

# SUTCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

## **Minutes of Sutcombe Parish Council Meeting held in the Memorial Hall on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2021 which commenced at 7.45p.m**

Members of the Council Present: Councillors C. Quance (Chair) B.Galbraith Marten -(Vice Chair),C. Furse, E.Horn , J. Daniel, H. Rowlands and John Shepherd., Devon County Councillor James Morrish, District Councillors Richard Boughton and Anna Dart, 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 were 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- not on duty. District Councillor Stephen Harding

### **4. Public Comment Session**

No Members of the Public present.

### **5. Reports from Devon County Councillor and District Councillors:**

DC Councillor James Morrish thanked the Chair for his welcome. He reported that Holsworthy Rural recorded the highest spend on the roads, which is not surprising taking into consideration the size of the 'Patch'. James also said that he had received 28 emails regarding the state of the roads which had been passed on to Keiran Stanbury, who is the Neighbourhood Highways Officer, I am on the phone to Keiran on a daily basis. The majority of the road from Milton Damerel to Stibb Cross has been resurfaced, which is a great improvement, but there is still work to be done. The road from Stibb Cross to Shebbear should be done soon. There is a new firm employed, but seem to have the same workers. Highways seem to be listening to complaints, as in future when potholes are due to be repaired, a worker has been employed to check the location to ensure that potholes near to the one due to be repaired will be included. Finally, Chairman I was recently at County Hall to attend the D.C.C Finance & Pensions meeting where I was met By 6 people dressed as tress, who were attending to find out if funds were being ethically invested, DCC invest approx. 5.4 billion pounds on behalf of the residents.

District Councillor Richard Boughton reported that the level up fund grant had been awarded to Bideford, which would be used to redevelop the Town Centre. Torridge had now approved the Climate Emergency Plan, a copy is available to anyone interested. Councillor Emma Horn asked what does it imply, Richard replied that it is saying is we must be more 'green', just planting more trees to offset carbon emissions will not solve today's problems.

District Councillor Anna Dart, reported that there was not a lot going on at present, but reported that the Northern Devon road to recovery had been published.

The Chair Councillor Chris Quance thanked Councillors for attending and their reports.

6. All members of the Council had received a copy of the minutes of the Parish Council meeting and the Annual Parish Council Meeting (AGM) held on the 24<sup>th</sup> May 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 -update, the transfer of the ownership of the playfield from DCC to the Parish Council will not be approved until after the conditions of sale for the school buildings have been settled. This was made clear by Jon Williams and Michell Ellis at the meeting that was held at the Playfield on the 16<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

- 2) Sale of School Buildings, Councillor James Morrish stated that the leader of Devon County Council and himself are very keen for this to go through but he had a Prejudicial interest so could not comment and would leave the meeting. He wished all good luck in the forthcoming consultations.  
At the meeting held as mentioned above in 1), Michelle Ellis commented that another letter will be necessary to send to the Charity Commission regarding the proceeds of the sale of the School Buildings, they had not agreed to a share of the proceeds being apportioned to the Parish Council but should be invested with the income going to Bradworthy School. It was stated by the Parish Councillors that the income from the capitol would be insignificant, and it would be far better for the whole of the income to go to the school to help towards the ongoing project of providing extra classrooms and facilities for the pupils from all parishes.  
A letter had been composed by Councillor Gailbraith-Marten, which was discussed and approved by all Councillors, the Clerk will put the letter on headed paper and send to Michelle Ellis. The Charity Commission also asked for suggestions for the name of the Charity where the capitol could be invested, the name 'Sutcombe Primary School Legacy' was put forward and unanimously decided upon.
- 3) Grass Cutting, Councillor Quance will get quotes for the Hedge/Verge cutting
- 4) Sutcombe Newsletter- Councillor Furse had spoken to Faye Fry who is still keen to compile, it was decided to try to get the newsletter up and running for a September issue.
- 5) Dog Waste Bin – the Clerk had contacted Torridge Council regarding a new bin, they required to know if it was really necessary for a new bin installed, and proof that it would be used, Councillor Holly Rowlands will write a report and pass to the Clerk to forward on to Torridge.
- 6) State of Roads see Devon County Councillor James Morrish's report

## 8. Planning Applications:

*There were none*

### Planning Decisions:

#### 1) 1/0317/2021/FUL

Proposal: Demolition of agricultural building and erection of 1dwellinghouse with associated works in lieu

Of class Q permission 1/0304/2019/AGMB

Location: Barn at Billhole Farm, Sutcombe, Devon

*The above application was approved*

### Planning Appeals:

*There were none*

## 9. Finance.

- a) It was unanimously approved to sign a cheque for Admin expenses £47.42, three Councillors signed the cheque.
- b) It was acknowledged that the first instalment due to Public Loan Board payment of £418.52 was paid.
- c) financial report to date, a spread sheet had been forwarded to Councillors via email before the meeting, hard copies were issued, no issues were raised. The bank statement was available to support the stated balance in the account of £20,173.16. This comprises of: Ring Fenced elections £500, Project Fund £4002, Loan £8,000, DCC Fencing £3150, the remaining balance of £4,521.16 being Parish Council General Funds.

The Clerk informed the Councillors that the cheque for the Poppy Wreath had still not been cashed, and was now out of date, it was the unanimous decision of the Parish Council to ask the Clerk to make sure the cheque was cancelled and send a cheque direct to The Royal British Legion, the cheque was issued and duly signed by three Councillors. The Clerk will contact the Royal British Legion.

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

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| i) DALC Newsletters 25-34                       | ii) DCC Covid advice re travelling                                  | iii) North Devon Stakeholders        |
| iv) PLB Payment Notice                          | v) Rural Bulletins May/June/July                                    | vi) R.H-Booth Minor Injuries Closure |
| vii) M.Waller-Wild about Devon                  | viii) Play Inspection Co. Report                                    | viv) DCC Latest Business news        |
| x) M. Richards Area Advisory meeting            | xi) Harry Roper Grant Funding/ Carbon Plan                          |                                      |
| xii) J. Williams x 3                            | xiii) Devon Communities Together Summer events/ small grants notice |                                      |
| xiv) DCC Sharp rise in Covid among young people | xv) Michelle Ellis  |                                      |

*The above were all received by email no issues were raised, xii) and xv) had already been discussed.*

## 11. Matters for discussion or to be noted, and matters brought to the attention of the Chair

- 1) Councillor John Shepherd commented that the Bridge still had not been repaired, and it was noted that the damage was quite visible from the field side.

The date of the next meeting was set for the 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.50pm