

SUTCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Sutcombe Parish Council Extra Ordinary Meeting held remotely using the ZOOM Platform, on Wednesday 14th 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 and John Shepherd, Devon County Councillor Barry Parsons District Councillor Richard Boughton, also present was Mrs Lorraine Buttery (Clerk)

1. Chairs Announcements, Councillor Chris Quance was delayed and the Vice-Chair Councillor welcomed all to the meeting, and stated that Councillor Quance had been delayed But should be joining the meeting about 8pm
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 and reasons for absence, none received
4. Public Comment Session. (Restricted to 15 minutes) No members of the Public attended
5. Reports from County, District and Local Councillors,

Councillor Barry Parsons reported that he had sent an up-date via email, this report has been put on the website. Barry apologised but he had a bad cold and he kept losing his voice, he will send some info by email, which Basically, contains the same as what is in his Holsworthy Rural update.

Councillor Stephen Harding reported that agreement had been made to give all residents one hour free Parking on purchasing the first hour. This is in all Carparks in the Torridge Area. There is not much more going on at present. Preparations at the Appledore shipyard continue to be made.
6. To approve the minutes of the Extra ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on the 7th October 2020, the minutes had Been circulated by email corrected by the Clerk and reissued. with the unanimous decision of the Councillors, the contents were deemed true and put to one side for the Chair Councillor Chris Quance to sign later in the meeting.
7. **Matters Arising**
 - 1) Sale of School Buildings- Letter to Jon Williams, the reply from Jon Williams was read out by Councillor Gailbraith-Marten, Barry stated that it was very disappointing that Jon had not given the Parish Council an answer regarding the suggestion of the Parish Council receiving a percentage of the sale of the School to be kept for the future benefit of Sutcombe School Children. Councillor Clair Furse commented that as Bradworthy School was an Academy Devon County Council would not be involved with their Admissions Policy which Evidently updated each year.

Councillor John Shepherd asked whether these problems would complicate the sale of the Playfield, Vice Chair Barry replied that this is unclear from the letter but seems to be a totally different issue. John then asked what are we looking for? If we said the contribution was for the playfield surly that is not for educational purposes? Barry replied that the request would perhaps not be specific but in the widest aspect for the well-being of Sutcombe Children mentally, physically and recreationally.

DCC Councillor Barry Parsons said he was not aware of what had been happening, he will be meeting with Jon Williams in a few days, he asked if the Clerk could forward copies of the correspondent received to be sent to him so he was fully up-to-date before his meeting, the Clerk will do so. Councillor Parsons requested that a response to Jon Williams was delayed until he had an opportunity to examine the correspondence and discuss the issues with him

Councillor Furse isn't it our due diligence to ask for a caveat to protect the children of Sutcombe's future perhaps, something like what is required from Devon County Council in respect of the future sale of the playfield? Vice Chair Barry commented after all we are looking for the best outcome for our children

2) Acceptance of all paperwork in support of the PWLP as requested, Councillor Claire Furse had circulated The 'Report to Council' before the meeting, The Chair on behalf of all Councillors thanked Claire for the very Professional looking Documents, and all the time spent, also thanks went to Councillor Barry Galbraith Marten and the Clerk in helping to get the document together, Councillor Furse had prepared two versions of the document, one for the amount of £8000 as agreed at the meeting on the 7th October, and one set for the original amount first suggested of £12,000. Claire explained that the extra would be put to one side to cover the perimeter fencing which would need to be renewed in about two years. Councillor s Galbraith Marten stated that if the money was not needed at this time, he was not convinced that this was a good idea, it did not seem right to borrow this extra amount and keep it in reserve, when maybe in the future other resources could be available. The fence might last longer. After much discussion it was unanimously agreed to stay with the resolution as decided on the 7th October 2020.

3) **Resolution:**

To seek the approval of the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities & Local Government to apply for a Public Works Loan Board loan of £8,000, over the borrowing term of 10 years, for the purpose of the purchase of Sutcombe Community Playing field.

The Annual loan repayments will come to approximately £885.00.

It is not intended to increase the Council Tax Precept for the purpose of the loan repayments.

This resolution was proposed and read out by the Chair Councillor Chris Quance, seconded by Councillor Claire Furse and was unanimously approved by all Councillors with a show of hands.

8. Any related business - None.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45pm

The next meeting had already been set for the 9th November