

# SUTCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

## **Minutes of Sutcombe Parish Council Extra Ordinary Meeting held remotely using the ZOOM Platform, on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2020 which commenced at 7.30p.m**

Members of the Council Present: Councillors C. Quance (Chair) B.Galbraith Marten (Vice Chair), C. Furse, E.Horn and J. Daniel (left at 20.15) and John Shepherd, Devon County Councillor Barry Parsons District Councillors Anna Dart and Richard Boughton, also present was Mrs Lorraine Buttery (Clerk)

1. Chairs Announcements, Councillor Chris Quance welcomed all to the meeting.
2. **Declarations of Interest**
  - a) Register of Interest: Councillors are reminded of the need to update their register of interests.  
*None were declared*
  - b) To declare any personal interests in items on the agenda and their nature. *None were declared*
  - c) To declare any disclosable pecuniary interests in items on the agenda and their nature.  
*None were declared*
3. Apologies received from Councillor Michael Wonnacott.
4. Sutcombe Parish Council is to seek approval of the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities & Local Governments to apply for a Public Works loan Board f £12,000 over the borrowing term of 10 years for the Sutcombe Community Playfield. The annual loan repayments will come to approximately £1,300  
It is not intended to increase the Council Tax precept for the purpose of the loan repayments.

The above resolution was discussed, along with the what is owed and what will need to be paid in the future. The consensus of opinion was that £12000 was in excess to what will be needed and the amount should be reduced.

Councillor Michael Wonnacott had sent an email to all Councillors suggesting that the money held by the Playing field committee be used in the interim period to pay invoices that are owed, and then claimed back from the Parish Council when the loan was received. He was concerned that the Parish Council could be held in disrepute for the misuse of Parish Council funds, by not paying its accounts.

Councillor Claire Furse explained that the money held in the bank which is just over £6,000 had been donated and gifted to the Playing field specifically for ongoing expenses and the purchase of further equipment.

The Clerk added that if Devon County pressured the Parish Council into paying their invoice it could be paid from what is held in the bank, but it had been decided previously that it would be prudent to withhold payment until the Playfield was actually signed over to the Parish Council.

The accounts which were supplied by the Clerk were studied and after further discussion as to what would be the correct amount to borrow Councillor John Daniels proposed we apply for the sum of £8000, this was seconded by Councillor Claire Furse, the proposal was unanimously agreed by a show of hands. The Councillors agreed that another meeting was needed as the paperwork required by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government was incomplete.

DCC Councillor Barry Parsons advised the Parish Councillors to be cautious regarding the loan. Although not on the agenda the discussion veered to raising funds for the DAAT night time site, DC Councillor Barry Parsons informed the Councillors that he would be willing to grant £1,000 to the project, District Councillor Anna Dart pledged the same amount. The Clerk will contact both Councillors before the November meeting

5. To set up a sub-committee for the purpose of completing the criteria set out by Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government It was unanimously agreed that this would consist of, Councillors Claire Furse and Barry Gailbraith-Marten along with the Clerk Lorraine Buttery.
6. Finance, to sign a cheque to Chris Abbot for grass cutting in the Village, this was confirmed that Chris had been cutting the area around the War Memorial and St.Andrews Close. With the unanimous Decision of all Councillors, the Chair Councillor Chris Quance signed the cheque for £175 and will obtain another signature. Whilst on the subject of grass cutting Councillor Emma Horn reported that the problem of the grass clippings had now been solved and all had been removed. Also, the problem of overhanging trees in St. Andrews Close had been resolved.

Another extra ordinary meeting to complete the Resolution and reports for the Public Works Loan Board will be held on the 14<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm