

SUTCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Sutcombe Parish Council Meeting held in the Memorial Hall on Monday 11th July 2022 which commenced at 19:45.

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

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, PS Frank Morgan
District Councillors Anna Dart, Richard Boughton.
4. **Public Comment Session:**
No members of the public were present.
5. **Reports from Devon County Councillor and District Councillors:**
District Councillor Stephen Harding reported that the Council had once again applied for the Government 'Levelling up grant', the proposed development of Middle Dock at Appledore, its is hoped for a grant of 15 million, at present Exeter and Plymouth University are interested in the development of the site with 9 or 10 interested parties in renting offices. The development of 'green energy- wind, hydrogen would be The main concept of the university's involvement. This would create lots of badly needed employment in the area. Stephen went on to report that the Atlantic Array- floating wind farm needs to be sorted. From Abbotsham across land there are 8 cables from Morocco, Councillor Quance asked if the energy From Morocco was wind or Solar generated, Stephen answered both.
This is a great opportunity for the area, Holland and Wolf have already developed a 'Hydro Ferry' and feel this is the future.
Councillor Anna Dart had emailed her apologies and mentioned the planning application for the land adjoining the Memorial Hall, stating that this had been 'called in' and if the Parish Council needed any help regarding this matter please do not hesitate to contact her.
6. All members of the Council had received a copy of the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 23rd May 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 developments to report
 - 2) Sale of School Buildings- Councillor Quance and Councillor B.Gailbraith -Marten had presented an updated proof of ID to the office in Holsworthy. A replacement notice had been received from Michelle Ellis regarding changing the name of the Charity, as the old one had the wrong dates on, the new notices are displayed on the notice board, on the school gate and on the web-site.
 - 3) HM Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee, all agreed that the day was very successful, thanks to all concerned. Councillor Claire Furse asked a question regarding the Group photos, Councillor Holly Rowland had taken some, Copies had been sent via email. Councillor Quance remarked that it would be good to have a large framed copy in the hall. Councillor Quance proposed to make a Grant of £250 to the Memorial Hall to cover expenses for the Jubilee, this would come out of the Grant received from DCC. Councillor Emma Horn seconded the proposal and was unanimously approved by all.

- 4) Roads- Councillor Chris Quance commented that the repairs at Thuborough Cross were very good, but it beggars' belief that the tarmacadam left over was not put to good use but dumped in a layby, especially as the road from Thuborough cross down to the bridge is in such a bad state. Councillor Daniel also Commented again on the dreadful state of the road to Matcott. The Clerk will write to highways.
- 5) 106 Monies, this is not going to happen, as will be distributed elsewhere.

8. Planning Applications:

1) 1/0274/2022/FULM

Proposal: Residential development of 12 dwellings and associated works, amended Plans.

Location: Land adjacent to Sutcombe Memorial Hall

2) 1/0654/2022/REMM

Proposal: Reserved matters application for access, appearance, landscaping, layout & scale pursuant to Outline application 1/0989/2018/OUTM – proposed residential development of 10 dwellings.

Location: Land adjacent to Sutcombe Memorial Hall

The above two applications were discussed in full, the consensus of opinion was that the majority of issues raised by the Parish Councillors and residents and sent to Torridge had not been addressed.

In addition, why is there two applications for the same site? If there are only ten houses built the .6% for Affordable housing does not happen. The mix of housing has not been changed and will not help the Younger generation on to the 'housing ladder'. Councillor Emma Horn stated that the priority for The Village is to have properties that out youngsters can afford. Councillor Shepherd asked if the Acoustic fence was appropriate and who would be responsible for Its maintenance. Councillor John Daniel remarked that the new development was a lot different to what Was originally agreed. The Chair Councillor Chris Quance requested that the Clerk write to the Planning officer Tracey Blackmore to request a meeting to discuss the issues raised and get some clarification.

3) 1/0642/2022/FUL

Proposal: Conversion of barn to holiday cottage (Removal of condition 5 of permission- 1/2258/2001 (Holiday use)

Location: The Small Barn, Sutcombe, Holsworthy, Devon

This proposal was discussed in full, agreement could not be reached, therefore the Parish Council will Make no comment. The decision will be reported to Torridge planning by the Clerk.

4) 1/0610/2022/FUL

Proposal: Erection of single wind turbine with maximum blade tip height 77m, formation of vehicle access Track and associated infrastructure (Variation of condition 3, time restriction of planning approval 1/0350/FUL). Location: Babbington Farm, Chilsworthy, Holsworthy, Devon

No objections were raised by the Councillor as this is just a request for time restriction to be removed.

Councillor Emma Horn asked whether the application for Solar Panels at Thuborough Farm had been Received as she thought she had seen it? The Clerk replied that she was not aware of it, but would check The emails and with Torridge Planning.

Planning Decisions:

There were none

Planning Appeals

There were none

9. Finance.

- a) financial report to date the bank balance of £21,187.78 was supported by the current bank statement The balance consists of Ring-fenced funds £650 elections, £4152 project fund, £8000 Loan, £3150 DCC the balance of £5235.78 being Parish Council general funds.
- b) The following cheques were approved and signed by two Councillors for:
 - i) Clerks Quarterly Salary £430.95 ii) Admin Expenses 1/04-11/07/2022 £43.70
 - iii) Platinum Jubilee expenses: £215.42, £20.40, As approved in matters arising 4) a cheque for £250 was also signed in favour of the Memorial Hall.

Although not on the agenda as the invoice was received the day of the meeting, the councillors Approved and signed a cheque for £90 to C.Abbot for grass cutting

Finances cont/...

c) To Consider the end of year accounts and AGAR statements :

- i) The Annual Internal Audit was explained to the Councillors, no issues were raised by the Auditor Dr Julia Foster
- ii) The Annual Governance Statement was read to all and accepted by the Councillors
- iii) The Accounting Statements were explained to the Councillors
- iv) The Certificate of Exemption was approved.

The end of year accounts and the AGAR were unanimously approved by a show of hands and duly signed by the Chair Councillor Chris Quance and the Clerk Lorraine Buttery

10. Correspondence and emails received June - July and as available at the time of the meeting

- i) Rural Network Bulletins x 4 ii) DALC Newsletters 26/27/28/29/30
- iii) Devon County Council Carers Week iv) Torridge District Council – Torridge Pool reopening
- v) T.D.C Grant Funding vi) Charli Burgin, Tracey Blackmore- Planning application
- vii) D.C.C Platinum Jubilee viii) PWLB Loan repayment notice
- viv) Emma Ingle- Sutcombe School Charity Notice
- x) Devon Communities together- Wellness workshop xi) D.C.C. cost of Living help for pensioners
- xii) T.D.C Jobs and Careers Bulletins/Ukraine Hub / Local Plans
- xiii) North Devon Healthcare update newsletter xiv) Holsworthy Rural Community Letter

No issues were raised regarding emails

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

- 1) Councillor Barry Gailbraith -Marten commented that the issue regarding dog waste has got worse, He suggested letters being sent to residents but this was rejected as not all dog owners are irresponsible And some could take offence. Notices are not the answer either as they tend to be ignored. Councillor Chris Quance suggested putting a notice in the newsletter, with the heading 'Responsible Dog Owners' Barry asked when was the newsletter being re-instated, Chris replied that maybe it could be issued For the Autumn- early September, Councillor Claire Furse said she would speak to Faye Fry.

The next Parish Council Meeting was arranged for the 22nd August 2022

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.32pm.