

## **HOLCOMBE BURNELL PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES** of the Meeting of Holcombe Burnell Parish Council held at Longdown Village Hall on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March** at 7.30pm.

### **PRESENT**

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

### **ABSENT**

Cllr Sharon Wood

### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

C/Cllr Alan Connett  
Jim Roberts (Clerk and RFO)

D/Cllr Andy Swain  
One member of the public

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

No items raised.

### **2 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Wood who had a family medical problem. Council **RESOLVED** to accept this reason for absence.

### **3 Declarations of Interests & Registers of Interests**

None.

*[To minimise the drain on the County and District Cllrs' time the Chairman called item 6 forward.]*

## **6 Reports of County and District Councillors**

### **6.1 County Councillor's Report**

Cllr Swain wished the Cllrs well in the forthcoming elections and with the form-filling. He will chase the speed data for the Council as he had known the production of this information to take several weeks in the past.

He will also enquire who will act for DCC in getting Bridleway 8 unblocked as it heads towards Cutteridge Wood.

Cllr Connett will also ask Exeter Highways team again if there is a definite timescale for the repairs to the junction of Ide Lane and Pocombe Hill.

### **6.2 District Councillor's Report**

D/Cllr Swain will chase Enforcement again about the fence at Sylvan. The clerk will also email the Enforcement team on the Parish Council's behalf.

He had received complaints about the noisy quarrying taking place in Ide but affecting Holcombe Burnell residents. Cllr Studholme shared an update that there were a few days of quarrying left, as well as a few days of stone crushing for each of the days of quarrying, but the job is nearly finished. The Council expects the work to cease in about 3 weeks' time.

D/Cllr Swain announced that he was not standing in the forthcoming elections and introduced his colleague who would be standing in his place. He thanked the Holcombe Burnell Cllrs for their efforts having really enjoyed

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working with them. Council will be sad to see him leave and wished him well in his future endeavours.

*[C/Cllr Connett, D/Cllr Swain and one member of the public left the meeting.]*

#### **4 Minutes**

Council **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023 as true & correct record. The Chair duly signed them.

#### **5 Matters Arising**

None.

#### **7 Village Concerns**

##### **7.1 Fence at Sylvan**

Discuss under para 6 above.

##### **7.2 Affordable Housing**

This item to be dropped from the agenda.

#### **8 Parish Council Elections**

Cllrs noted the timetable and took their nomination packs for completion and submission.

#### **9 The Coronation**

**9.1** Council confirmed the plans to commemorate the Coronation with 50 coins to be purchased for distribution to the children of the Parish.

**9.2** Council unanimously **RESOLVED** to pay for flyers to inform everyone. Cllr Brind will do the flyer.

#### **10 Planning**

**10.1 23/0268/HOU** Steepacres, Bakers Hill – New double garage and gym.

Council unanimously **RESOLVED** to make no comment on this application.

##### **10.2 Joint Parish Letter to Planning at TDC**

Council noted that the joint letter from several Parishes outlining concerns about the Planning Department at TDC has now been submitted to TDC. We await the reply.

#### **11 Reports**

##### **11.1 Clerk's Report**

The clerk reported that he had been kept very busy with the elections and preparation for the end-of-year audit and governance reports and he had no other issues to report.

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

Council noted the report with thanks as follows:

Works Requiring Attention

1. Water and Environmental problems on Bridleway no.8 (Ongoing investigations)
2. Replace stile and fieldgate on footpath no.1 (in hand)
3. Replace staggered timber barrier on footpath no.7 (Quotation requested)

Please report any Public Rights of Way matters to :

Mike Long Tel 01392 811593

Mike Long Footpath Warden - P3 Coordinator to Holcombe Burnell Parish Council.

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### 11.3 Defibrillator Report

Cllr Bickley submitted the monthly report to Circuit, confirmed by their email of 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023. The Council thanked Cllr Bickley for sorting out the battery so quickly.

### 11.4 Nature Warden Biodiversity Net Gain

Cllr Morley summarised the Biodiversity Net Gain arrangements as previously circulated. This requires developers to leave a site with 10% more biodiversity after building work has been completed compared to the site pre-development.

This will be introduced from November 2023 for big developments and from April 2024 for all developments.

Developers can arrange for improvements offsite if they can show that the increase is difficult to obtain.

The Council hopes that these arrangements will be effective and not get diluted by exemptions, delays and the broker system.

### 11.5 Play Area Report

Council hopes for clarity on the completion of the handover of responsibility for the Play Area to the Village Hall Trust at the next VH meeting.

### 11.6 Occasional Newsletter Report – None this month.

## 12 Finance

### 12.1 Current balance

Council noted the current balance of **£ 19,695.01.**

This is held in the current account (£ 16,264.57) and reserve account (£ 3,430.44)

### 12.2 Payments

Council unanimously **RESOLVED** to make the following payments:

<b>12.2.1 Church Bells Fundraising</b>	As agreed (February minute 12.2)	£ 1000.00
<b>12.2.2 J P Roberts</b>	clerk pay (Feb)	£ 167.04
	+ reimbursement re Pension Fund	£ 55.23
		£ 222.27
<b>12.2.3 HMRC</b>	for clerk's PAYE Income Tax (Feb)	£ 41.60

## 13 Date of Next Meeting – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

## 14 Urgent Item Bus Stop Parking

Cars are being more frequently parked on the grass verge and pavement before the bus stop than usual and it appears to be regular. The Council hopes that this is temporary while work is being done to a property nearby.

There being no other business the Chair closed the meeting at 8:59pm thanking everyone for their hard work.

Signed ..... Date .....  
Cllr C Eden, Chairman