

HOLCOMBE BURNELL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of Holcombe Burnell Parish Council held at Longdown Village Hall on **Monday 10th October 2022** at 7.30pm.

PRESENT

Cllr Charles Eden (Chairman)
Cllr Louise Brind (Vice-Chair)
Cllr Chloe Bickley
Cllr Marion Bulley
Cllr Kate Morley
Cllr Sir Henry Studholme
Cllr Sharon Wood

ABSENT

None

IN ATTENDANCE:

District Cllr Andrew Swain, Teignbridge District Council
2 members of the public
Jim Roberts (Clerk and RFO)

1 Open Forum incl. AOB

A member of the public from Chapel Hill enquired about the drainage in that road. The recent rainfall had shown that the drain opposite the Village Hall and further down Chapel Hill on the other side of the road were overflowing and possibly blocked. Furthermore, the drains seem to have been designed to direct water to his property and he had spent thousands having a culvert installed to avoid his home flooding and water passing through to flood others.

The Chairman referred the resident to DCC's Report-a-Problem webpage (<https://www.devon.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/report-a-problem/>).

As the resident had already had discussions with DCC with no success he was asked to forward the case number to the clerk so that the Neighbourhood Highways Officer (NHO) could be alerted.

The NHO has agreed to visit the Parish and discuss Highways issues and Council will raise

- The drainage on Chapel Hill, both drain cleaning and drain layout
- The damaged manhole cover and cone near the bus stop
- The footpath opposite Timbertops. Cllr Woods had raised this twice with DCC but received no reply.
- Traffic Calming measures incl.
 - Sites for speed-activated cameras
 - 20mph zone on the B3212 through Longdown
 - Renewal of the rumble strips that Council felt worked well
- The state of the Tedburn Rd (old A30)
- The new kerb/pavement and parking at the end of the straight

Council did congratulate Highways on the good job done resurfacing the road near Pocombe Bridge.

2 Apologies for Absence

None.

3 Declarations of Interests & Registers of Interests

None.

4 Minutes and Standing Orders

4.1 Minutes Council **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 11th July 2022 as true & correct record. The Chair duly signed them.

4.2 The Council unanimously **RESOLVED** to adopt the new standing orders including the addition of paragraph 5(k) confirming the quorum at 4 Councillors.

5 Matters Arising

5.1 Parking at the end of the Longdown straight The contact made appears to have had some effect as the car is not seen as often and is parked so as to be less of an obstacle when it is there.

5.2 Footpath Map in the Bus Shelter No copy found has been found and Council **RESOLVED** to ask the clerk to source another map spending no more than £15.

5.3 Traffic Calming The meeting with the NHO will cover where the camera posts should be situated, and the clerk is seeking 3 quotes for cameras for November's meeting.

6 Report of the District Councillor.

D/Cllr Swain reported the following:

- Our group of councillors intends to freeze the element of Council Tax that it receives (approx. 10% of the whole bill) in recognition of the cost-of-living crisis. This will be a challenge as services still have to be provided by law and costs to the District Council are going up too. Last year's £5 rise raised £242k funding.
- The new Local Plan should be coming to District Council in December. The details will be released on publication of the agenda for December's TDC meeting.
- Kenn Valley Ward Councillors have a small budget for local donations which needs to be spent by the end of the calendar year. D/Cllr Swain invited applications for funding of a few hundred pounds for new projects (normal running costs, maintenance etc are not eligible). The Chair will liaise with the VH as they need to upgrade the stage lighting with a view to applying.

D/Cllr Swain was asked about reforms to planning laws. He explained that no firm proposals had been received. Recently Government had proposed, but then abandoned, plans to set aside many planning laws and use a database/map approach that zoned areas for presumed consent. As it stands the laws are still in place and Local Plans are legally binding. He hoped that the emerging Local Plan could be in place before any planning law revision as this would hopefully give protection where TDC wanted it, at least for the life of the plan.

D/Cllr Swain also confirmed that the ambitious plans for alternative energy generation were all still in the plan.

D/Cllr Swain apologised for the missed rubbish collections, partly due to 10 vacancies for HGV drivers of which the full complement is 52 (ie nearly 20% vacancy rate). He will feed back to the relevant department that better communication using Twitter and other web-based channels would be greatly appreciated by residents on the days that collections are not possible.

7 Village Concerns

7.1 Children's Speeding Signs Cllr Bickley has the larger signs. Council confirmed that the signs would be placed at the approaches to the village on the main road.

7.2 Static Caravan at Chapel Hill Item to be removed from the agenda

7.3 Fence at Sylvan D/Cllr Swain took it up with enforcement and will chase again. The owner of Sylvan also owns the adjacent site in 2 different titles. The Parish Council

is frustrated with the length of time this has taken. D/Cllr Swain will find out if enforcement have written to the Longdown address.

7.4 Footpath opposite Timbertops To be discussed with the NHO.

7.5 Drainage issues on Chapel Hill Discussed in item 1, to be raised with the NHO.

7.6 Power cuts and quality of supply equipment Cllr Morley confirmed that, despite being recently told that there was no issue with equipment and it wasn't out of date, Western Power surveyors have now visited the area and the equipment will be upgraded at the end of November/early December. Residents can expect to lose power for up to 8 hours as their properties are connected to the new equipment, but they will be contacted directly about this

8 Traffic Calming Measures

8.1 Speed Cameras As discussed earlier in the meeting DCC approval for the locations of the vehicle-activated speed cameras will be sought from the NHO during her visit and the clerk will obtain quotes for the cameras.

8.2 SpeedWatch Council will monitor the effect of the speed camera. SpeedWatch will require a local co-ordinator, Police oversight and a group of willing volunteers.

8.3 Rumble Strips The NHO will be asked if the rumble strips can be renewed.

9 Consultations

9.1 22/00299/HOU Ardtalla, Road from Marks Cross – Extension, new garage & roof

9.2 Exeter New Local Plan Consultation on Outline Plan

Council **RESOLVED** not to comment on either of these.

10 Reports

10.1 Clerk's Report – The clerk reported that

Long Meadow, Cutteridge Lane had been granted planning permission (22/01163/HOU refers) but Steepacres, Baker's Hill had been refused permission (22/00614/HOU) For Remembrance Day Council **RESOLVED** to donate £20 to the Royal British Legion rather than purchase another wreath. Last year's wreath would be re-used.

The Condolence Book had been set up in the Church for residents to record their thoughts on the sad death of HM Queen Elizabeth II. The Council is very grateful to Chris Fowler, Churchwarden for his swift action in making this possible.

Council **RESOLVED** to make a contribution up to £34 to the cost of On Local Councils by Charles Arnold-Baker (13th edition) for the clerk's use.

Council asked about the Dog Waste bin as it had been overflowing recently but has been cleared since. The clerk advised that Council would be asked before next April what frequency of clearing of the bin they would like. It is currently cleared once a month in the winter and once a fortnight in the summer.

10.2 Footpath Warden's Report

The Footpath Warden reported that there hadn't been any progress on the projects to date. He was disappointed by this and was chasing the contractors, but he did accept that they were very busy. The Chairman had chased the contractors too.

The Council thanked Mr Long for all his efforts as Footpaths Warden & P3 Co-ordinator.

10.4 Defibrillator Report

Cllr Bickley submitted the monthly report, accredited ref. 1865, and had confirmed the defib with Circuit. Cllr Bickley also had remarked the code for access on the defib as it had worn off.

10.5 Play Area Report Cllr Brind had met the VH Treasurer and the last remaining items before handover are the 'No Dogs' sign and the tightening of the closure spring on the gate. The clerk apologised for his oversight regarding the sign.

10.6 Occasional Newsletter Report – Cllr Morley has submitted an item about amphibians. Cllr Morley advised that the Queen's Green Canopy has been extended into the current planting season and some Wild Service trees are available. If your QGC tree did not survive the dry weather do contact the clerk or Cllr Morley as spares are available.

11 Play Area Handover to the Village Hall Committee

The Chairman will follow this up.

12 Requests for Donations

12.1 Dream-A-Way Council did not feel able to donate to this cause at this time.

12.2 Churchyard Upkeep Council **RESOLVED** to donate £300 towards the upkeep of the Churchyard. This amount is half of the cost to the Church.

12.3 Citizen's Advice Bureau Council did not feel able to donate to this cause at this time.

13 Finance

13.1 Council noted the current balances -	Treasurer's Account	£ 16,917.72
	Business Bank Account	£ 3,425.64
	Total	£ 20,343.36

13.2 Payments Council unanimously **RESOLVED** to make the following payments

13.2.1 Joshua Bush	Grass cutting and strimming in September	£ 134.00
13.2.2 D Rudland	Footpath maintenance and repair work	£ 200.00
13.2.3 Longdown Village Hall Trust	Room hire 2022-23 (Inv. 002188)	£ 100.00
13.2.4 J P Roberts	clerk for pay (July-Sept) £ 460.44 + reimplmnts £ 350.01	£ 810.45
13.2.5 DCC Pension Fund	for clerk's pension (July, August & September)	£ 151.38
13.2.6 HMRC	for clerk's PAYE Income Tax (July, August & September)	£ 114.60

14 Date of Next Meeting – Monday 14th November 2022.

15 Urgent items

15.1 Leviger's Tales Sales The Chairman gave the clerk £15 cash from sales of The Leviger's Tales and Cllr Morley gave £20 cash for sales made at the Ide shop. Council were grateful to the Chairman and the Ide Shop staff for their efforts.

15.2 Clerk will arrange a meeting between Cllr Brind and the Grounds Maintenance contractor to establish the areas that are worked on.

15.3 The budget for 2023/4 will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

There being no other business the Chair closed the meeting at 8:54pm thanking everyone for their hard work.

Signed Date
Cllr C Eden, Chairman