

HOLCOMBE BURNELL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of Holcombe Burnell Parish Council held virtually (online) on **Monday 12th April 2021** at 7.30pm.

PRESENT

Cllr Charles Eden (Vice-Chairman)	Cllr Marion Bulley
Cllr Chloe Bickley	Cllr Louise Brind
Cllr Judith Betney	Cllr Sir Harry Studholme
Cllr Kate Morley	Cllr Sharon Wood
Cllr Andrew Swain (TDC)	Cllr Alan Connett (DCC)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Jim Roberts (Clerk and RFO)
Mike Long (Footpaths Warden)

1 Open Forum incl. AOB

Village Newsletter – Parishioners were disappointed to receive the Tedburn Times with very limited mention of Longdown or Holcombe Burnell. They would prefer their own newsletter.

The Council explained that the previous Newsletter had folded as there weren't enough volunteers to edit or distribute it. The Tedburn Times had kindly agreed to let us have some space in their magazine; but the latest edition had caught out the clerk who wasn't expecting one before the restrictions were lifted. He would submit some local news for the next edition.

It was felt that the link to Tedburn wasn't as strong as the link to Ide, or Dunsford (incl Dodi and Dunchid) or Christow (incl Bridford, Lower Ashton and Trusham). The clerk will approach these other publications, but we may be required to recruit subscribers, advertisers and/or volunteers to deliver.

The slippery new surface on the lane to the church had caused a rider and horse to fall as had been warned in February's meeting. Other riders were avoiding the lane. In winter the frost will stay on the ground all day because of the high hedges. Cllr Connett had contacted Highways and would chase them up for a reply.

2 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Shipley who is working this evening and Cllr Ludlam. The Council resolved to accept his apologies.

3 Declarations of Interests & Changes to Registers of Interests

No declarations or changes were made.

4 Minutes

The minutes of the Meeting held on 8th March 2021 were accepted as a true record by the Council. The Vice-Chairman was authorised to sign them (unanimous – prop. Cllr Bulley, sec. Cllr Morley).

5 Reports of County and District Councillors.

5.1 Devon County Council Cllr Connett reported that the Pocombe bridge turning onto the Ide bypass will be addressed by the Exeter Highways Team and he will follow it up in mid-May. He will also mention the flood warning signs that seem to have become a permanent fixture. The Haldon Clearway consultation period has ended, and the slightly shortened clearway is approved. It could be in place by June, a much better position than a year ago.

Council asked if road warning signs of horses could be put in place. Clerk to email Cllr Connett and he will make a formal request. *[Cllr Connett left the meeting after thanks from the Chairman]*

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Chair
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5.2 Teignbridge District Council Cllr Swain had nothing specific to report but asked the Council how they felt about amalgamation with Dunchideock. Council was not enthusiastic as it wasn't really a natural amalgamation (the joint Parish Boundary is very short) and they knew nothing of the issues or priorities of Dunchideock. Clerk to write to Cllr Swain to state the Council's position. The Planning application at Chillies 20/00615/FUL has been refused. Cllr Swain advised that it was unpopular in Ide as well. *[Cllr Swain left the meeting after thanks from the Chairman]*

6 Village Concerns

6.1 Haldon Clearway – See 5.1 above.

6.2 College Lane Planning Application 20/00615/FUL – Council noted refusal on 23rd March.

6.3 Cutteridge Wood footpath at Valley Farm – The FW reported he had had 2 meetings this week. The first was with the farmer at Valley Farm who had listened to all the comments and within 2 days he had scraped an area for people to get through. He understood that grants may be available for work to be done on the path. The problem is from the animal waste for over-wintering livestock in the sheds (both slurry and tractor movements of waste). The Environment Agency are trying to sort out an alternative method & place of disposal for the waste. Now it is drier weather there is no problem with walking the path. Cllr Morley will circulate pictures to the Council to better understand the issues.

The P3 funds are currently committed to other projects including a culvert under Culver Brook and the path by the village hall.

Council asked the FW to get 3 quotes for the work to rectify the problems ensuring it would be suitable for horses as well as walkers.

Cllr Morley & FW will provide a plan including the issue of gates that are easier for riders on horseback.

The FW will also address the issue of the grass cutting and find a contractor for this year.

7 Dunchideock Parish Council

Council agreed not to pursue amalgamation with Dunchideock Parish Council – see 5.2 above.

8 CIL Payment and Community Project

The online response to the survey had been very pleasing and the Council will now consult the village using a double-sided A4 sheet with the explanation on one side and the questionnaire on the other. Cllr Brind will organise the circulation and Cllr Bickley offered her address for the returns. The Clerk will format the paper and it is hoped that the consultation will be complete by the end of May.

9 Reports

9.1 Clerk's Report – The Clerk advised that he had collected the Parish Records from the Vice-Chairman and was working his way through them.

As the Council's financial year ended on 31st March 2021 he is starting on the AGAR paperwork. The PAYE year has been completed and a P60 issued.

A resident has pointed out that Sylvan have put up a full boarded fence instead of the post and rail fencing in the Landscape Plan submitted with 13/00124/FUL. Planners at TDC are dealing with this.

A horse & rider have fallen on the new road surface on the lane to the Church which has been reported to Cllr Connett (email of 19th March).

Josh Bush has been in touch about the grass cutting and is offering the same service for the same price as last year (2 cuts per month, May to December for £130 per month). Council unanimously resolved to accept this quote (prop. Cllr Bulley, sec. Cllr Betney). This will be discussed again in January to consider the frequency of mowing.

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The Clerk had been in touch with Cllr Ludlam to introduce himself and she had hoped to return to Council meetings and work. However, her full-time employment is extremely busy (and her husband is working even longer hours) so she has reluctantly tendered her resignation. The Clerk will start the process of advertising for another Councillor.

9.2 Nature Warden's Report - Cllr Morley circulated her report on 31st March. She has also begun to do the stream surveys with testing for phosphates, run-off and invasive species.

9.3 Defibrillator Report – Cllr Betney submitted the report online under accreditation ref. 2482.

9.4 Play Area Report – Cllr Brind & Cllr Bickley have been pursuing the repairs and Culver Sawmill will attend to the report and repairs by the end of the month. In addition, the stake for the main Village Hall gate needs to be done (VH responsibility).

10 Planning

10.1 21/00770/CONSLT Proposed removal of the Telephone Kiosk
Council has no objections.

11 Finance

11.1 Council noted the current balances

Treasurer's Account	£ 12,365.16
Business Bank Account	£ 3,425.19
Total	£ 15,790.35

11.2 Council unanimously authorised the payments listed

To DALC for annual subscription including NALC affiliation fee (Invoice 2836) £ 143.40

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 10th May 2021.

Council decided to meet online as the VH is not open until 14th May. The next meeting will include the AGM.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:11pm, thanking Council for their patience this evening.

Signed
Cllr C Eden, Chairman

Date