

# SUTCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

## **Minutes of Sutcombe Parish Council Meeting held in the Memorial Hall on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022 which commenced at 7.45p.m**

Members of the Council Present: Councillors C. Quance (Chair) C. Furse, E.Horn, J. Daniel, H. Rowlands and John Shepherd. District Councillor Richard Boughton , also present were Mrs Lorraine Buttery (Clerk), and PC Frank Morgan

### **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. *Councillor Emma Horn declared an interest in Planning application 8 item 1.*

c) To declare any disclosable pecuniary interests in items on the agenda and their nature.

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### **3. Apologies and reasons for absence were received from:**

Devon County Councillor James Morris, Parish Councillor B.Galbraith -Marten (Vice Chair) illness, District Councillors Stephen Harding and Anna Dart, PCSO Mark James sent his apologies but had sent a Report via email which is now on the website.

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

Councillor Chris Quance welcomed PC Frank Morgan and invited him to speak.

P C Morgan introduced himself and said there had been quite a few changes in Holsworthy Neighbourhood Policing team with himself taking up the role of Neighbourhood Beat Manager, following PC Mandy Brown retirement.

There is a new Sergeant, PS Donna Gutteridge. PCSO Mark James has left for pastures new, a new PCSO has already been appointed, Jess McEldon. PC Morgan said that there had been some concern regarding dogs worrying livestock over the past months, and land owners should be aware of this, Councillor Emma Horn asked what was the legal

Standing responsibility of perhaps cattle injuring persons whilst walking dogs through fields -If it was private land? Frank replied that he was unsure but would check up and get back to her.

Nicola Furse, secretary of the Memorial Hall committee, and Ant ? were in attendance primarily to discuss

H M Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee plans. The Chair Councillor Chris Quance said that this would be

discussed later in the meeting and he would agree to her joining in the discussions.

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

District Councillor Richard Boughton asked whether the play area could do with some money? Putford Parish had Some 106-money available but had no play area to spend it on, as it has to be a qualified capital project, it's not Absolutely definite but if the PC is interested, he would enquire on its behalf. Councillor Quance asked whether Bradworthy could make use of it? Richard replied that there is a lot of house building planned in Bradworthy and There would be quite a lot of money being made available to them.

Councillor Claire Furse asked whether new swings and new fences be applicable? Richard believed so and would Contact the relevant parties the next day. Richard went on to report that Torridge had set its budget, with an increase of their Council Tax apportion being increased by £5 for band D. The new Active Torridge department will start on April 1<sup>st</sup>, this being very controversial as its going to be an expensive venture. The budget has been set to bring Holsworthy Centre up to scratch, also Torrington Pool needs a lot of work as well; present staff will be kept on.

Councillor Emma Horn asked whether youngsters would be actively encouraged to take part at the centres, as it was of vital importance to the health and mental well being of all. Richard answered that he believed this to be the case.

The Chair Councillor Chris Quance thanked Richard for attending.

6. All members of the Council had received a copy of the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022 by email, 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, Councillor Chris Quance read out the email received from Michelle Ellis, Which stated the Charity commission had approved the request for the Trust to spend the Capital proceeds Generated by any sale of the School Building but have not agreed to 10% of these being given to the Parish Council until Bradworthy School can show that any capital project it is proposing is fully funded without the Need for this additional 10% of the sale proceeds. I am liaising with the school to establish what funding they have in place.

## Matters arising continued/.

- 2) Sale of School – Michelle Elis informed the PC that the application for the disposal of the School Building and playing field is with the Department of Education for consideration, but information received states that it is unlikely to be considered by the relevant officer until Easter at the earliest.
- 3) It was unanimously agreed to hold off from printing a full newsletter for the time being, but produce a short newsletter to inform residents of planned events.
- 4) No update at the present time.
- 5) Nicola Furse the secretary of the Memorial Hall Committee stated that at present nothing had been arranged as they were waiting to see what the Parish Council had arranged. Discussions took place as what could be arranged for the celebrations, the following suggestions were made:
  - i) The Memorial Hall committee to obtain a license for a bar.
  - ii) Bonfire Beacon for Thursday evening.
  - iii) Service of thanks giving at the Church, Bell ringing
  - iv) Cream tea to be financed by the Parish Council, with a toast to HM Queen Elizabeth II
  - v) Events in the Playfield – fun and games for the Children.
  - vi) B.B.Q in the evening with a ‘big screen’ displaying the ‘Party in the Park’It was decided to set up a sub-committee with members from the Parish Council, Church, Memorial Hall and the Playfield committee. It was also suggested that there was a ‘village clean up’, to include cleaning of sign posts, Maybe get volunteers to paint them. Grants would also be looked into by the clerk.
- 6) Roads, the clerk was requested to email Keiran Stanbury regarding the very poor state of various roads in and around the Village, in particular, Priors Cross- Matcott Farm, Twinaways Corner, Thuborough Cross and the road from the War Memorial to the Village green.
- 7) The donation bucket had been given to Councillor Furse
- 8) Road Signage-this had been sorted temporarily sorted with removeable cones and warnings.

## **8. Planning Applications:**

- 1) 1/0204/2022/FUL Proposal : Extension to existing silage clamp.  
Location: Middledown, Sutcombe. HOLSWORTHY, Devon  
*The above application was discussed, no objections were raised and the Councillors unanimously support the application. The Clerk will convey the decision to Torridge Planning.*  
*Councillor Emma Horn had declared an interest and took no part in the discussion*

**Planning Decisions:**    *There were none*                      **Planning Appeals:**                      *There were none*

## **9. Finance.**

- a) financial report to date, the Councillors were supplied with a copy of spreadsheets via email, with hard copies being available. There being £19,746.33 in the bank (Supported by current bank statement), consisting of Ring-Fenced elections £500, Project Fund £4002, PC Loan £8000, DCC £3150. The remaining balance £3594.33 being Parish Council general funds.
- b) The following cheques were unanimously approved and signed by two Councillors:
  - i) Admin expenses £50.69
  - ii) Hall Hire £15.00
  - iii) Vision ICT annual web hosting/support £161.26The Clerk asked whether the Councillors had read the email from DALC regarding the Clerks salary? It was the unanimous decision of the Councillors to approve the pay increase of 1.75% back dated to April 2021 as advised by DAL and NALC.  
It was also agreed to pay half the cost of a new printer with Milton Damerel paying the other half.

## **10. Correspondence as below emails 1<sup>st</sup> -31<sup>st</sup> December and as available at the time of the meeting**

- i) Torridge District Councillor
- ii) DALC Newsletters 7/8/9/10/11 2022
- iii) Rural Network funding 2022
- iv) Devon Communities together Entrepreneur Programme
- v) TDC Government County deals/ Carbon Savvy
- vi) Devon Communities together- AVCSE Assembly for Devon.
- vii) TDC Council Tax rebate for residents
- viii) TDC -Active Torridge
- ix) RSN Bulletin
- x) TDC Grant Funding /Avion Flu
- xi) Devon & Somerset Fire Service- Advice during power cuts.
- xii) J.Williams- Dog control
- xiii) DCC Young people- Grab a Jab.
- xiv) TDC Business Bulletin
- xv) Roy B – HM Platinum Jubilee
- xvi) DCC Look out for each other.
- xvii) T D C – Council Tax and Capital Programmes
- xviii) J.Nock – TTVS Working with customers.
- xvix) free webinars – Teenagers
- xx) DCC Covid 19 change of regulations.

11. The Clerk had received an email from Alastair and Rachael Walter enquiring whether they could erect a bench On the Village Green in memory of Margaret Ruth Walters who taught at Sutcombe School for 35 years, a few of The Councillors remembered Ruth as their teacher. Councillor Quance will contact Rachael.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55pm.