

SUTCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Sutcombe Parish Council Meeting held in the Memorial Hall on Monday 18th November 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 and Chris Rose. Also present were District Councillor Anna Dart and the Clerk Lorraine Buttery

1. Chair's announcements

The Chair Chris Quance welcomed all to the meeting, Chris informed the Councillors that the Clerk would be Leaving the district at the end of January.

The Clerk spoke to all and said that she is sad to be leaving, but will be at the January meeting, she will Get the vacancy advertised in the Local apper, on DALC website, and with permission will put it in the Milton Damerel Newsletter. It is hoped that the new clerk will act for both Parish Councils.

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

4. Public Comment Session:

No members of the public present.

5. Reports from District and County Councillors

District Councillor Anna Dart gave her report, Anna reported that Torridge had received a grant for the renovation and merging of the Town Hall and old Library which will be converted into a gym, this will be run by Active Torridge. A grant had also been received for renovations of the swimming pool, this includes a new heat pump and solar panels, on inspection of the roof of the complex was not in good order so this will have to be fixed before the solar panels can be installed. Torridge is raising the bar for fitness and is looking to install three all-weather play areas. Working groups are looking at the Local Plan the Government want an awful lot of housing built over the next twenty years, in Torridge area it would be the equivalent of three Bidefords', the main problem is that there is not the infrastructure to support the housing that the Government want. Councillor Rose asked would this be to the detriment of smaller applications? Anna replied it is hoped that there will be many options open for different developments but would depend on the actual viability of them. There is no information at present regarding the levelling up fund of what will come our way.

The Chair Councillor Chris Quance asked if there were any more questions for Anna? There were none. Chris thanked Anna for attending.

6. All members of the Council had received a copy of the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 16th September 2024 by email, the contents were deemed true and correct, 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, Councillor Claire Furse had brought a letter for the Councillors to sign, quoting that Claire and Councillor Chris Quance has full permission to act on behalf of the Parish Council and sign all documents in relation to the Sutcombe Community Play Field and School Buildings. This letter for Coodes was be signed by all Councillors present. The quote for the fencing had been received, as soon as the transfer is complete the fencing will be installed.

2) Goal Posts, a grant of £500 had been received from Devon County Council approved by Councillor James Morrish, Councillor John Shepherd reported that any goal posts purchased had to be BS approved and installed tby a BS qualified company. John will contact TK Play for a quote.

3) New Parish Councillor, to date no one has come forward.

4) The yellow painting on the road outside the school has now been removed

8. **Planning Applications:**

1) 1/0874/2024/FUL

Proposal: Replacement Conservatory with single storey extension

Location: Rose Cottage, Sutcombe, HOLWSORTHY, Devon

As the applications comments had to be with Torridge before this meeting, comments were received by Email, no issues were raised and the Clerk informed Torridge Planning Department that the Councillors approved of the development.

Planning Decisions

There were none

Planning Appeals

There were none

9. **Finance.**

a) Financial report to date, a spread sheet of the finances had been sent by email prior to the meeting, no issues were raised. The current account bank balance of £12,082.12 the deposit account at £6383.27, both were supported by the current bank statement and bank rec. There being £4,297.39 in general Parish Council funds.

b) The cheques for the following were approved and each signed by two Councillors:

ii) The Clerks quarterly salary cheque of £509.34 ii) British Legion Poppy Appeal £25

iii) Sutcombe Memorial Hall £24 for meetings iv) R.L.Morey Grass Cutting £90.00 (Not on Agenda)

Grants as approved: -

v) Sutcombe Church £350 vi) Sutcombe Memorial Hall £350 vii) Sutcombe Free Cemetery £350

10. **Correspondence as below emails 1st October-11th November**

i) DALC Newsletters 2024 43-52 ii) R.S.N Bulletins Aug/Sep iii) Coode's-Invoice reminder and copy of emails sent to Councillor Furse. iv) R.S.N Oct & Nov bulletins, Rural Funding digest

v) One Devon – RD& E Hospital Trust August Bulletin vi) S. Jones- Connecting Devon & Somerset

vii) E. Morrison CAB Grant request viii) K. Brown-Area Advisory Group,.

viii) S. Hallett – Team Around Schools, x) Highways Maintenance- Snow Warden,

xi) Planning Support- Heritage Letter xii) NALC Newsletter x 2

Correspondence received by post

None received

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

1) Councillor Quance commented that he wondered if Bradworthy had received payment of their share from the sale of the School Buildings, Sutcombe Parish Council is also expecting a share and as yet had not heard. The question will be asked of the Solicitors at the next visit.

2) Councillor Rose asked whether Green Lane could be de-classified as delivery drivers continue to get stuck in the lane and have to be rescued. This would be a decision for Highways.

The next meeting was set for the 13th January 2025

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50pm.