

# SUTCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

## **Minutes of Sutcombe Parish Council Meeting held in the Memorial Hall on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023 which commenced at 8:05pm**

Members of the Council Present: Councillors Chris Quance Chair, Barry Galbraith-Marten Vice Chair, Emma Horn, Clare. Furse, John Shepherd, Chris Rose, also present were the Clerk Lorraine Buttery and District Councillors Anna Dart and Stephen Harding.

### **1. Chair's announcements**

The Chair Chris Quance welcomed all to the meeting, in particular Chris Rose to his first meeting as a Parish Councillor, the Clerk asked Chris to sign his declaration of office.

### **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 Morrish and PS Frank Morgan.

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

No member of the public was present

### **5. Reports from District and County Councillors**

#### **District Councillor Stephen Harding**

Stephen reported that there is now 'new blood' within the Torridge Council, who might have Different ideas, no committees have so far been formed, it will be interesting to see what happens.

The leader is yet to be elected, but it could be Ken James again.

Tenders have been put in for money from the levelling up fund, Councillor Quance asked what the sum

Was and what will the district likely to get, Stephen replied that it stands at 400million, one tender was for

What is needed for re-housing which is 3 million. At present it is costing Torridge 1.3 million to house families That have been needing rental properties.

Torridge has a lot 'balls in the air', it is looking at a floating wind farm, a depot is needed for recycle lorries.

It was noted that Richard Boughton was not re-elected, the Parish Councillors voiced their disappointment

As Richard had always supported the Parish Councillors and his advice was always solid and very helpful, he will be very much missed.

The Clerk was asked to write a letter of thanks to Richard.

#### **District Councillor Anna Dart**

The meeting with Laura Davies had been set for the 19<sup>th</sup> May, Councillor Quance asked for guidance as to

What we might discuss on the day, Anna replied that that the salient points would be your main objections

And what the Parish Councillors thought best for the residents, Criteria for 106 monies, the need for affordable housing, Anna said lets go to the meeting and see what Laura has to say.

6. All members of the Council had received a copy of the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023 by email, the contents were deemed true and correct by a show of hands and were duly signed by the Vice Chair Councillor Barry Galbraith-Marten

### **7. Matters Arising**

1) Sutcombe Playing field -update/Sale of school buildings no update at this present time, Jon Williams Will attend the meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> June.

2) Goal Posts they are not back as yet, Councillor Shepherd said he had the fixings for when they are returned, the Clerk will forward John's email details to Richard Avery.

- 3) The Kings Coronation. The celebrations went very well with excellent attendance. The celebrations started On Saturday with a 'Pub Night' organised by the Memorial Hall Committee, on Sunday, there was 'Ring for the King' bell ringing followed by the service at Sutcombe Church. Next was the Tree Planting in the Sutcombe Playing Fields with a Toast for the King provided by the Parish Council, this was followed with the Community Big Lunch, bring your own picnic, with fun and Games on the playing field to finish. A big thank you to the organisers and those that volunteered to decorate the Parish and the Hall. It was a very successful day.

## **8 Planning Applications:**

### **1) 1/0303/2034/FUL**

Proposal: Erection of dwelling in lieu of Class Q permission 1/1089/2020/AGMB (Barn D) conversion of barn to Dwelling (Barn C) and amendment to permitted holiday unit (Barn E)

Location: Land at grid reference 235943 111595, Sutcombe, Devon

*The above application was discussed, no issues were raised the Parish Councillors approved the application, The Clerk will purvey the decision to Torridge Planning department*

## **Planning Decisions:**

### **1) 1/0100/2023/FUL Proposal: Erection of roof over existing silage clamp**

Location: Langadon Farm, Holsworthy, Devon EX22 7QQ

### **2) 1/10205/2023/FUL Proposal: Erection of roof over existing silage clamp**

Location: Langadon Farm, Holsworthy, Devon EX22 7QQ

*The above applications were approved*

## **Planning Appeals**

*There are none*

## **9. Finance.**

- a) financial report to date, the accounts spread sheet had been circulated by email to the Councillors prior to the meeting. The Bank balance stands at £23,038.16, this was supported By the current bank statement and reconciliation. The balance consists of ring-fenced funds, Elections £800. Project fund £4302, balance of loan £6461.94 and owing to DCC £3150 The balance of £8324.22 being parish Council general funds
- b) The following cheque was unanimously approved and signed by two Councillors
- i) Clerks Quarterly Salary £470.34
- The following cheques although not on the agenda were unanimously approved and signed:
- ii) Annual Insurance £321.87
  - iii) Grass Cutting £180.00
  - iv) Tree £324.00
  - v) Refreshments for the Coronation Celebrations £116.93
- c) The Councillors acknowledged the receipt of the first half of the annual precept of £3125

## **10. Correspondence as below emails 10<sup>th</sup> April- 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

- i) DALC Newsletters 15-18
- ii) Devon County Council National Emergency Alert/ Queen St. Exeter
- iii) One Devon Bulletin (NHS)
- iv) Anna Dart -12 houses
- v) Torridge District Council – Local Plans, Beach Access – Bucks Mill
- vi) Laura Davies
- vii) Jon Williams

*No issues were raised with the emails received except for Jon Williams, the matter had been discussed and An invitation had been sent for him to attend the next meeting.*

*Anna Dart's email had been discussed earlier in the meeting*

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

- 1) The problems with the Notice Board in particular the unlocking, the Clerk will contact Jag signs to discuss the issue.
- 2) The usual complaints regarding the roads around Sutcombe was raised.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45.

The next meeting was arranged for the 26<sup>th</sup> June