

# SUTCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

## **Minutes of Sutcombe Parish Council Meeting held at Sutcombe Parish Memorial Hall, on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2019 which commenced at 7.45p.m**

Members of the Council Present: Councillors S. Horn (Chairperson), C. Quance (Vice Chairperson), C. Furse, M. Wonnacott, B. Galbraith-Marten and J. Daniel.

Also present were Devon County Councillor Barry Parsons, District Councillor Richard Boughton and Mrs L Buttery (Clerk)

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

The Chairperson Councillor Stephen Horn 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 an interest in item 7. 1*

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**

Councillor J. Shepherd, District Councillors Steven Harding and Anna Dart

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

Torrige District Councillor Richard Boughton reported that he had had complaints from Helen Brookhouse voicing her reservations on how the Parish Councils acted regarding planning issues and the closure of the school, he will reply to her in due course.

The Chairman asked whether he had heard anything regarding the outline Planning Application for the 10 houses in the field next to the Memorial Hall? Councillor Boughton replied that he believed the holdup was due to an issue regarding drainage/run off of water.

ii) Richard also reported that Torrige District Council aims to be carbon neutral by 2030, the big question is 'How will this be achieved'?

Devon County Councillor Barry Parsons reported as follows: -

i) Has the Parish Councillors received the information from David Bowles regarding the Playing Field?

The Chairman replied that he had.

ii) The Hospital beds closed at Holsworthy are still in the 'temporary' bracket, with talks still moving forward, I am very proud of what C.C. G has achieved, and now with meetings having been held between Devon and Cornwall it is hoped that we will work together to improve the situation

Councillor Chris Quance asked if all Shebbear patients were now at Holwsorthy Medical Centre? B

Councillor Parsons replied 'that the majority were but some had moved to Black Torrington'

Chris stated that the lack parking places at Holsworthy Centre is a big problem, and perhaps in the short term spaces could be allocated in the small industrial site opposite?

Barry replied that unfortunately that the site was ran by a 'Private Entity'

The Chairman Councillor Stephen Horn thanked Barry & Richard for attending, he went on to say that the Parish Councillors were very pleased with the road at West Brendon as it was greatly improved. Councillor Parsons replied that it would be good to receive the thanks in writing as compliments to the Highways department were few and far between. On the subject of the roads Thuborough Cross is still in a dreadful state, the Clerk will send an email regarding both issues.

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

All members of the Council had received a copy of the minutes of the Parish Council AGM and meetings held on the 20<sup>th</sup> May 2019 by email, with the unanimous decision of the Councillors, the contents were deemed true and correct and were duly signed by the Chairman Councillor Stephen Horn.

### **6. Matters Arising**

1) Dog Waste Bin, the Parish Councillors are very annoyed that the bin erected by Torrige District Council has since Been removed, consequently dog waste has been left on verges, it was removed in response to a complaint from a resident who objected to the bin being near to his property and erected on his land without permission, This was disputed by the Councillors as the property is rented and the bin was erected with the permission of the owners of the property.

A discussion took place as to where the bin could be erected, it was suggested that the Parish Clerk write to the Owners of 'Tuckers Hill' to see if the bin could be erected on the opposite side of the road.

## Matters Arising cont/...

- 2) The Playing field entrance, it has been confirmed that owners of 'School House' has reasonable access across the entrance to the school field but not parking rights. The Clerk was requested to write to the residents again to confirm of what the Parish Council had been informed.  
On the subject of the School field it was decided that the field would have to be closed during the demolition of the old Classroom and the clearing of the site, it was a shame just as the school holidays were starting, but with heavy machinery etc on the site it was essential for everyone's safety.  
Notifications will be erected. The decision as to whether to have a concrete base re-instated or the area grassed will be made by the Playfield Committee and passed on to the Clerk by Friday lunchtime.  
Councillors Barry Parsons and Richard Boughton each offered the sum of £300 as a grant towards ongoing costs.
- 3) Speed restriction notice, these were deemed to be far too expensive, also the Highways would only allow them To be erected in the current speed restricted area and not where the Parish Council would like them.

## 7. Planning Applications

i) 1/0542/ 2019/FUL

Proposal: Agricultural linked building. Location: Land west of Friesland, Sutcombe, Devon.

The Above application was discussed, no objections were raised and the unanimous decision was to support the development

*Councillors Claire Furse, had declared an interest and took no part in the discussion or decision*

ii)1/0368/2019/FUL (received after the agenda had been distributed)

Proposal: Single storey extension. Location: Magnolia Barn, Sutcombe, Holsworthy, Devon

*The Above application has been withdrawn.*

### Planning Decisions

*There are none*

### Planning Appeals

*There are none*

## 8. Finance.

- a) Financial report to date, all Councillors were given a copy of the accounts, there being £8112.24  
In the current account, this consists ring-fenced funds of £400- elections, £2702 project fund (playing field) £3150, DCC fence payment. The balance of £1860.24 being Parish Council funds.
- b) Between meetings it was unanimously agreed by email that a cheque for £375.00 for the half yearly cost for grass cutting by P.Angel, the cheque was delivered to the Chairman to obtain two signatures.
- c) Poppy wreath cheque, this will now be put back into the current account, a new invoice will be issued in the near future.

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

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| i) D.Bowles – Classroom Removal.   | ii) N.H.S Bulletin               |
| iii) DALC Newsletters x 2  | iv) Rural Future Conference      |
| v) Cllr.Boughton- Housing Development  | vi) Historic Devon- War Memorial |
| vii) Rural services Network Newsletters x 3  | viii) DCC wildflowers            |
| xiv) Devon Communities together- Newsletters   | x) Connect me                    |
| xi) Complaint regarding the placement of the dog waste bin from Mrs Wallace. (Kristina Kastelan) |                                  |
| xii) P.C.S.O Mark James rural crime update.  | xiii) Citizens Advice Bureau.    |
| xiv) Malletite Speed notices ( Neil Curran)  |                                  |

*The above were all received by email, no issues were raised.*

Received by Royal Mail: Letter regarding new Trustee for Sutcombe Alms-houses, the Parish Council were Asked to approve the election of Mr Barry Vanstone as a new trustee, this was unanimously agreed.

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

- i) Councillor Claire Furse asked when the hedge/verge cutting would take place, the Chairman said it would be done over the next few days. The Clerk reminded him that she required a copy of the three quotes.
- ii)Councillor John Daniels reported that the top rail of the fence of the bridge beside the ford was missing, the Clerk will report this to the public footways department.

There being no further business the meetings closed at 8.40pm

The next meeting will be held on the 16<sup>th</sup> September 2019