

# SUTCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

## **Minutes of Sutcombe Parish Council Meeting held in the Memorial Hall on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September 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, and John Shepherd., Devon County Councillor James Morrish, District Councillor 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 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 Councillors Richard Boughton and Anna Dart.

Parish Councillor H. Rowlands (ill)

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

No Members of the Public present.

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

DCC James Morrish reported that not a lot was going on, one of the problems raised at present is to do with the 'Link Project' a secure place where people can go who have mental health issues, the venues in Holsworthy, Bideford, Barnstaple and Braunton have been threatened with closure as funds were being withdrawn. DCC's Argument was that they were underused, but over the last 18 months no-one could attend due to Covid restrictions, And the lack of officers from DCC.

There is a meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> September. To-date I have heard nothing from the Councillors of Holsworthy or Bideford. The present proposal is that finances would be supplied for a Mental health referral unit in Exeter and more care in the Community.

I am still having fun with finance and pensions, and have had 140 emails regarding DCC investments, with concerns Over finances being invested in non-ethical companies.

Finally, James reported that he had recently spoken to Barry Parsons who sends his best wishes.

District Councillor Stephen Harding said that there was not a lot happening in Torridge at present, domestic violence remains a problem and it is hoped to get financial backing to help those affected. There are also problems with the Bucks Mill environmental Pump House, with effluent being pumped into a stream.

Stephen reported that he had missed the last full Council meeting due to a contentious planning application, Councillor Quance commented that he had read several articles regarding 'wily' builders getting away with not building affordable housing as proposed in planning applications, and hopes this will not be the case with the application for residential properties in the field next to the Memorial Hall

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 12<sup>th</sup> July 2021 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, nothing much is happening as waiting for the sale of the school buildings to go through.
- 2) Sale of School Buildings, still waiting for the acceptance of terms by the Charity Commissions.
- 3) Hedge/Verge Cutting, the majority seems to have already been done by Highways
- 4) Sutcombe Newsletter, Councillor Claire Furse will speak to Faye.
- 5) Dog Waste Bin, Councillor Quance said to hold off the application for the time being.
- 6) A cheque to cover the cost of the Poppy Wreath had been sent directly to The Royal British Legion, a receipt has Not been issued. The Clerk had received the uncashed cheque from November 2020.

**8. Planning Applications:**

1) 1/0981/2021/FUL

Proposal; Conversion of existing barn into one dwelling

Location: Magnolia Barn, Sutcombe, HOLSWORTHY, Devon

the above application was discussed in full, no issues were raised and the Councillors approved of the application

The Clerk will send the decision to Torridge Planning department.

**Planning Decisions:**

*There were none*

**Planning Appeals:**

*There were none*

**9. Finance.**

The cheques for signature were approved and signed by two Councillors: i) Clerks Quarterly Salary £322.02

ii) grass cutting C. Abbot £90.00 iii) Jag Signs £36.00

b) It was acknowledged that the wayleave payment from Western Power of £3.27 had been received and banked

c) financial report to date, the Parish Councillors had received a copy of the spreadsheet, no issues were raised, the bank balance supported by the current bank statement stands at £20,058.54, this consists of ring fenced funds of , Elections £500, Project fund £4,002,00, Loan £8,000, DCC £3150.00, the balance of £4,406.54 being Parish Council general funds.

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

i) DALC Newsletters 45-49 ii) DCC - rediscover summer iii) North Devon Stakeholders updates Aug/Sep

iv) D. Jones National Bus Strategy v) Rural Bulletins Aug/Sep + Funding Digest vi) D.C.C - Festivals

vii) D.C.C Covid Cases High- Enhanced Response Area viii) Harry Roper re Enhanced response area

viv) H.Roper Mobile Boost Scheme x) Highways – Road Closure xi) M. Crocker- Discretionary Grants

xii) Devon Communities Together – ZOOM Chat xiii) Devon Communities Together supporting communities

xiv) H.Roper Torridge D C Managing Leisure Services, and Torridge D C Supporting Afghan Refugees

*The above were all received by email, no issues were raised or follow-ups*

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

1) Councillor Emma Horn commented that the wall on the bridge was still in disrepair and asked whether There had been any news regarding its repair? Councillor James Morrish commented that it could be a 'Duty of Care' issue and suggested emailing Keiran Stanbury of Highways, the Clerk said she will do so and cc him in.

The date of the next meeting was set for the 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.25pm