

# SUTCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

## **Minutes of Sutcombe Parish Council Meeting held in the Memorial Hall on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023 which commenced at 19:45.**

Members of the Council Present: Councillors C. Quance (Chair), E.Horn, C. Furse and J. Shepherd, District Councillor Richard Boughton and Anna Dart, also present was the Clerk Lorraine Buttery.

1. **Chair's announcements**  
Councillor Chris Quance welcomed all to the meeting and wished all a Happy New Year.
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:**  
District Councillor Stephen Harding, Parish Councillors John Daniel and B.Galbraith -Marten (Vice Chair).
4. **Public Comment Session:**  
No members of the public were present.
5. **Reports from Devon County Councillor and District Councillors:**  
Councillor Richard Boughton reported that there had been no meetings since the Full Council meeting in December, the problem of the homeless was discussed, there was a suggestion that the Council leased a unused Cruise ship for tis purpose, but no decision had been made on this.  
Councillor John Shepherd commented on the problem of local vans taking items to the local tip, these now have to be registered, but the problem arise if the van is not actually registered to a business.  
Richard will look into the problem  
  
Councillor Chris Quance thanked Richard for his report and invited him to stay for the rest of the meeting.
6. All members of the Council had received a copy of the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> November 2022 by email, the contents were deemed true and correct by a show of hands and were duly signed by the Chair Councillor Chris Quance.
7. **Matters Arising**
  - 1) Sutcombe Playing field/ Sale of School Buildings, there is no update regarding the sale of the school Buildings, which is in the hands of the department of education.
  - 2) New Councillor, Councillor Quance said that one person had shown some interest and he would chase it up.
  - 3) Holly Rowland – Photographs, no further information had been received by the Clerk, although Councillor Emma Horn said that there were some photos available, not all had been received.
  - 4) The subject of the newsletter was discussed, the question was raised is it worth the cost, and what do we Want to achieve? Would there be enough information to warrant its printing?  
The Church and the Hall are the only ones that regularly hold events and these are widely advertised on face book and notice board, 'whatsup' is widely used, but how would new residents know the number to use to Contact this facility? Councillor Emma Horn asked whether the new mobile library times could be Fully advertised? The Clerk will put it on the website.
  - 5) Councillor Shepherd reported that the goal posts had now neem removed, the Clerk reported that she had Written to Richard Haste but had not had a reply, Councillor Anna Dart said she would make enquiries.
8. **Planning Applications:**  
Although no applications had been received it was agreed to further discuss the planning application for ten Properties on the site adjacent to Sutcombe Memorial Hall.  
District Councillor Anna Dart had forwarded information received from Torridge Planning regarding the Affordable housing on the site. It had come to light that the developers had now said that the affordable housing was not viable/sustainable, Anna commented that she thought this was unacceptable, she will speak to Laura regarding the Parish Councillors comments and report back to the Councillors.

Councillor Chris Quance asked what are our options? Anna replied perhaps update your comments, Councillor Richard Boughton commented that you must be mindful of going against committee decisions. Councillor Emma Horn commented that the village needs affordable housing to encourage young residents to remain, it was unanimous that all Councillors felt that there should be a good mix of housing, are five bedroomed properties really needed? It was also agreed that the Parish Council's original support for the development relied on the supply of affordable houses, if the developers were renegading on this they could no longer agree to support the applications

#### **Planning Decisions:**

*There were none*

#### **Planning Appeals**

*There were none*

### **9. Finance.**

- a) financial report to date the bank balance of £22,482.52 was supported by the current bank statement and bank reconciliation. The balance consists of Ring-fenced funds £650 elections, £4152 project and, £8,000 loan £3150 owing to DCC, the balance of £6,530.52 being Parish Council general funds.
- b) The Grant requests received from: Holsworthy Community Transport, Sutcombe Free Cemetery, Sutcombe Memorial Hall, Sutcombe Community Play Field, St. Andrews Church were discussed. It was the unanimous decision of the Parish Councillors to award the sum of £300 to all applicants Save the Holsworthy Community Transport which was awarded £100. As there was only one bank Signatory present the cheques will be signed in due course.
- c) The decision to purchase a new battery for the AED had been agreed by email, the cheque for £149 will be signed by two Councillors.
- d) Draft Budget to approve budget and precept application, the budget was officially approved and the Amount of precept set at £6250. No increase for this financial year was deemed necessary. The application form will be sent to Torridge District Council
- e) The Councillors were informed of the notification of the forth coming Loan payment o be paid on the 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023

### **10. Correspondence as below emails 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022-11<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

- i) Rural Network Bulletins x 3 December x 1 Jan 2023 ii) DALC Newsletters 57/58 & 1.2023
- iii) Devon County Council -Free School Meal Vouchers. iv) One Devon Bulletin (NHS)
- v) Torridge District Council – DCC Briefing, John Hert, Highways Newsletter, Scarlet Fever/Strep A
- vi) NALC Newsletter vii) CAB Advice column Dec & Jan viii) D C T Village Halls Week / Grant Funding
- viv) Michelle Ellis x) L.Dixon -ND Flood Warden Training xi) Holsworthy Rural Community
- xii) TDC Council Tax Support Scheme/Jobs Career Bulletin xiii) Latest News from RD&E.
- xiv) H.Roper- Government Alert System, ID for Voting

The above correspondence were received by email and forwarded to the Parish Councillors, no issues were raised. No mail received by post

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

- 1) The Chair Councillor Chris Quance had had a complaint from a resident regarding the poor condition of the road from Sutcombe to Bradworthy. Chris went to see for himself and the road is in poor condition, the Clerk will report to Devon County Council Roads department. It was agreed by all that a lot of the roads serving Sutcombe were in a very poor state. Although this is reported to DCC on many occasions there has not been a great deal of improvement.
- 2) Councillor John Shepherd requested that the Clerk enquire as to whether a 'salt bin' could be supplied for St. Andrews Close, in the recent wintry weather residents were not able to get out of the close for two days. The Clerk will write to the highways department.
- 3) Councillor Emma Horn asked whether there are any ideas for the King's Coronation? The Chair Councillor Chris Quance replied perhaps wait and see what the official guidance will be.

The next Parish Council Meeting was arranged for the 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023, and the Open Meeting 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023

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