

HOLCOMBE BURNELL PARISH COUNCIL

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

PRESENT

Cllr Charles Eden (Chairman)
Cllr Louise Brind (Vice-Chair)
Cllr Marion Bulley
Cllr Graham Flood *[see para 2 below]*
Cllr Kate Morley
Cllr Sir Henry Studholme

ABSENT

Cllr Sharon Wood
Cllr Chloe Bickley

IN ATTENDANCE: Cllr Alan Connett
Jim Roberts (Clerk and RFO)

1 Open Forum

No members of the public present.

2 Co-option of New Councillor

Council **RESOLVED** to co-opt Mr Graham Flood as Councillor. Cllr Flood read and signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office. He was warmly welcomed onto the Council by the Chairman.

3 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Wood and D/Cllr Swain who is away. Council **RESOLVED** to accept these absences.

4 Declarations of Interests & Registers of Interests

No declarations made.

5 Minutes

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

6 Matters Arising

6.1 Meeting with the Neighbourhood Highways Officer

The items to be discussed are:

- The drainage on Chapel Hill, both drain cleaning and drain layout
- The damaged manhole cover and cone near the bus stop
- The footpath opposite Timbertops. (Cllr Woods had raised this twice with DCC but received no reply.)
- Traffic Calming measures incl.
 - Sites for speed-activated signs
 - 20mph zone on the B3212 through Longdown
 - Renewal of the rumble strips that Council felt worked well
- The state of the Tedburn Rd (old A30)
- The new kerb/pavement and parking at the end of the straight

The clerk has arranged to meet the NHO in November and Cllrs who are available are welcome to come along.

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6.2 At this point the Chairman invited C/Cllr Connett to comment and present his report.

C/Cllr Connett hoped the meeting with the NHO goes well, stating she is a good officer who serves quite a wide area.

He further reported that DCC is heading for a £40m overspend this year and a £73m overspend next year. Adult and Children's Services have experienced a big increase in demand with more statements and costlier provisions. This department has experienced overspends for a few years.

The solution to the overspends is not clear yet but Highways is likely to get a hit.

Starcross and Kenton's resurfacing work has already been delayed

All levels of local government are waiting for the Chancellor's Statement, although C/Cllr Connett felt that Parish Councils are more resilient than Districts or Counties.

In response to Cllr questions C/Cllr Connett advised

- He would email the head of Highways about the 20mph project and the recent release of more funds.
- He offered to pass on the latest position on the Sylvan enforcement to TDC via D/Cllr Swain.
- He had been told Exeter Highways had indicated they hoped to get to repairing the Ide Lane/Pocombe Hill junction and he will chase them again.

6.3 Footpath map in the bus shelter

Council was pleased to hear that the Footpath Warden could obtain a new map from DCC at nil cost.

6.4 s106 and CIL funding

TDC have been asked for the CIL/s106 income for the past 2 years and the agreed amounts for developments that have not been completed yet.

7 Reports of County and District Councillors.

Pulled forward see 6.2.

8 Village Concerns

8.1 Static Caravan at Chapel Hill

Council noted the email exchange between a resident and TDC Planning Department, including TDC's advice of 25th Oct -

Under the planning legislation the stationing of a mobile home / caravan on land is not considered to be development, but a use of the land. As such, you can site a mobile home/ caravan on land without requiring planning permission providing it is used ancillary to the permitted use of the land it has been sited on. However, if it is not used ancillary to the permitted use then planning permission is likely to be required, as it would constitute a change of use.

In this instance we note your comments about the mobile home that has been sited on the land. However, the issue is what it is being used for. If you have any evidence to show that it is not being used ancillary to the permitted agricultural use of the land, then could you please submit details and further investigations can be carried out.

It is clear that Enforcement are not going to investigate, they react to evidence provided instead. If there is evidence of the caravan being occupied contrary to the permitted use then Enforcement can be contacted. The resident's case number is 22/00318/ENF.

Council will add this item to the agenda for March at the beginning of lambing season.

8.2 Fence at Sylvan Cllr Swain took this up with enforcement and Council looks forward to his response.

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8.3 Power cuts and quality of electrical supply equipment Council was pleased that National Grid (previously Western Power Distribution) have begun working to upgrade the supply equipment.

8 Traffic Calming Measures

Three companies were approached for quotes for Radar-Activated Speed Warning Signs and Elan City were significantly the cheapest. The clerk will speak to the NHO to see if she knows anything about this supplier as well as other sign users.

10 Planning

10.1 22/02127/AGR Orchard Nurseries, Tedburn Road – Proposed agricultural building

The Council discussed this application in the light of a resident's email further to his address to the Council at a previous meeting.

The Council **RESOLVED** to make the following comment

Holcombe Burnell Parish Council strongly objects to this application and encourages the planners to consider, when combined with the existing recently constructed building, whether this is of inappropriate scale for the agricultural needs of the applicant.

Council is not aware of crops on the farm and doubts that anything other than grass has been or is being grown.

In view of the commercial nature of the site and growing levels of commercial activity Council is concerned that this could be inappropriate development.

10.2 Ipplepen Neighbourhood Development Plan Council congratulated Ipplepen on their excellent plan and have no further comments to make at this time.

10.3 [Devon Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy](#) Chair will speak to VHMC about charging points at the Village Hall. Council had no comments to make on the strategy.

11 Reports

11.1 Clerk's Report

22/01163/HOU Long Meadow Cutteridge Lane Planning permission has been granted for an extension.

- Teignbridge CVS have introduced a new online community platform Teignbridge Together, from Devon Connect. This is a forum to promote your local seasonal town events and community volunteering opportunities and listings for free. You can also make connections using the interactive tools.
- Feedback from the Grounds Maintenance Contractor:
Hi Jim, just wanted to pass on a message that I seem to be strimming through an awful amount of dog poo the past few visits. It's the long stretch down from the bus stop... As you can imagine it's not a nice experience but I just thought I would let you know as it's frustrating. I noticed there is a no fouling sign next to the old phone box but nothing down the other end.

Council will post an item on the Longdown Facebook.

- Pension payment difficulties

Devon County Council Pension Fund requires notification of the pension payment due by the end of the month in which the pay is earned and payment of the contributions by the 7th of the month following. The clerk keeps receiving chasers about non-compliance and have to explain about the payment procedures for the Parish Council and the dates of meetings making compliance impossible. Because the Pension Fund deadline is a requirement of the Pension

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Regulator the clerk is now paying them directly and obtaining a reimbursement from the Council to avoid future problems.

11.2 Footpath Warden's Report

Received by clerk in advance of the meeting

Date : 14 November 2022

Items in hand.

1. Funding from DCC received for the rectification of water erosion works, on footpath No.3. Works Order issued to Contractor and waiting for start date

2. Contractor advised to start work to replace timber staggered barrier at Chapel Hill end of footpath no. 7.

3. Devon County Council advised to start work to replace stile and field gate with new field gate incorporating pedestrian gate on footpath no.1

Works Requiring Attention

1. Water and Environmental problems on Bridleway no.8 (Ongoing investigations)

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

The Council is very grateful for all Mike's efforts as Footpaths Warden and P3 Co-ordinator.

11.4 Defibrillator Report – Cllr Bickley submitted the monthly report, ref. 2572.

11.5 Play Area Report – Waiting for transfer to VHMC see para 12.

11.6 Occasional Newsletter Report – None this month

12 Play Area Handover to the Village Hall Committee

The Chairman will follow this up.

13 Budget for 2023-24 Add The Council asked the clerk to include £ 300 for a future donation to the Church for upkeep of the churchyard.

14 Finance

14.1 Current balance Council noted that the current balance is £ 19,770.24
(Treasurer's Acct £ 16,344.60 + Business Bank Acct £ 3,425.64)

14.2 Payments Council **RESOLVED** to make the following payments:

14.2.1 Joshua Bush Grass cutting and strimming in October £ 134.00

14.2.2 Parochial Church Council Donation for churchyard upkeep £ 300.00

14.2.2 J P Roberts clerk pay (Oct) £ 153.48 + reimbursements £ 50.46 £ 203.94

14.2.3 HMRC clerk's PAYE Income Tax (October) £ 38.20

15 Date of Next Meeting – Monday 9th January 2023.

16 Urgent item

22/01396/FUL Montgomery House, Higher Wheatley EX4 2HB - Change of use from office use (Use Class E) to residential/commercial (live-work) unit.

Council **RESOLVED** to make no comment on this application.

There being no other business the Chair closed the meeting at 9:27pm thanking everyone for their hard work.

Signed Date
Cllr C Eden, Chairman