

SUTCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Sutcombe Parish Council Meeting held at Sutcombe Parish Memorial Hall, on Monday 17th September 2018 which commenced at 7.45pm

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

1. Chairman's announcements

Councillor Stephen Horn welcomed everyone to the meeting, he announced the sad news that District Councillor Ken Carroll had passed away at the end of August. Ken will be greatly missed as he did a lot of good for Sutcombe and all other Parishes, he always showed great enthusiasm for his work. The Parish Council send their sincere condolences to his wife and family.

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

P.C.S.O Emma Tomkies

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

Devon County Councillor Barry Parsons asked that a minute's silence be held in memory and respect for District Councillor Ken Carroll, this was agreed by all and carried out.

Barry went on to say that Ken was a great help to him personally, he always carried out his work for all with great enthusiasm and had left a real legacy across all Parishes, he will be sorely missed.

He asked if the subject in matters arising item 3 could be discussed during his report as he would like to leave as soon as possible, it was unanimously agreed to do so.

Devon County Councils David Bowles email was discussed, with the following points to be raised in a letter to him as soon as possible, with a copy being sent to Councillor Parsons.

- 1) They would like the grassed area (referred to as the playing field), but would like some idea of the 'discounted value' mentioned in your email.
 - 2) It would be helpful to have an exact 'to scale' drawing of the area to be purchased in relation to the school buildings and the covered area.
 - 3) In principle, the Council are very interested in obtaining the area containing the 'classroom' at the 'top' of the site, together with the playing field. However, there is a concern with the building itself, as it is known to contain asbestos. The cost of removal of the asbestos could prove prohibitive with the limited resources available to the Parish Council.
 - 4) Would DCC consider assisting with the removal of the asbestos?
 - 5) The Parish Council agrees that disposal of the old school buildings would be easier with the inclusion of the 'covered area' and would not seek to include this area in the proposed purchase.
- Councillor Parsons reiterated that he gives the Parish Council his full support to obtain the field.

He went on to give his report which included the Annual Budget for Devon County Council, he stated that there had been a large overspend in 'Children's Services', mainly due to the facts of the large number of children care who were at the 'high end' of care who had to be fostered out of the County which is very costly. Barry asked that could all Councillors fill out the Holsworthy Survey as this was vital for the future.

The future of the beds in Holsworthy Hospital is an ongoing issue which is discussed at the CCG Meetings held every week. The main issue is the lack of Doctors and Nursing staff which will be needed at Holsworthy if the beds are reintroduced. Staff shortages is problem across all Hospitals in the region.

The Chairman Councillor Stephen Horn thanked Barry for attending.

5. Approval of Minutes

All members of the Council had received a copy of the minutes of the Parish Council ordinary meeting held on the 9th July 2018 by email, they were agreed as true and accurate and duly signed by the Chairman Councillor Stephen Horn.

6. Matters Arising

- 1) Rose Cottage, the Councillors reiterated that this was not a Parish Council issue, they had done what they could to find out who the owner of the disputed land was without success, the PC can do no more. It was stated that the area in question looked very tidy.
- 2) Highways, the road at Arscott Corner on the Holsworthy road is getting worse and worse with no sign of repairs being started, the road at Thuborough Cross is in a dreadful state, the Clerk and Councillors will continue to report the issues to Devon Highways.
- 3) Sutcombe Community Playing Field- already discussed. (4)
- 4) Hedges/Verges, quotes had been obtained between meetings and it had been approved that the work be carried out by Peter Hutchings Contractors
- 5) Dogs waste Bin, Councillor Chris Quance informed the Parish Council that the Alms House meeting will be on the 20th September when the siting of the bin would be discussed, he will inform the Clerk of the outcome.

7. Planning Applications

- 1) 1/0850/2018/FUL Proposal: Extension to dwelling (affecting public right of way)
Location: Heddon Farm, Sutcombe Holsworthy, Devon
No objections were raised and unanimously approved. The Clerk will convey the decision to Torridge Planning.
- 2) 1/0870/2018/FUL (Received after the Agenda had been printed)
Proposal: Two Single Storey rear extensions. Location: 1, Coombe End, Sutcombe, Holsworthy, Devon.
No objections were raised and unanimously approved. The Clerk will convey the decision to Torridge Planning

Planning Decisions

- 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 refused permission

Planning Appeals

There were none

5. 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 £5,522.46 in the current account, £200 ring fenced funds towards possible election costs, the balance of £5,322.46 being PC general funds.
- b) Cheques for Clerks quarterly Salary £308.75 and to P. Angel £325.00 for grass cutting were approved and signed by two Councillors.
- c) To acknowledge the receipt of a grant of £300 from Devon County Council, Investing in Devon, and £345 grant approved by the late Councillor Ken Carroll, both amounts were towards the cost of the Memorial Bench
- d) Although not on the agenda the Councillors unanimously approved and signed a cheque for the hedge and grass cutting to Peter Hutchings the cost being £364.80 (VAT Reclaimable £60.80)

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

- i) M.Trayhorn
- ii) Rural Services Network, August & September.
- iii) Rural Vulnerability Service - Newsletters
- iv) DALC Newsletters -August & September.
- v) Devon County Council-Protection of Children
- vi) Library Improvements.
- vii) Holsworthy Area Advisory Group Minutes
- viii) Devon Communities Together newsletters.
- ix) North Devon Biosphere.
- x) Devon remembers Heritage Project
- xi) D.C.C Community Health.
- xii) D.C.C. Tour of Britain News
- xiii) DALC Lesley Smith Retirement
- xvi) Devon Highways Update

The above were all received by email and no further action necessary, The Chairman had contacted M.Trayhorn

Communication received by Post from:

- 1) Holsworthy Town Council- Commemorative Trees- discussed and decision was not to partake.
- 2) DALC- AGM, the Clerk informed the Parish Council that she had to cancel her attendance.

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

- 1) Complaints regarding the speed of vehicles in the Village this was discussed and although all agreed that there was an issue, the PC cannot really do much about it, the Clerk was asked to contact the complainant and advise her to contact the P.C.S.O.
- 2) The Chairman brought up the subject of the Clerks annual pay review, after discussion it was agreed that the Clerks salary would increase annually in line with Government recommendations.
- 3) It was suggested by Councillor Wonnacott that it would be fitting to have the Memorial Bench dedicated after the usual Remembrance Service and laying of Poppies. It was unanimously decided that all Councillors attend the Remembrance Service and then have the dedication following on. Refreshments would be served in the Memorial Hall.

The next meeting was set for the 12th November 2018
There being no further business the meeting closed at 9pm.