

Holcombe Burnell Parish Council

MINUTES of the Meeting of Holcombe Burnell Parish Council held virtually (online) on **Monday 8th March 2021** at 7.30pm.

PRESENT

Cllr Bob Shipley (Chairman)
Cllr Charles Eden (Vice-Chairman)
Cllr Marion Bulley *[arrived at 8:17pm]*
Cllr Louise Brind
Cllr Chloe Bickley
Cllr Judith Betney *[left the meeting at 9:01pm]*
Cllr Sir Harry Studholme
Cllr Kate Morley
Cllr Andrew Swain (Teignbridge District Council)

IN ATTENDANCE

Mike Long (Footpaths Warden)
Jim Roberts (Clerk & RFO)
One Parishioner

1. **Open Forum incl AOB** - The Open Forum discussed the access to Cutteridge Wood CW). The Parishioner reported that the footpath near Valley Farm was almost impassable. He lived above the farm and access beyond was reasonable. Cutteridge Wood was opened approx. 20 years ago as a community amenity with the help of The Woodland Trust (WT) and Sainsbury's. It is now impossible to access from Longdown direction as the footpath is inundated with slurry and mud near Valley Farm, the adjacent field is too wet to get around this blockage in winter and gates are closed such that they cannot be easily opened. The Council felt that WT should be involved in promoting CW as they had been hands off since the opening. The WT website wrongly identifies CW as being near Bristol. The Council fully appreciates that the farmer needs to use the footpath in the operation of his business, but he will need to be approached to discuss improvements. The Council asked the Footpaths Warden to –
- i. Consult the DCC PROW Officer and approach the farmer, possibly jointly, to discuss the issue of slurry & mud as well as the gates.
 - ii. Consult WT for their involvement in improving access to CW.
 - iii. To obtain quotes for improvement works to the footpath following the above discussions.

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The Council also promised to include the Footpaths Warden in all correspondence regarding paths, land ownership and works as he is the Council's official representative (this had been overlooked on one occasion recently).

The Council thanked the Footpaths Warden for his excellent efforts on their behalf and he left the meeting at 8:05pm.

2. **Apologies** – Apologies were received Cllr Wood which the Council resolved to accept.
3. **Declaration of Interests & changes to Register of Interests** - No declarations were made.
4. **Minutes of Previous Meeting** - The minutes of the meeting held on 8th February 2021 were approved unanimously (prop. Cllr Studholme, sec. Cllr Betney). The Chairman signed the minutes.
5. **Reports of the District and County Councillors**
 - 5.1 **Devon County Council Report** - Cllr Connett was unavailable but Cllr Swain advised that he understood that the turning between Pocombe Hill and the Ide bypass was to be properly dealt with by the Highways Dept.
 - 5.2 **Teignbridge District Council Report** - Cllr Swain answered the Council's questions concerning -
 - i. Haldon Clearway – Cllr Swain says this will go ahead with a different proposed area.
 - ii. Planning – The TDC Planning Officer had a backlog of over 100 reports to write but the College Lane application (20/00615/FUL) was at the top of the pile. Also nearing completion was an application just over the Parish boundary in Ide for storing skips (20/00623/FUL). Cllr Swain advised that both of these reports would be recommending refusal, but he expected later applications along similar lines.

The Council thanked Cllr Swain and he left the meeting at 8:13pm.

6 Village Concerns

6.1 The builders opposite The Lamb have blocked the path with fencing right up to the kerb edge. This forces pedestrians to walk into the road and makes crossing over to Chapel Hill on the bend more dangerous than usual. The clerk will report this to DCC for remedy. **Clerk to action**

- 7 **Dog bin emptying** – Cllr Bickley reported that no-one had seen the dog bins full or overflowing so the Council resolved to renew the current arrangements for emptying (fortnightly in the summer and monthly in the winter) with TDC. **Clerk to action**

8. **CIL Funding** – The Council were very pleased with the response from the Parish to the online survey for ideas to use the CIL funding. Cllr Morley reported that the responses were

A footpath to save pedestrians having to walk in the road by the bungalows	43.1%
Enhanced area next to the play area with seating and nature enrichment	31.0%
Improved access on the bridleway to Cutteridge Wood	27.6%
Vehicle activated speed signs	17.2%

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Improvements to the play area incl. covered seating	15.5%
A skate area next to the play park to support older children	10.3%
Chevrons to slow traffic like Tedburn has	10.3%
Improved surface on the footpath from the village hall to Church Lane	6.9%
Measures to slow traffic on the Longdown straight	3.5%
Outdoor fitness/outdoor gym	3.5%
Conversion of the verge on Longdown straight into parking	1.7%

There were also 2 comments received – one suggesting an improvement to the stile and steps from Holcombe Burnell corner to the Church and a suggestion to install a convex mirror to let drivers turning right from Chapel Hill see the traffic approaching from Dunsford.

Cllr Morley will produce a report of these results and the Council hoped that DCC would consider installing a footpath on the verge along Longdown straight. Cllr Connett will be contacted once Cllr Morley's report is produced.

The Council recognized that some CIL money may need to be used as seedcorn to support bids for extra funding for the more expensive ideas.

The Council thanked Mark Lang for his excellent work on the village website that made the survey possible.

9 Reports

9.1 The Clerk reported that the PAYE system for the Council was now fully up and running. He advised that the Census day was imminent (21st March) but suggested that there was little need for additional promotion given the saturation promotion using radio, TV and press. Cllrs confirmed that some had received their individual letter.

There had been no change with the hedges so he would chase the householders again. Cllr Brind offered to speak to the occupants of Castle View as she often saw them.

The Clerk confirmed that Aylesbeare Parish Council were happy to share their Zoom subscription and an invoice was included in the agenda under item 11.2 below.

9.2 Cllr Kate Morley, Nature Warden – Cllr Morley had circulated her report for which the Council was very grateful. The issue of Ash Dieback was discussed but there is little hope for the future. The only chance is tolerant young ash trees but they are unavailable at the moment.

9.3 Cllr Judith Betney, Defibrillator - The form had been filled in online and submitted.

9.4 Cllr Brind, Play Area - The Annual Safety Inspection Report had been received and the repairs were to be completed by Culver Sawmill.

10 Planning -

10.1 20/02229/HOU 2 Castle View - Two storey side extension, rebuilding single storey rear lean-to and construction of a garden shed.

The Council had no objection to this application.

10.2 21/00347/LBC Kingsford Farm - Retrospective single storey rear extension.

The Council had no objection to this application.

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11 Finance

11.1 Balances – The Council noted the current balances -

Treasurer's Account	£ 13,110.52
Bus Bank Account	£ 3,425.16
Total	£ 16,535.68

11.2 Accounts for Payment – The Council unanimously approved the payments below (prop. Cllr Bulley, sec. Cllr Wood)

To Aylesbeare Parish Council for half of the Zoom Professional subscription (nett of VAT, only 11 months remaining – expires 28th Dec 2021)	£ 54.89
To J P Roberts (Clerk) for pay	£ 154.07
To DCC Pension Fund	£ 48.89
To HMRC for PAYE Income Tax	£ 34.60

12 Future meetings

12.1 The next Parish Council meeting will be held online on Monday 12th April 2021

12.2 The Council will consider meetings after the current Statutory Instruments expire on 7th May 2021 at March's meeting. Generally, there was little objection to meeting in person.

13 AOB The Council thanked Cllr Thanks to Cllr Bulley for her excellent work organizing the Farmer's Market. Cllr Bulley advised that she needed a pork butcher to join the market if anyone knew of one. There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:29pm.

This is a true record of the meeting

Signed Date
Cllr R Shipley (Chairman)