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## HOLCOMBE BURNELL PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES** of the Meeting of Holcombe Burnell Parish Council held at Longdown Village Hall on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022** at 7.30pm.

**PRESENT** Cllr Charles Eden (Chairman)  
Cllr Judith Betney  
Cllr Marion Bulley  
Cllr Chloe Bickley  
Cllr Kate Morley  
Cllr Robert Shipley  
Cllr Sir Henry Studholme  
Cllr Andrew Swain (TDC)  
Mike Long, Footpath Warden

**ABSENT** Cllr Louise Brind (Vice-Chair)  
Cllr Sharon Wood

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Jim Roberts (Clerk and RFO) 0 members of the public

### **1 Open Forum incl. AOB**

#### **Footpath Warden's Report**

**Items in Hand for January** A site meeting booked for Tuesday 11th January with Devon County Council Public Rights of Way representatives to investigate solutions to resolve:

1. Water erosion to footpath no.3 below the Church.
2. Water and environmental problems on Bridleway no.8.

Contractor quotations are too expensive for the Parish Council so P3 funds will need to be bid for which the Footpath Warden will complete. Cllrs were encouraged to walk the footpaths.

#### **Works Requiring Attention**

1. Replace timber staggered barrier at Chapel Hill end of footpath no. 7

Please report any Public Rights of Way maintenance matters to Mike Long Tel. 01392 811593.

The Council thanked the Footpath Warden for his report and unstinting efforts on the Parish's behalf.

### **2 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Wood as she was feeling unwell. The Council unanimously resolved to accept the reasons given.

### **3 Declarations of Interests & Registers of Interests – None.**

### **4 Minutes**

Council approved the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021 as true & correct records. The Chairman duly signed them.

### **5 Matters Arising**

The manhole cover on the pavement near the bus stop was reported to DCC on 16<sup>th</sup> December, no reply received to date. The clerk will email Cllr Connett as this is a Health & Safety issue trip hazard and collapse.

A streetlamp on Chapel Hill is not working.

**Clerk to action**  
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## 6 Reports of County and District Councillors.

### 6.1 Devon County Council

Cllr Swain agreed to flag the issue of white lines that have been ongoing for a year to Cllr Connett as he could not attend.

### 6.2 Teignbridge District Council

Cllr Swain submitted the following written report –

**Markham's farm and Manor Farm** - I draw your attention to the excellent work being done by Cllr Alison Foden following the very successful petition against the proposed development at Markham's farm and Manor Farm.

We have a reply from Dan Meek, the senior land agent at DCC. The reply is unsatisfactory, claiming that "The County Council would be unable to invest in its Farms Estate if it had not generated (and continued to generate) funding through the sale of land" yet the farms estate gave a surplus of £464,000 in 2020/2021 <https://democracy.devon.gov.uk/mgConvert2PDF.aspx?ID=35884> (point 4). We are troubled that Devon's tax-payers funds are being used to buy and sell Grade 1 agricultural land with an aim of selling it on for property development via a profit-making intermediary controlled and owned by Norfolk County Council.

Grade 1 agricultural farm-land owned by public authorities should be protected, rather than bought and sold for the interests and profits of property developers.

There are more details in the full email which Alison has circulated.

**New Landfill application** - There is a new proposal for an extremely large landfill at Kennford. <https://planning.devon.gov.uk/PlanDisp.aspx?AppNo=DCC/4268/2021>

There are already significant questions in my view over the handling of the Landfill application for 350,000m3 at Lower Hare Farm, Whitestone, where Devon County Development Committee members were told in December 2020, there was an urgent need for landfill capacity. This was agreed to, despite the valiant efforts of our county councillor Alan Connett. Only a few months later 250,000 m3 of extra capacity was "found" by Devon County Council at the existing Trood lane site, with very little impact, and in fact a positive effect on Teignbridge's future redevelopment of the site as public green space, which will now have shallower gradients making it more accessible. The development committee were not told about this additional capacity at Trood lane at the time of approving Lower Hare, yet the discovery was made public only a few months later.

The proposal at Kenn is for a whopping 1,200,000 m3. It is interesting to note that pre-application advice for the Kenn landfill site is dated May 2020. 7 months before the decision was made on Lower Hare farm. The development committee were not told in Dec 2020 about any possible site at Kennford either, but clearly the county council would have had knowledge that a new landfill site more than three times bigger was a possibility.

I can also confirm that Alan Connett has twice asked for an extension on the consultation on the Kennford proposal which is only until 5/2/22 and this has been refused by the conservative administration at county hall.

I urge all concerned residents and parish councils to make their own comments through the website link above. Your comments carry more weight if they are based on planning policy.

We will do all we can as councillors, but we need the support of good quality comments from the community.

Cllr Swain also discussed the Local Plan consultations which are covered in para 11 below.

The Council also raised the following issues:

Damaged Dog Waste Bin at the top of College Lane - The clerk will send the details to Cllr Swain (see para 10.1 below).

Late Collections of Refuse - Cllr Swain acknowledged that there had been issues and he believes this is the current low point of service as it recovers from the Christmas break and extra Bank Holidays. TDC collections are still managed in-house and had performed much better than many Devon & Somerset District

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Councils. Council advised Cllr Swain that the residents fully understood the reasons that the collections had been variable but would appreciate better communications especially updates on the website so that bins weren't put out full only to be brought back in.

The proposed multi-Parish defibrillator training is being organised but had been held up by Covid restrictions as it will be held in person.

*[Cllr Swain & Footpath Warden left the meeting at 8:24pm]*

## 7 Village Concerns

### 7.1 Children's Sign Competition

Cllr Bickley reported that the signs have now gone to the printers. Locations will be 2 signs on Chapel Hill and somewhere near Mount Boon.

### 7.2 Driving & anti-social behaviour on Chapel Hill fields

The weather has restricted use of the fields so it has been quiet in recent weeks. During the latest incident (before Christmas) a car got stuck and took 90 minutes to release involving a great deal of revving and other noise. Environmental Protection at TDC have offered to come and put monitoring equipment in to a complainant's garden. There have been no replies to the Council's requests to the joint owners for a meeting. Ongoing.

### 7.3 Queen's Green Canopy and the Platinum Jubilee in 2022

Cllr Morley has pre-ordered 70 trees (for 70 years' service) and the supplier needs 2 days' notice to lift the trees. Devon-grown native Wild Service tree (similar to rowan tree) which are fruit-bearing and compact. Certificates will be printed to commemorate the trees. Council supported the idea of a commemorative sign for one tree to explain what happened. A drone video of the village in blossom could also be made. The Council congratulated Cllr Morley on the huge amount of work she had done.

## 8 Village Hall Major Overhaul of Outside Space

No meeting of VH Cttee since last year meeting, carry this item forward to February.

## 9 CIL Payment and Community Project

Council asked the clerk to pursue a meeting with DCC and to advise the Parish of the situation both online and on Facebook.

**Clerk to action**

## 10 Reports

### 10.1 Clerk's Report – The clerk reported the following:

- The damaged dog waste bin at the Longdown end of College Lane has been reported to both DCC and TDC (ref W221477199 & 22/00065/CSBDOG)
- Cllrs could have dedicated emails to try to minimise scams such as the incident in December using the Chairman's email. Clerk will ask ML to organise an email for the Chairman.

**Clerk to action**

- A Tidy Teignbridge grant is available – but the deadline is 31<sup>st</sup> January. Emails of 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov & 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec from recycling @TDC refer. The Council hoped to pursue Anti-littering signs and graffiti removal at Bakers Hill.
- The clerk is now also the clerk for Thorverton Parish Council.
- The clerk's annual review is now due which will be on February's agenda.

**10.2 Nature Warden's Report** - Cllr Morley previously circulated her monthly report. The Council thanked Cllr Morley for the work done since they had last met.

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**10.3 Defibrillator Report** – Cllr Betney had ordered and submitted the report online under accreditation ref. 3932.

**10.4 Play Area Report** – No report this month.

**10.5 Occasional Newsletter Report** – No report this month.

## 11 Planning

**11.1 Sylvan** (Future of the fence and the site) - The new owners own the whole plot and will develop the second plot. The clerk will check the planning time limits for February.

**11.2** TDC have asked for comments on 3 documents

1. Renewable Energy, Gypsy and Traveller and Small Residential Site Options
2. Strategic Environmental Assessment / Sustainability Appraisal Stage B Report
3. Draft Habitats Regulations Assessment - Initial Site Options Screening Report

Cllr Swain explained that TDC has to meet housing targets and areas for renewable energy have been identified that might be suitable (because of the wind and access to the grid). Down House Farm, Cutteridge, Upper Wheatley, Whistledown & Westwood & North of Westview have been identified in this Parish as possible wind generation areas (single turbines).

Identifying areas that could be included in the Local Plan will help with future planning applications.

Council has no comments on the first report and Cllr Morley will review both the other reports.

The Chairman will post the map of report 1 on the Facebook group.

Deadline for comments is 12noon on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January.

## 12 Finance

<b>12.1</b> Council noted the current balances -	Treasurer's Account	£ 12,316.58
	Business Bank Account	£ 3,425.46
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 15,742.04</b>

**12.2 2022/23 Budget Planning** - The Council **RESOLVED** to ask for a Precept of £7588.

**Payments** – The Council resolved unanimously to make the following payments:

<b>12.3</b> Payment to Josh Bush for strimming & grass cutting (Novr & Decr)	£ 195.00
<b>12.4</b> Payment to DALC for clerk's webinar (invoice no. 3400)	£ 36.00
<b>12.5</b> Payment to J P Roberts (clerk) for pay (Nov & Dec) and receipts	£ 340.14
<b>12.6</b> Payment to DCC Pension Fund (clerk's pension – Nov & Dec)	£ 97.78
<b>12.7</b> Payment to HMRC for clerk's PAYE Income Tax (Nov & Dec)	£ 75.20

**13 Date of Next Meeting** – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 7:30pm.

## 14 Urgent Item

**14.1** Airband will be invited to the next meeting.

**Clerk to action**

**14.2** Hedges by the road. Castle View has cut theirs back but Belmoor hasn't. The clerk was asked to remind homeowners to do so before birds start nesting.

**Clerk to action**

**14.3** A £10 donation was received from an ex-Parishioner to go towards a Queen's Green Canopy.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:22pm.

Signed .....  
Cllr C Eden, Chairman

Date .....