

Haccombe-with-Combe Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council held on 3 January 2018 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors Boarer (Chairman), Duggleby, Evans, Johnstone and Taylor

Also present: County Cllr Dewhirst, District Cllr Haines, Elizabeth Deane (Hearn Field Committee Chairman) and two members of the public

Clerk: Suzanna Hughes

030118.01 RESIGNATION AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- 1.1 Members were advised that Cllr Pavitt had tendered his resignation from the Council due to work commitments. Cllr Pavitt was thanked for his contribution since joining the Council in June 2013.
- 1.2 Apologies were received from:
 - Cllr Humble
 - Cllr Squires
 - PCSO Harvey

030118.02 POLICE REPORT

Reported crimes from 05/12/17 – 03/01/18

- Malicious Communications - domestic related. Unwanted contact of a harassing nature from a family member. Under investigation.

Other matters

Please report any suspicious people or vehicles, taking time to write down vehicle registrations and inform the police as it is happening, as opposed to a day or so after. Don't be afraid to use the 999 number if it's appropriate.

030118.03 OPEN FORUM

A member of the public explained, as the agent for the planning application to be discussed at item 9.1.1 (17/03022/FUL), the reasons for resubmission of this application. He advised that the permission had already been granted by TDC to build a dwelling in this location but a new application has now been submitted for its design.

A parishioner informed members that his planning application was to be discussed at item 9.1.2 (17/02920/FUL). The application was to increase the ridge height of the building by 30cm and add a single door in the garage.

030118.04 DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Dewhirst gave a report (copy attached).

Cllr Haines had nothing relevant to the parish to report.

030118.05 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

Members were reminded of their responsibility to continually update their Notice of Registerable Interests and to declare any disclosable interests, including the nature and extent of such interests they have in any items to be considered at this meeting. Members were reminded that unforeseen requests for a Dispensation to be considered at this point only if there was no way a member would have been aware of such before the meeting.

As council tax payers in this parish, all members present declared an interest in item 8.4.

It was agreed to grant Cllrs Evans and Duggleby a dispensation to enable them to discuss and vote on this item. All other members had already been granted a dispensation in December 2015.

030118.06 MINUTES

Members approved and signed the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6 December 2017.

030118.07 DELEGATE REPORTS

None.

030118.08 FINANCE & GOVERNANCE

8.1 Expenditure

Members approved the following payments:

Cheque no	Payee	Details	Amount
987	S Hughes	Mileage	£31.50
988	HMRC	PAYE	£85.80
989	A Johnstone	Reimbursement for printed Christmas cards	£69.71
DD	EDF	Hearn Field electricity (2 January)	£46
SO	Clerk	Salary (2 January)	£248.91

8.2 Income

Members noted the income for December:

Received	Received from	Details	Amount
8 December 2017	See Tickets	Bonfire ticket sales	£1,965.00
11 December 2017	Lloyds Bank	Interest	£0.45

8.3 Bank Balances at 29 December 2017

Members noted the bank balances:

Current account	Reserves account	Sea Wall account	Total
£3,497.75	£10,303.94	£3,321.98	£17,123.67

8.4 Budget and Precept

Members considered and approved budget proposals for 2018/19. After discussion, the budget was agreed. The precept to be demanded would be £7,828 + £340 council tax support grant allocation which equates to a 2% increase on the parish's council tax.

030118.09 PLANNING

9.1 New applications/appeals

9.1.1 17/03022/FUL – Rivermead, Shaldon Road, Combeinteignhead Dwelling (revised scheme)

After discussion, members agreed that they had no objections to this application. However, it was agreed to recommend that permitted development rights are taken away as a condition of any approval to restrict further development.

9.1.2 17/02920/FUL – Westborough Cottage, Combeinteignhead Detached garage with office over

Members agreed that they had no objections to this application.

9.2 Decisions

9.2.1 17/02081/FUL – Teign Corinthian Yacht Club, Coombe Cellars, Combeinteignhead Demolition of existing clubhouse and erection of a replacement clubhouse

It was noted that TDC has granted conditional planning permission.

030118.10 LOCALLY LISTED BUILDINGS CONSULTATION

Members received the proposed selection criteria for locally listed buildings as drafted by TDC's Maureen Pearce, and supported the proposals.

030118.11 HEARN FIELD

The Chairman of the Hearn Field Committee informed members that quotes were being sought for internal refurbishment of the Pavilion.

030118.12 BUCKLAND NOTICEBOARD

Members were advised that the clerk had written to a representative of Barratt Homes about a suitable site to erect a noticeboard and was awaiting a response.

030118.13 ELECTOR FUND

Members were reminded that £713.90 was available to this parish and the deadline for applications is 3 February. It was agreed that an application is made to fund the cost of a noticeboard on the new Buckland development as discussed at item 12.

030118.14 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

It was agreed that this would be held in May. Date and format to be agreed.

030118.15 HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

Cllr Duggleby advised that her husband had cleared the buddle holes at the top of Gulmswell Lane for which members were very grateful.

030118.16 CORRESPONDENCE

None.

030118.17 MEMBERS' ITEMS FOR INFORMATION OR GENERAL DISCUSSION, FOR INCLUSION ON FUTURE AGENDAS AND/OR ITEMS REQUIRING URGENT ATTENTION

Members are reminded that they have not received the statutory notice of this business to be transacted and should therefore recognise that any decision made may be taken to be unlawful if challenged in the future

Cllr Duggleby reported that she had made some enquiries about the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. She advised that the co-ordinator for the parish would be putting an article in the newsletter requesting volunteers to update their details. She had also requested some new stickers for the parish.

Cllr Taylor informed members that she had decided to resign as a Parish Councillor for personal reasons. Members thanked her for her contribution since being co-opted in September 2008.

030118.18 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next Parish Council meeting was confirmed as 7 February 2018.

The meeting closed at 9.35pm.

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Chairman

Teignbridge have received notification that the rollout of Universal Credit Full Service has been slowed down. Teignbridge was originally due to go-live on 31st May 2018 but the Council has now been informed that this has been delayed until September 2018. Teignbridge is currently a Universal Credit Live Service area and it was expected that claims would continue to be made under this service until it was replaced by the Full Service in September. From the end of December 2017, there will be no new Live Service claimants. Whilst this will not affect any of the existing claimants already on UC it will mean that any new claims will, until September 2018, be made to legacy benefits e.g. job seekers allowance, housing benefit etc.

The Government's Broadband Delivery UK (BDUK) agency has given the go-ahead for Connecting Devon and Somerset (CDS) to increase access to its planned ultrafast (up to 1,000Mbps) broadband with Gigaclear to over 3,000 more homes and businesses in hard to reach areas of Devon.

Gigaclear is already building a new full fibre broadband network on behalf of CDS for over 41,000 homes and businesses initially. This work is due to be completed by December 2019. This will extend the network even further by December 2020.

Information about the Gigaclear roll-out timetable will be updated regularly on the web at www.gigaclear.com/connecting-devon-and-somerset-rollout-schedule. Residents and businesses can also expect to receive news and information from Gigaclear and CDS by post.

CDS connects some of the hardest to reach communities in England, where the commercial market will not provide the infrastructure. To date, more than 250,000 homes and businesses have access to superfast broadband thanks to CDS investments *. CDS does this by awarding public subsidised contracts to companies through competitive tender to build the infrastructure needed, such as fibre or wireless connections. CDS is only able to invest where suppliers have no declared and credible plans to invest their own resources to extend their networks.

So far, over 400,000 km of fibre cable have already been laid, enough to circle the Earth ten times, in a programme that has taken over 2 million-man hours to date. CDS is backed with funding from the EU's European Regional Development Fund, the Heart of the South West Local Enterprise Partnership, local authorities and the private sector.

The budget targets were considered by Devon's Cabinet last month but they come with a tough health warning from County Treasurer Mary Davis.

In a report to councillors, she says the Government still hasn't confirmed what level of grant the authority will receive next year but the provisional announcement is expected before Christmas.

If it differs markedly from the four-year funding plan set out in 2016/17 then a further report might be needed in the New Year.

Under the new proposals, the revenue budget for highways, infrastructure and waste would reduce by 2.7 per cent to take account of a number of new contracts which have generated multi-million pound efficiencies.

In all, the target revenue budget for the county for 2018/19 would be £477.391 million.

At Cabinet I am pleased to say that the first Task Group Report, on the Impact of Changes to Local Policing, under my Chairmanship of Scrutiny was approved, published and forwarded to stakeholders. I am pleased to give you a copy and have attached a link to the report for those of you who wish to view it online. The Police have faced nearly seven years of cuts in funding under the stewardship of the Home Secretary Theresa May and her predecessor Amber Rudd and this has led to dramatic increases in reported crime both locally and nationally. I hope you

agree with our findings and if you have any comments to make please report them to our Scrutiny Officer. The report can be found [here](#).

Finally, in this very cold weather it is worth reminding people of the County Council's advice:

- Avoid overnight travel unless absolutely essential as roads will always be more hazardous at night with less traffic and colder temperatures;
- Never assume a road has been salted. Remember that showers or rain will wash salt off roads leaving them prone to ice, and in extreme cold even salting will not stop ice from forming;
- Allow additional time for your journey and reduce your speed;
- Drive with care and according to the conditions;
- If you have vulnerable or elderly neighbours, think about how they could be helped through the cold spell;
- Try to maintain indoor temperatures to at least 18C, particularly if you are not mobile, have long term illness or are 65 or over;
- Listen to local radio for updates on current weather conditions and ensure you are stocked with food and medications.