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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 June 2021** at 7.30pm.

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Jim Roberts (Clerk and RFO)

1 Open Forum incl. AOB

The Footpaths Warden (FW) apologised that he could not attend and submitted this report in writing.

Grass and vegetation have been cut on paths no.6 (Joe's Hill, Telephone exchange to Main Road) and no.7 (village Hall to Church Lane).

On Footpath no.7 a 70-metre section has been stripped to expose the underlying stone surface to make an easier walking experience in wet conditions and for wheelchair or wheeled child buggies.

I had a meeting with Mrs Davies, Devon County Council, Rights of Way, on Friday 11th June to inspect Bridleway no. 8 at Valley Farm, with regard to the various problems that we are looking to resolve. Because of the complexity involving existing and future construction, legal, liability and technical issues, Mrs Davies advised me that DCC should take the lead of this project and work alongside my assistance. I am pleased Mrs Davis have taken this view and to use the expertise of DCC. I will keep you updated with developments.

The Council was pleased to hear that DCC were taking a lead as their powers may well be needed to resolve the complex issues. The Chairman thanked the FW for his work please keep the pressure up. Cllr Morley will keep reminders of progress with her pictures published in her Nature Warden's report. Some concern was expressed about concrete being laid in future, especially for horses.

2 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Connett (DCC). Cllr Studholme sent his apologies due to another engagement which the Council resolved to accept this apology. Cllr Connett had also sent his apologies.

[NB Cllr Wood emailed her apologies on the evening of the meeting. She had started a new job and commuted to Plymouth and back so was unable to attend.]

3 Declarations of Interests & Registers of Interests – Cllr Shipley declared an interest in item 10.1. he would not take part in the debate but was happy to answer any factual questions the Council may have.

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4 Minutes

Council approved the minutes of the AGM (incorporating the Annual Parish meeting) and May's monthly Parish Council meeting which were both held on 10th May 2021 as true & correct records. The Chairman duly signed them.

5 Reports of County and District Councillors.

5.1 Devon County Council Cllr Connett was unable to attend the meeting.

5.2 Teignbridge District Council Cllr Swain reported that the Teignbridge Local Plan 2020-2040 (development policies) is now open for consultation. This contains both the policies that affect development and the sites available to build on. The nearest to Holcombe Burnell are in Ide and at Attwell Farm, but their development may lead to traffic issues that could affect Longdown. The Council asked about the impact on hospitals, which is not mentioned and the need for local housing, rather than all development being sold as buy-to-lets. The deadline for responses to the consultation is noon, 9th August. The Council will draft their response at July's meeting.

The Council asked about the removal of graffiti on the A30 overbridge which Cllr Swain believed was carried out by concerned locals and not the Council. To remove the graffiti on the Bakers hill bridge DCC should be contacted.

6 Village Concerns

6.1 Speeding Traffic on Chapel Hill - Recent accidents on the A30 and the heavy Bank Holiday weekend traffic had shown how satnavs are sending drivers through Longdown as a rat run. Proper enforceable road signs are needed so drivers slow down and those unfamiliar with the sharp bends of Chapel Hill drive with due care.

Cllr Bickley agreed to be the contact on the website and Facebook for the Children's Drawing Competition for a 'Slow Down' sign, which could also be promoted at the Village Hall Social Club meeting (date not finalised) and in the newsletter.

6.2 Driving on the fields behind Chapel Hill – Cars have been raced around the fields (with no seat belts used) and a chainsaw used at 10:30pm to fell a tree. The Council are concerned about the noise and the impact on wildlife. From previous experience TDC will follow up noise if those affected keep a record and, sometimes, letting the culprits know it is being logged is enough to stop it happening. The Council will review the situation in July.

7 Parish Newsletter

The Teign Valley villages have combined their village magazines into one and Longdown feels a natural affinity, and has more contact with, these villages. The Council remains very grateful to the Tedburn Times who welcomed our contributions and carried our news when our own magazine folded. The Chairman will speak to the Teign Valley editor before the next meeting.

8 CIL Payment and Community Project Reports

The Council approved the final version of the CIL consultation and agreed it would be circulated to all households as a single sheet of A4 in black and white. Cllr Brind would arrange the printing and Cllr Bickley's address would be used for physical returns.

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Reports

9.1 Clerk's Report –

The clerk had spent a lot of time this month completing the annual accounts and preparing the Annual Governance and Accountability Return as required by the Accounts & Audit Regulations 2015. The Council discussed the Accounting & Governance Statements as previously circulated and unanimously resolved to accept them and ask the Chairman to sign them. The annual accounts and the AGAR return would now go to the local auditor for inspection.

Local Plan Consultations – further to the discussions with Cllr Swain (para 5.2 above) the clerk had received a physical copy of the plan and comments were also invited on the Draft Habitats Assessment and the Sustainability Appraisal of the Local Plan.

Cyber Insurance – The Council has been offered insurance against cyber attacks by our existing supplier but, at a cost of over £250 per year, the Council decided against it.

The Clerk confirmed with the Councillors that the news he was contributing to the Tedburn Times was being published.

9.2 Nature Warden's Report - As well as her previously circulated monthly report Cllr Morley had been successful at the Farmers' Market with her stall, giving 40 packets of seeds to residents and selling copies of the Leviger's Tale. Cllr Morley hopes to repeat the stall-holding on a seasonal basis.

The stream surveying had been very interesting with very wet weather followed by a dry spell. The Chairman thanked Cllr Morley for her hard work.

9.3 Defibrillator Report – Cllr Betney submitted the report online under accreditation ref. 2219.

9.4 Play Area Report – Repairs had been completed. The Play Area was popular on Farmers' Market day. The Council felt that a new bench is needed, possibly with a shelter as a Covid memorial. The grass needed to be cut under the picnic bench. *[NB The grass was attended to within 2 days of the meeting and without any intervention].*

[Cllr Swain left the meeting 8:45pm]

10 Planning

10.1 21/00979/HOU Clove Farm - Erection of 3 bay garage and store with annexe above. The Council offered no comment as this belonged to a fellow member of the Council.

10.2 21/01241/HOU 2 Castle View - Erection of timber garden building. The Council had no comments to make.

10.3 21/01235/FUL Rollsbridge Farm, Ide - New agricultural building. This will replace an existing building matching closely the existing footprint - height is 4.3m vs 4.1 length 33m v 35m width 12m v 12m – and is planned for use in connection with agricultural use of the land.

The Council has no objection to this application but trusts that permission will only be given strictly for agricultural use. *Ref 92312*

10.4 21/01162/NPA Kingsford Farm - Application for a Prior Approval under Part 3 Class Q (a) & (b) and para W of GDPO change of use of two agricultural buildings to two dwellings.

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The Council objects to this application due to the history of similar development on this site and there are fears that this application will as lead to a noticeable increase in traffic along a narrow rural lane. The Council considers this application constitutes overdevelopment.

10.5 21/01223/FUL Land at Westwood Lane - Erection of agricultural building

The Council has no objection to this application but trusts that permission will only be given strictly for agricultural use.

The Council also discussed 21/01332 Conversion West Wheatley Farm, which appears to be a small conversion possibly for a holiday rental. The application says residential in which case parking could be an issue. Cllr Morley would visit the site and report back.

11 Finance

11.1 Council noted the current balances -	Treasurer's Account	£ 14,617.98
	Business Bank Account	£ 3,425.25
	Total	£ 18,043.23

Council unanimously authorised the payments listed

11.2 Payment to Josh Bush for strimming & grass cutting	£ 130.00
11.3 Payment to Shane Martin Fencing for play park repairs	£ 840.00
11.4 Payment to D Rudland for Footpaths nos 6 & 7 Maintenance	£ 150.00
11.5 Payment to Came & Company for Insurance	£ 562.74
11.6 Payment to J P Roberts (clerk) for pay and stamps	£ 183.44
11.7 Payment to DCC Pension Fund (clerk's pension)	£ 48.89
11.8 Payment to HMRC for clerk's PAYE Income Tax	£ 37.60

12 Date of Next Meeting – Monday 12th July 2021.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting apologetically at 9:20pm.

Signed

Cllr C Eden, Chairman

Date