objections are being made on the landfill proposals that are near Longdown but not in the Parish. Cllr Swain said that there didn't need to be so much landfill capacity concentrated in the small area proposed as they are quite close together and to existing sites (Kennford, Whitestone & Trood Lane).
- The activity at the A30 Alphington junction is unauthorised and is being dealt with.
- He has a Community Fund able to grant small amounts (£1-200) to community groups.

When asked about the graffiti on the bridge at Baker's Hill he thought that Ide would probably support Cllr Morley's suggestion for a nature mural.

[Cllr Swain & Cllr Connett left the meeting at 8:14pm]

7 Village Concerns

7.1 Children's Sign Competition

The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the quote of £118.08 from Signs Express and asked the clerk to process this.

7.2 Driving & anti-social behaviour on Chapel Hill fields

The weather has stopped this use. If the anti-social activity starts again the monitoring may also have to start from scratch.

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

The Council congratulated Cllr Morley on a splendid job organising the trees and creating an excellent certificate. Cllr Morley advised that:

- 57 trees have been supplied to residents.
- One tree for the Church has been agreed.
- A Tree Passport, Risk Assessment & Insurance had been sent to the Woodland Trust for Cutteridge Wood and permission has been obtained to plant there.
- She hopes that the community will have a get-together for the Church and Village Hall tree-plantings with a walk between the two and refreshments.
- The Woodland Trust will promote the plantings and a large tree is available from Devon Wildlife Trust.
- Everyone who plants a tree is encouraged to upload their photos to the official QGC website (instructions on the certificate – use 'broadleaf' as the tree type on the dropdown menu). It is possible that Holcombe Burnell could be the first Parish in the country to register 70 trees planted.

8 Village Hall Major Overhaul of Outside Space

The Council noted the plans for the inside of the hall.

9 CIL Payment and Community Project

No progress this month.

10 Reports

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

- Amanda from Precepts@teignbridge.gov.uk emailed for confirmation of the precept requested and a justification for the increase of 49.96%. Although there was no job title identified the clerk replied with the reasons from the Parish News for the Tedburn Times and correcting her calculations to the 47.28% (or 78p/calendar month/Band D household)
- The Citizen's Advice Bureau had supplied figures for the latest quarter. They have helped 2 clients from Holcombe Burnell with 19 issues.
- Stagecoach have reduced the frequency of some bus services in and around Exeter. While the service to Longdown remains the same anyone connecting with other services in Exeter is advised to check the new timetables.
- DCC has been awarded £2.76 million for four projects, including grant activity to support diversification in the agricultural sector, support for the development of digital skills among harder to reach communities, a delegated grant programme to support business innovation among small businesses in Devon, and additional support to assist those with a disability to access employment. If this applies to any resident the clerk will help with access.

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

The Council thanked Cllr Morley for the work done since they had last met.

10.3 Defibrillator Report – Cllr Betney had ordered and submitted the report online under accreditation ref. 162.

10.4 Play Area Report – No report this month.

10.5 Occasional Newsletter Report – None this month.

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11 Planning

11.1 21/02922/CLDE Council **RESOLVED** to make the following comment

Holcombe Burnell Parish Council has been presented with significant evidence that the land claimed to have been hardstanding at Orchard Nurseries was, up to only a few months ago, and always has been, an agricultural grass field. Notwithstanding the declarations accompanying the application Holcombe Burnell Parish Council has no option but to object strongly to the issue of a Certificate of Lawfulness in this case.

11.2 **Sylvan** (Future of the fence and the site) - The Council **RESOLVED** to ask the clerk for another Land Registry search at the beginning of March.

12 Finance

12.1 Council noted the current balances -	Treasurer's Account	£ 12,316.58
	Business Bank Account	£ 3,425.49
	Total	£ 15,742.07

12.2 **Donation** Council noted that the generous gesture of a donation of £130 in memory of Mrs Knee that is intended for tree planting and sundial repairs in Cutteridge Wood.

Payments – Council unanimously **RESOLVED** to make the following payments:

12.3 Payment to Parish Online for annual subscription	£ 64.80
12.4 Payment to Cllr Morley to reimburse for trees purchased for QGC	£ 126.00
12.5 Payment to J P Roberts (clerk) for pay (January)	£ 151.07
12.6 Payment to DCC Pension Fund (clerk's pension – January)	£ 48.89
12.7 Payment to HMRC for clerk's PAYE Income Tax (January)	£ 37.60

13 Date of Next Meeting – Monday 14th March 2022 at 7:30pm.

14 Urgent Item

14.1 Hedges growing into the road had still not been sorted. **Clerk to action**

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:48pm.

Signed
Cllr C Eden, Chairman

Date