

MINUTES of the Meeting of Holcombe Burnell Parish Council held virtually (online) on **Monday 10th May 2021** at 7.30pm.

PRESENT

Cllr Charles Eden (Chairman)	Cllr Louise Brind (Vice-Chair)
Cllr Marion Bulley	Cllr Bob Shipley
Cllr Chloe Bickley	Cllr Sir Harry Studholme
Cllr Judith Betney	Cllr Kate Morley

IN ATTENDANCE: Jim Roberts (Clerk and RFO)
Mike Long (Footpaths Warden)

1 Open Forum incl. AOB

The Footpaths Warden (FW) apologised for not giving a written report to the AGM but agreed that he would provide a written report at the next meeting.

He thanked the Council for the treatment of the lane to the Church. The grit would not be a permanent solution as it will get washed off and the FW had hoped for chippings on wet bitumen, but it was good that something had been done.

The Council unanimously agreed that the FW should accept the quotations he submitted:

- £35 per cut for both footpaths no. 6 & 7
- £150 for clearing the Village Hall path scrape away.

This work can now start and invoices will be submitted to the clerk.

The FW presented the Council with the 2 quotes he had obtained for the work to Cutteridge Wood bridleway. Both were in excess of £10,000 so additional funds would have to be sought. Cllr Morley had contacted the Woodland Trust but they advised that they had no funds available. The FW will speak to the farmer who may contribute as he will directly benefit from the improvements.

There is also an issue with slurry that the Environment Agency is sorting out directly with the farmer. He will also consult the farmer about the slurry issue and because the bridleway work is on his land and seek help from the Councillors and the clerk if necessary.

The Chairman thanked the FW for his work.

2 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Wood due to a personal appointment. The Council resolved to accept this apology.

3 Declarations of Interests & Registers of Interests – None.

4 Reports of County and District Councillors.

4.1 Devon County Council Cllr Connett was unable to attend the meeting. The Council were pleased that the Haldon Clearway was now in place and warnings and tickets were being issued to enforce it.

4.2 Teignbridge District Council Cllr Swain did not attend the meeting. *[It later transpired that Cllr Swain had tried to join the Zoom meeting but hadn't been admitted. The clerk has apologised to him for this error.]*

5 Minutes

Two corrections were made to the minutes of the Meeting held on 12th April 2021 and the revised wording was accepted unanimously as a true record by the Council.

6 Village Concerns

6.1 Cutteridge Wood footpath at Valley Farm - discussed during the Open Forum above.

6.2 Road Signs (Horses and Speeding) – The Council will ask for a warning sign for horses to be installed at Holcombe Barton corner.

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The need for 'Slow Down' or 'Children Playing' signs on Chapel Hill was discussed and the Chairman shared images of the Dunsford signs drawn by the village children. Cllr Morley will find out the prices to print similar signs on estate agents' board-type material.

7 CIL Payment and Community Project

The printed consultation will shortly be circulated.

8 Reports

8.1 Clerk's Report – The Clerk advised that the Annual Accountability and Governance Review is now due and he had started work on the end-of-year accounts. After some discussion on the merits of an additional audit the Council resolved to apply for an exemption from an external audit. The footpath opposite The Lamb was now clear of the builders' machinery and supplies and the property is up for sale. The purchaser may be offered the land earmarked for an additional property. The clerk will chase the issue raised by residents of the new solid fence constructed which blocks the view across the valley. The new fence detracts from the whole vista and the Council firmly believes that the builders should be held to account for not following the landscape plan for a hedge (see para 9.1 below).

The clerk has put a report into the Tedburn Times covering Holcombe Burnell news.

8.2 Nature Warden's Report - As well as her previously circulated monthly report Cllr Morley reported that Wildlife Wardens are being introduced and she has been in touch with the Dunsford WW. A network of Wardens is also being developed. Cllr Bulley will speak to the Farmers' Market group about a table for the Nature Warden. The Chairman thanked Cllr Morley for her hard work.

8.3 Defibrillator Report – Cllr Betney submitted the report online under accreditation ref. 672.

8.4 Play Area Report – The repairs have been finished and the area checked. The bench is in a sorry state and Council will need to consider a new bench. The sign on the gate to the playground needs replacing and the spring on the gate may need addressing. Cllr Brind will pass on the Council's thanks to Shane (and check that the gate is complete).

9 Planning

9.1 13/00124/COND1 Complaints re non-compliance – see para 8.1 above.

10 Finance

10.1 Council noted the current balances -	Treasurer's Account	£ 12,420.05
	Business Bank Account	£ 3,425.22
	Total	£ 15,845.27

11.2 Council unanimously authorised the payments listed

To Playsafety Ltd for annual inspection including	£ 86.40
To J P Roberts (Clerk) for pay	£ 151.07
To DCC Pension Fund	£ 48.89
To HMRC for PAYE Income Tax	£ 37.60

12 Date of Next Meeting – Monday 14th June 2021, to be held in the village hall.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:43pm, thanking Cllr Shipley once again for his many years of service as Chairman. Cllr Shipley recognised the enormous level of support he had received from everyone on the Council.

Signed

Cllr C Eden, Chairman

Date