

SUTCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Sutcombe Parish Council Meeting held in the Memorial Hall on Monday 11th April 2022 which commenced after the Parish Open Meeting

Members of the Council Present: Councillors C. Quance (Chair) C. Furse, E.Horn, J. Daniel, John Shepherd and B.Gailbraith -Marten (Vice Chair). Also present was the Clerk Lorraine Buttery.

Members of the public who remained after the Open Meeting; Scilla Edwards, Darren Furse, Christine Cawsey and Chris Rose.

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:

Devon County Councillor James Morris, Parish Councillor H.Rowland

District Councillors Stephen Harding , Anna Dart, Richard Boughton – All have a full Council Meeting

PS Frank Morgan

4. Public Comment Session:

Darren Furse commented on the dreadful state of roads, the Road from Sutcombe to Bradworthy, it was noted that Some patching had been done in Five Lanes, but potholes still remained. The road around Mattlock are horrendous. The Chair Councillor Chris Quance reported that an email had been received from Kieran Stanbury stating that Thuborough Cross would be resurfaced, but the Highway finances were such that it will only repair roads that are Deemed dangerous, and the roads the Parish Council had reported to him will only have essential potholes repaired. Chris also said that residents should report damage to Devon County Highways.

5. Reports from Devon County Councillor and District Councillors:

No district or local Councillors present.

6. All members of the Council had received a copy of the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 7th March 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 no update 2) Sale of School Buildings- no update

3) Sutcombe Newsletter- it was agreed to put the newsletter on hold for the time being, but a flyer would be sent Out to all residents regarding future events.

4) The railings along the footpath have now been repaired.

5) HM Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee, Councillor Emma Horn had sent an email to all Councillors with Events decided upon, Church Service/Bell Ringing, Village Photo of Residents, Toast to Her Majesty, Bar, Games/ Sports in Playing Field, BBQ in evening with Big Screen Showing Party in the Park, other suggestions were for A Village clean-up, Fireworks winding up the evening (Cost might be prohibitive), a discussion took place Regarding whether it was feasible to have a Beacon on the Thursday evening, this will be discussed again at the May meeting.

6) Roads – were discussed in Public Comments

7) 106 Monies, the monies for this must be offered to Putford first, it's a question of 'wait and see', but Councillor Claire Furse said she would chase it up with District Councillor Richard Boughton.

8) Grass cutting tender, Councillor Quance said that he had sent some quotes to the Clerk by email, the Clerk replied That she doesn't recall getting them, but would check again.

8. Planning Applications:

There were none

Planning Decisions:

There were none

Planning Appeals

There were none

9. Finance.

- a) financial report to date b) The Councillors approved the cheques to be signed and two Councillors duly signed for: i) Half the cost of the new Printer cost £84.60 ii) Clerks back pay £22.54

10. Correspondence as below emails 1st -31st March and as available at the time of the meeting

- i) Rural Network Bulletins x 3 ii) DALC Newsletters 14/15/16/17 iii) P. Potter Commemorative Items
iv) K. Stanbury - Roads v) TDC People and Places, Grant Funding, Active Torridge Launch
vi) DCC Guidance for Care Homes. vii) T. Blackmore – 106 monies
viii) North Devon Local plan – have your say viv) Emma Ingle – School site x) M.Tucker – Bus timetables
xi) Devon Communities together- Community Grants. xii) B. Lucas – Land availability and assessment
xiii) North Devon NHS Stakeholder Bulletin. xiv) M. Crocker- What’s on guide
xv) Torridge DC Northam Burrows Events xvi) Devon County Council Newsletter

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

- 1) Councillor John Shepherd stated that there has been a lot of dog fouling recently, Councillor Emma Horn asked Whether there was sufficient ‘dog bins’, it was agreed that there was, its down to lazy owners who do not pick up after their pets. Councillor Barry Gailbraith- Marten sked whether a notice could be delivered to all Residents politely asking owners to pick up after their pets, Councillor Quance thought this might offend those that did not own pets. The Clerk will look for more notices available from Torridge District Council.
- 2) Councillor John Shepherd suggested that we should mark the Platinum Jubilee either by erecting a bench Or planting a tree in the Community Playing field, all councillors thought the ideas were good, it might be Prudent to wait until the Playing field is actually handed over to the Parish Council. Councillor Shepherd Commented that the delay in this was quite ridiculous.
- 3) The request for a memorial bench to be erected on the Village Green was not greeted with enthusiasm, it might Be better in the Playing field, but again it would be better to wait.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Signed

Date

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