

SUTCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Sutcombe Parish Council Meeting held Remotely

Using the ZOOM Platform, on Monday 11th January 2021 which commenced at 7.30p.m

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

1. Chair's 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.

There were none declared

b) To declare any personal interests in items on the agenda and their nature. *There were none declared*

c) To declare any disclosable pecuniary interests in items on the agenda and their nature. *There were none declared.*

3. Apologies and reasons for absence were received from:

PCSO Mark James.

4. Public Comment Session

No Members of the Public present.

5. Reports from Devon County Councillor and District Councillors:

Devon County Councillor Barry Parsons apologised for his very long email containing his Holsworthy update Report, but felt that all the contained information was important to all residents. I am very sad at leaving DCC as Councillor, a decision which was not easy to make. Your continued support in the years I have been your representative has been very much appreciated. He was sorry to have heard of Michael Wonnacott's resignation as he was always a strong voice in the community.

Barry asked if there were any questions for him? None were forthcoming.

The Chair Councillor Chris Quance thanked Barry for attended and thanked him for all the support that he had given the Parish Council, he will be greatly missed.

Councillor Richard Boughton said there was not a huge amount to report, as all were aware the Leisure centre In Holsworthy run by 1610 ltd remained closed.,

Councillor Emma Horn asked when the Leisure centre might re-open.

Richard replied that they had tried everything to get them to open, 1610's contract has only another 12 months to run, not with-standing the current lockdown it remains to be seen if it opens.

Councillor Emma Horn commented that it was disgraceful that there were no local leisure facilities, it is so important for everyone's mental and physical wellbeing.

Emma also asked whether the free car parking scheme had had any effect on supporting local businesses?

Richard replied he is not sure that it did.

Councillor Harding commented that there was not much else to report as it was very quiet due to the latest lock down, but if he could be of any help please let him know.

Councillor Chris Quance thanked the Councillors for attending

6. All members of the Council had received a copy of the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 9th November by email, with the unanimous decision of the Councillors, the contents were deemed true and correct and were duly signed by the Chair Councillor Chris Quance

7. Matters Arising

1) Sutcombe Playing field – Councillor Claire Furse said there was not a lot to report, to date there had been no response / update from Pam Johns at Coodes, but she would chase it up. The subject of the DCC invoice was discussed and the unanimous decision of the Councillors to ratify that it would be prudent not settle the invoice until such time that the title of the School Field passes to the Parish Council, (as discussed by email). Councillor Furse will compose a letter to DCC finance department and send to all.

2) DAAT Night Site, nothing to report as still waiting for Torridge Planning department for an update on the Application. Councillor Barry Galbraith Marten asked whether Claire and Darren's interest would be Protected, Claire and the Clerk assured Barry that this was in hand.

3) Sale of School Buildings- There has been no correspondence from Jon Williams, Councillor Barry Galbraith Marten said everything had gone very quiet, and wonders why we can't progress. Councillor Barry Parsons said it could be just an oversight but could also be the Charity Commission's tardiness in replying, it must be emphasised that there are two different issues here. Barry will chase it up with John. Councillor Horn thanked Barry.

Matters arising continued:-

- 4) M. Wonnacott resignation, Councillor Barry Galbraith Marten commented that he was sorry at Michaels' Resignation especially at this particular time, he was always involved with everything, his particular input was for the Memorial Bench. The Clerk was requested to send a letter of thanks for his sterling work for the Parish Council whilst he was in office. Torrridge elections office had been notified, and a notice has been displayed, If not, notification has been received by Torrridge after 14 working days, the Parish Council will then be able to co-opt.
- 5) Notice Board, the Clerk had obtained three quotes for the replacement board, although not the cheapest it was unanimously decided to order one from Jag Signs, as this included fitting and art work.

8. Planning Applications:

1-3) 1/1095/2020/FUL,1/1089/2020/AGMB,1/1085/2020/FUL

Proposals: Conversion of barns to Dwelling Houses, Holiday Flat

Location: Barns at Matcott Farm, Sutcombe, Holsworthy. Devon

The above application had been discussed via email, the Parish Councillors agreed in principle with the Developments but serious concerns were raised regarding access and the stat of the roads leading to the The Clerk had posted comments on the Torrridge planning portal voicing the said concerns

4) 1/1066/2020/FUL

Proposal: Installation of Landing Lights to provide emergency lighting for the DAAT

Location: Land at Westcott Farm, Sutcombe Holsworthy

The above application had been discussed via email, no issues were raised and the Parish Council unanimously Support the application

Planning Decisions:

1/0989/2018/OUTM Proposal: Residential Development of 10 dwellings

Location: Land Adjacent to Sutcombe Memorial Hall

The above outline planning application was approved by Torrridge Planning, a short discussion took place and the decision was to once again raise the concerns of the Parish Council and residents regarding the 'visibility splay' which Councillor Furse commented had not been uploaded to the portal, entrance to the site, extra traffic and the proximity to the 'Play field'. Councillor John Shepherd remarked that there were a lot of 'boxes' yet to be ticked, one of the problems is the distribution of the surface water.

It was the unanimous decision of the Councillors for letters to be written to Torrridge Planning and highways Setting out the concerns of the Parish Council and residents. The Chair Councillor Quance will get a letter Written and forward to the Clerk,

Planning Appeals:

There were none

9. Finance.

- a) Financial report to date, the cash book spreadsheet had been emailed to all Councillors, n no issues were raised, there being £14,185.12 in the bank (Statement presented to uphold), earmarked funds of £500.00 election costs £4,002.00 project funds, £3150.00 owing to D.C.C. for fencing, £3,000 DAAT fund the remaining balance of £3,533.12 being PC General funds.
- b) The receipt of Grants of £1,000 from Devon County Council Councillor B Parsons approval and £1000 from Torrridge DC with Councillor Anna Darts approval were acknowledged, letters of thanks had been sent to both Councillors.
- c) The 2021-2022 Budget was discussed and unanimously approved, no increase in the precept is required.
- d) The following cheque were approved and one more signature will be sourced by the Chair.
- i) ZOOM Monthly fees £7.19
- e) The loan application had been approved, the funds of £8,000 less administration fee of £25 are now in the bank. The first repayment instalment is due in June.
- f) Devon County Council's invoice, discussed in item 7.1

10. Correspondence as below and as available at the time of the meeting

- i) Holsworthy Rural Update DCC Councillor Barry Parsons, Covid 19 updates and funding, hardship grants.,
ii) DALC Newsletters 65-75 iii) North Devon Healthcare Trust updates, NHS CCG Bulletins x 3
iv) Rural Network Bulletins Nov & Dec v) Jon Williams vi) PCSO M.James Policing update
vii) Devon Communities Together x 3 viii) Harry Roper- Funding Update ix) Devon Carbon Plan
x) Devon CC Funding updates. xi) C.A.B Donation request xii) DCC Invoice
xiii) M.Richards- Joint Advisory Group xiv) N.Pearce – Avian Flu

The above were all received by email, no issues were raised apart from xii which was discussed at item7.1

11. Matters for discussion or to be noted, and matters brought to the attention of the Chair
- 1) Councillor Emma Horn suggested that the Parish Council needed new younger members and Should be considered when application for a new Councillor is received.
The Chair Chris Quance replied that he thought that at present the Parish Council had a fairly good spread of ages,
 - 2) The Chair Chris Quance requested that the Clerk sent an email to Michael Wonnacott requesting the return of the key for the small notice board, as he had been unsuccessful.
 - 3) Councillor Clair Furse asked whether another notice should be put up regarding the help available During lockdown? Claire was assured that all relevant notices were still displayed on the website and the notice board outside the Memorial Hall.
 - 4) Councillor Barry Galbraith Marten, asked whether the Poppy Wreaths should still be at the War Memorial?
Councillor Horn replied that they should be removed, Barry offered to remove them.

The Next meeting was scheduled for the 8th March 2021.

The Chair Councillor Chris Quance thanked everyone for their attendance, as there was no other business the meeting was closed at 8.55pm ,
Councillor John Daniels had left the meeting at 8.20pm due to his internet connection failing.