

# SUTCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

## **Minutes of Sutcombe Parish Council Meeting held at Sutcombe Parish Memorial Hall, on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2018 which commenced at 9.10pm.**

Members of the Council Present: Councillors S Horn (Chairman), C Quance (Vice Chairman), J.Daniels B. Galbraith-Marten, J. Shepherd, M. Wonnacott, and Parish Clerk L. D. Buttery.  
Also Present was Devon County Councillor Barry Parsons and two members of the public

### **1. Chairman's announcements**

Councillor Stephen Horn welcomed everyone 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**

Parish Councillor Clair Furse- work commitment, District Councillor Ken Carroll -unwell and P.C.S.O Emma Tomkies

### **4. Public Comment Session and District and Local Councillors reports.**

The Resident of Rose Cottage was present but had no comments to make, she said she was there as a matter of interest because of their planning application.

The resident of Brightwater Farm informed the Parish Councillors that he had applied for retrospective Planning for his current residence, and provided a written explanation, he asked for the Parish Councils support, The Chairman remarked that the matter would be discussed later in the meeting.

### **5. Approval of Minutes**

All members of the Council had received a copy of the minutes of the Parish Council AGM and ordinary meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> May 2018 by email, they were agreed as true and accurate and duly signed by the Chairman Councillor Stephen Horn.

### **6. Matters Arising**

1) Highways, Councillor Barry parsons informed the Parish Council that Simon Phillips is no longer the Highways Manager and Vicky Bradam has now taken over the role. Meg Booth is now head of Highways. The complaint regarding the condition of the A388 had been sent to highways, with Councillor Barry Parsons and G.Cox MP being copied into the reply received from Highways sent to G. Cox stated that the repairs were being looked into but would not be instigated until after the Summer.

The Councillors all agreed that this was wholly unacceptable. Councillor Chris Quance commented that he Believed that if there was a safety issue and DCC were in danger of being taken into account the Highways React and repairs would be completed a bit quicker. Councillor Parsons said that this is not always the case and the Highways representatives see things a lot differently than Communities, but said that more gangs have been out. Councillor Michael Wonnacott suggested that perhaps temporary repairs could be made to safeguard all vehicle drivers. Other areas for concern are Thuborough Cross and Church Lane.

Councillor Parsons asked that the Parish Clerk put the complaints into writing and he would make strong representations to the Highways Committee.

2) Memorial Bench, the bench had been received and is stored at Councillor Wonnacott's residence, Councillors are very pleased with the design. Permission will now be sought as to the type of installation base will be used. The Chairman Councillor thanked Barry for his offer for a grant towards the cost of the Grant, the Clerk informed the Councillors that Councillor Ken Carroll had also offered £345 towards the cost.

3) Rose Cottage, confirmation that the question of the disputed boundary was not Parish Council Business.

4) Sutcombe Community Playing Field, Councillor Barry Parsons asked permission to speak, to which the Chairman agreed. Councillor Parsons commented that the hour meeting held on the 26<sup>th</sup> June with David Bowles and Michelle Ellis achieved far more than what has been achieved in the past two years by letter and email. The value of getting the DCC officers to the site and to see what the PC and Playfield committee had achieved was immeasurable. He thanked the Chairman and the Councillors for inviting him to attend.

Councillor Chris Quance asked whether there was any advantage to apply for the field/buildings to be made a 'Community Asset', the unanimous decision was that there would not be any advantage to apply.

5) Hedges/Grass Verges, the chairman Councillor Stephen Horn informed all that he was waiting for three Quotes for the work to be done.

## **7. Planning Applications**

1) 1/10304/2018/FUL

Proposal: Conservatory and replacement porch (Affecting a public right of way)

Location: Rose Cottage, Sutcombe, Holsworthy, Devon

The above application was discussed, no objections were raised and the Councillors unanimously supported the application. The clerk will convey the decision to Torridge Planning Department.

### **Planning Decisions**

1) 1/10304/2018/FUL

Proposal: Rear extension to dwelling (affecting right of way)

Location: Rose Cottage, Sutcombe, Holsworthy, Devon

2) 1/0283/2018/FUL

Proposal: Silage pit enclosure and calf pens

Location: Thuborough Barton, Sutcombe, Holsworthy, Devon

*The above applications were granted permission*

3) 1/0322/2018/FUL

Proposal: Conversion of redundant agricultural barn to a dwelling (Affecting a public right of way)

Location: Barn at Northcott, Sutcombe, Holsworthy, Devon

*The above application was refused permission, the Chairman Councillor Stephen Horn read out the Reasons why the application was refused.*

### **Planning Appeals**

*There are none*

## **8. Finance.**

- a) Up to date financial report, the Clerk presented all Councillors with a spreadsheet and a bank reconciliation supported by the bank statement. There being £4913.67 in the current account, £200 ring fenced funds towards possible election costs, the balance of £4,713.67 being PC general funds.
- b) A cheque for admin expenses £36.21 was approved and signed by two Councillors.
- c) The Councillors acknowledged the signing of two cheques during May, between meetings, both approved by email and delivered to the Chairman, then signed by two Councillors.
  - i) David Ogilvie Engineering £1025.40 (Memorial Bench)
  - ii) Community First Trading £376.73 (Annual Insurance)

## **9. Correspondence as below and as available at the time of the meeting**

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| i) Rural Vulnerability Service - Newsletters | ii) Rural Services Network, May & June |
| iii) DALC Newsletters May & June             | iv) ND Healthcare Trust & RDE          |
| v) Devon Highways update                     | vi) Library Improvements               |
| vii) Healthy People                          | viii) Legal Briefing                   |
| x) Torridge Recycling                        | xi) ND Records                         |
|  | xii) Devon Communities -training       |

*The above were all received by email and no further action required*

Communication received by Post from G.Cox MP regarding the state of the A388, was discussed at 6.1

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

- 1) The Clerk informed the Councillors that she had contacted Torridge Council regarding the request for a dog waste bin near the Millennium Woods, but to date had not had any replies to her enquiries. Councillor Barry Parsons gave the Clerk two email contacts at Torridge. Councillor Chris Quance said that this area was not Public Land and the matter would have to be discussed at the next Sutcombe Alms House Meeting.
- 2) Brightwater Farm, reasons behind the retrospective planning application, was explained by the resident and a written copy given to each Councillor, he was unsure why the enforcement officer had recently taken an interest in the accommodation, as he had been living there for some years. The Chairman Councillor Stephen Horn and councillors all agreed that they could not make any comments until the Parish Council had received the official planning application from Torridge District Council consequently, asked for their comments.

The next meeting was set for the 17<sup>th</sup> September 2018

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.37pm