

SUTCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Sutcombe Parish Council Meeting held in the Memorial Hall on Monday 11th March 2024 2024 which commenced at 19:45.

Members of the Council Present: Councillors Chris Quance Chair, Barry Galbraith-Marten Vice Chair Emma Horn, Clare Furse, John Shepherd, Chris Rose, also present was the Clerk Lorraine Buttery

1. Chair's announcements

The Chair 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 Claire Furse declared a personal interest in planning decisions.*

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 Councillors Anna Dart and Stephen Harding

4. Public Comment Session:

No members of the public present

5. Reports from District and County Councillors

None present

6. All members of the Council had received a copy of the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 8th January 2024 by email, the contents were deemed true they were approved by a show of hands and duly signed by the Chair Councillor Chris Quance.

7. Matters Arising

1) Sutcombe Playing field -update/Sale of school buildings, Michelle Ellis Devon County Solicitor had informed the Councillors that the vendors had insisted that the completion date should be the 18th March, the new heads of terms and transfer documents had been sent to Codes and the Parish Councillors, unfortunately Pam Johns on holiday, communications had been received from Sue Glencross, Pam's Locum, the communication set out the costs which had been incurred to date and the subsequent costs to complete all the paperwork by the given date. The Parish Council will have to incur the extra costs in meeting the deadline. The Councillors are not completely happy with this but as they wish to get the process moving and completed it was felt prudent to inform the solicitors to get on with whatever is required for completion. Although the Solicitors costs are much higher than first thought, the extra can be paid with some of the monies which will be received from the sale. On the whole the Parish Council feel that with all said and done the outcome of all negotiations were very favourable to the Community.

2) Goal Posts, these are still in the hands of Torridge District Council

3) Notice Board, Jag Signs had come up with the option of changing the locking system of the notice board or replacing it, the Parish Councillors unanimously agreed to have the new locking system put in place. The Clerk will inform Jag Signs

4) New Parish Councillor, to date no one had come forward.

5) As DCC will not supply a Grit Box, it was agreed that the Parish Council would purchase it themselves, a Grant had been received with the approval of DCC Councillor James Morrish.

6) Dog Waste Bin – St. Andrews Close, no reply had been received from Andrew Haste, the Clerk will email the environment department to make further enquiries. Councillor Quance remarked that there was no reply to that communication to let him know and he will then telephone.

7) Maintenance of the War Memorial, Councillor Quance reported that a new chain will be fixed, and appropriate patching of the concrete surround will be done.

8. **Planning Applications:**

There were none

Planning Decisions

1) 1/0189/2022/FULM

Proiposal: Livestock Housing (Barn A)

Location: Land at Westcott Farm SUTCOMBE, Holsworthy, Devon

2) 1/0191/2022/FULM

Proiposal: Livestock Housing (Barn B)

Location: Land at Westcott Farm SUTCOMBE, Holsworthy, Devon

The above applications were granted permission.

Planning Appeals

None received

9. **Finance.**

a) financial report to date.

A spreadsheet of the accounts had been sent prior to the meeting to Councillors: no issues were raised. The bank balance was supported by the bank reconciliation and current bank statements. The balance of the current bank account stands at £3990.65, £16,000 had been transferred to a deposit account, to date £43.50 interest has been received.. Total Funds are £20,034.15.

b) It was the unanimous decision of the Parish Councillors to approve the following cheques:

i) Clerks Quarterly Salary £509.34 ii) Vision ITC £161.26 annul IT support, 2 Councillors duly signed both.

10. **Correspondence as below emails 1st - 28th February**

I) DALC Newsletters 2024 1-9 ii) C.A.B. Dec advice column iii) T.D.C Victoria Play Area update, E.V Charging, North ern Burrows events iv) Devon C P R News. v) Rural Services Network Jan/Feb Bullitins vi) Devon Communities Together newsletters x 2 viii) One Devon viv) Active Torridge – New Director x) D C C Support Services xi) Comms- Royal Devon & Exeter University Hospital update xii) Jag Signs xiii) D.C.C. Devolution update xiv) Pam Johns xv) DCC – Childcare support xvi) Michelle Ellis

No Correspondence received by post

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

1) Tenders for the cutting of the grass in the Playing Filed, around the Village Green, St.Andrews Close and the War Memorial. The Village Green and the War Memorial will be cut by Ralph, a notice for tenders for the remaining areas will be written by the Clerk and sent to the Councillors. For display and sitribution.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:00pm

The Next meeting was arranged for the 15th April which will be the Annual Open Meeting