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HOLCOMBE BURNELL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of Holcombe Burnell Parish Council held at Longdown Village Hall on **Monday 11th October 2021** at 7.30pm.

PRESENT

Cllr Charles Eden (Chairman)
Cllr Louise Brind (Vice-Chair)
Cllr Judith Betney
Cllr Chloe Bickley
Cllr Kate Morley
Cllr Sir Henry Studholme
Cllr Sharon Wood
Cllr Andy Swain (TDC)

IN ATTENDANCE: Jim Roberts (Clerk and RFO) 2 members of the public

1 Open Forum incl. AOB

The two members of the public raised the issue of the anti-social activity the fields behind Chapel Hill. The behaviour they had seen was very dangerous and a bad accident could easily happen. This may well need an ambulance, which would put more pressure on the already stretched service in these times of Covid. There was also the noise from the chainsaw being used into the evening and after dark as well as the lengthy use of guns. They felt that the owner of the land had a duty of care to the users of the land to ensure it was safely used.

The Cllrs have been receiving similar complaints, Cllr Swain and the clerk had received emails and TDC had been informed. Environmental Health have advised that a log be kept of the incidents for 6 weeks, which the Council are doing.

The family of the owners have been approached and were hostile, defensive and unappreciative of the neighbouring residents' point of view.

The Police have been contacted but they did not feel they could get involved.

When this had happened in previous years a meeting with the users involving TDC EH had reached an informal agreement that the activity would be limited to once a month. However, one of the joint landowners had subsequently passed away.

The monitoring will continue and the clerk will write to the owners to seek a meeting.

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An outdoor table tennis table has been donated but there is no room in the play area for it. This will be included in a meeting with the VH committee to discuss the wider refurbishment of the outside area.

2 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Marion Bulley who was unwell. The Council unanimously resolved to accept the reasons and wished Cllr Bulley a speedy recovery.

3 Declarations of Interests & Registers of Interests – None

4 Minutes

Council approved the minutes of the meeting held on 20th September 2021 as true & correct records. The Chairman duly signed them.

Clerk will include Matters Arising on the agenda for future meetings. He apologised for not doing so this month.

5 Reports of County and District Councillors.

5.1 Devon County Council Cllr Connett not present.

5.2 Teignbridge District Council Cllr Swain had wanted to discuss the activity in the fields behind Chapel Hill so had nothing add at this point. He was happy to chip in with other agenda items if he could help.

6 Village Concerns

6.1 Speeding traffic on Chapel Hill & Children's Sign Competition

Cllr Bickley will chase up the originals of the signs for printing. It will cost £190 for the 3 signs to be printed in A3 size heavy-duty material.

6.2 Driving and anti-social behaviour on the fields behind Chapel Hill

Discussed above in the Open Forum.

6.3 Road surface to the Church

The Council understand that there haven't been any accidents for 3 months and accept that DCC will consider the work finished. The hope is that the slippery surface will wear off with use although the Council accepts that this will take time.

6.4 Queen's Green Canopy for the Platinum Jubilee in 2022

Cllr Morley reported that the free trees are available for woodlands and hedgerows but not for private land. There is potentially a small area for orchard at the VH.

Apple trees from Adams Apples are £11 per tree and available in January. With approx. 267 households in the Parish, one each would cost just under £3,000. Alternatives to apple were cherry or a native tree variety although apple trees provide the opportunity for future uses such as wassailing, apple pressing and children's activity. Cherry or rowan trees provide good blossoms.

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Cllr Studholme will be seeing the Woodland Trust and pointed out that there are gaps in the Millenium Wood. The ash section is looking sickly. Another option is to take the ash out and put the apple trees in.

The Council believes that some parishioners would be willing to pay for a tree.

Carried forward to the next meeting.

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7 Village Hall - Major Overhaul of Outside Space

The Chairman will arrange a meeting with the VH committee and some Cllrs as separate discussions lead to more questions.

8 CIL Payment and Community Project

Cllr Bickley will post an update on the website.

9 Reports

9.1 Clerk's Report –

The clerk reported the following –

- He has reported the damaged inspection cover on the footpath near the bus stop to DCC under report number W211455322 on 30th Sept. Acknowledged but no outcome to date.
- He apologised to the Council for forgetting to add 'Matters Arising' to the agenda as instructed. This would be done for November.
- Two households had contacted him about the noise from the anti-social behaviour on the fields behind Chapel Hill (see para 6.2 above)
- He had spoken to the Clerk at Whitestone who had passed on details for Cllr Alwyn Evans who had advised him about the VAS signs. – agenda for November.
- He had purchased the 3 x £10 WH Smith vouchers for the Children's Sign Competition and the Condolence Book for Operation London Bridge.
- A wreath was being ordered for Remembrance Day.
- Further to his last report the Council did not have any comments on Exeter City Council's consultation regarding the Main Planning Issues and Statement of Community Involvement for the new Local Plan.

9.2 Nature Warden's Report - Cllr Morley previously circulated monthly report and emphasised the need to use the VH development. She will report to the next meeting about PC's obligations to comment on Planning apps with diversity issues.

9.3 Defibrillator Report – Cllr Betney had ordered and submitted the report online under accreditation ref. 1387. She had found the door open on the defib and closed it. The 'good news' story has been published and joint training is being planned.

9.4 Play Area Report – Nothing to report this month.

10 Planning

10.1 Sylvan – Future of the fence and the site.

The Council believe the new residents have moved in, but it is not known if the owners have bought the second site.

The Council unanimously resolved to spend up to £10 for a Land Registry check.

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10.2 21/00037/REF Land opposite Chillies, Ide 5 residential dwellings (appeal)

The Council understand that the appellant is relying on the precedent and claiming that the land is not in open countryside.

The Council firmly believes that the land is in open countryside and therefore not for development.

The junction with the B3212 is inadequate for additional traffic.

The drainage will run into Chillies copse and no consideration of possible flooding or damage had been included.

Biodiversity would be affected as the site currently has a continuous ancient hedge.

There is no affordable housing planned.

The Council reaffirmed its original objections and believes that the development is contrary to the Teignbridge Local Plan.

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10.3 21/02120/FUL Montgomery House, Higher Wheatley Farm, change of use from office to dwelling. The Council has no comment to make.

11 Finance

11.1 Council noted the current balances -	Treasurer's Account	£ 11,702.53
	Business Bank Account	£ 3,425.37
	Total	£ 15,127.90

11.2 Quarterly Budget Review - The Council noted the half-year financial position.

Payments - The Council unanimously resolved to pay the following

11.3 To Longdown Village Hall for room hire (Sept 18 to July 21 18 meetings)	£ 99.00
11.4 Payment to Josh Bush for strimming & grass cutting (September)	£ 130.00
11.5 Payment to J P Roberts (clerk) for pay (September) and receipts	£ 187.56
11.6 To DCC Pension Fund (clerk's pension - September)	£ 48.89
11.7 To HMRC for clerk's PAYE Income Tax (September)	£ 37.60

12 Date of Next Meeting – Monday 8th November 2021 at 7:30pm.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:55pm.

Signed
Cllr C Eden, Chairman

Date