

# Haccombe-with-Combe Parish Council

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## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6 June 2018 at 7.30pm

**Present:** Councillors Boarer (Chairman), Duggleby, Evans, Humble and Squires

**Also present:** County Cllr Dewhirst

**Clerk:** Suzanna Hughes

### **060618.01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from:

- Cllr A Johnstone
- County Cllr Hook
- District Cllr Haines
- Elizabeth Deane (Hearn Field Committee Chairman)
- PC Harvey

### **060618.02 POLICE REPORT**

**Reported crimes from 03/05/18 – 03/06/18**

#### **2 crimes - both for the Newton Abbot part of Haccombe**

- Assault (ABH) – A fight broke out during a youth football match between a visiting team from Wales and a team from Kingskerswell involving several players. No further action by police as the matter is being dealt with by the Football Association.
- Attempt Burglary – Damage caused to a lock at a football clubhouse in a believed attempt to break in and steal items. No witnesses or leads.

### **060618.03 OPEN FORUM**

There were no comments.

### **060618.04 DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

**Cllr Dewhirst** reported as follows:

Devon's libraries attracted 2.7 million visits and welcomed over 135,000 regular library users last year.

While the diversity of services on offer in Devon's public libraries has expanded beyond the traditional book lending service – with digital technologies such as 3D scanning and printing in FabLabs; support for businesses and entrepreneurs; partnerships with health and wellbeing organisations; a growing range of arts and cultural events; and hosting local community activities – the county's mobile library and outreach services in rural areas has remained largely unchanged.

Now, the Council wants to consider ways to increase take up in rural areas in order to reach more people who can't easily access Devon's 50 public libraries. It's launching a review to find out what people think is most important about mobile and outreach library services. Options could include extending the Home Library Service, which delivers books and audiobooks direct to people's homes.

Alternatively, there could be transport arranged to take people to their nearest library. The Council could work more closely with local community transport providers to provide regular stops at libraries, so that people from outlying villages can access the full range of library services, including local events and activities.

Another consideration would be to introduce a Good Neighbour Scheme, a new type of membership that would enable friends, family members or neighbours to collect and return books on someone else's behalf.

And in response to the increase in usage of digital services, the move could involve investing in a wider range of eBooks, eAudiobooks and digital magazines to increase the range of online material, which all library card holders could access at any time.

The Council also wants to consider what to do with their four ageing mobile library vehicles, which have become unreliable, increasingly expensive to run, and carry limited stock. The number of people using the mobile library service has fallen by almost a quarter since 2014/15 and the number of mobile library loans has reduced from over 90,000 to 64,000 in that time.

People can take part in the consultation by visiting [devon.cc/librariesoutreach](http://devon.cc/librariesoutreach). You can complete the consultation online in any of our 50 libraries, and paper copies of the consultation are available at all our libraries and at mobile library service stops. The deadline for responses is 28 July 2018.

Plans to manage the risk of Ash dieback in Devon to protect public safety have been approved by the County Council Cabinet by increasing the frequency of trees inspections – initially to every two years – to reduce the risk of falling trees and branches. Around 20% of all trees in Devon are ash trees, and virtually all native Ash trees are expected to succumb to Ash dieback. The nature of Devon's highways network with a high proportion of hedgerow trees, many of which are Ash, means that the impact on public safety could be greater than for some authorities where the disease is more advanced.

Surveys from 2013 estimate there are 6,300 trees on highway land, 3,900 on Devon County Council land and 3,100 on school grounds. The authority may have to spend around £2.5 million felling its own trees.

Across the County there are also around 440,000 Ash trees that are owned by third parties or on unregistered land that are within falling distance of the highway. The overall cost of felling all of these ash trees which could affect the highway could be more than £70 million.

Landowners are responsible for ensuring that trees on their property do not present a risk to the public and are therefore encouraged to have them regularly inspected. Where Devon County Council is made aware of dangerous private trees near the highway, a notice will be issued to landowners. If a landowner fails to act on a notice the Council may carry out the work and recharge the landowner.

Devon has been proactive in managing Ash dieback, establishing the Devon Ash Dieback Resilience Forum with key stakeholders. To mitigate the impact of Ash dieback, immediate action will be taken to replace trees that are lost and planting of a diverse range of tree types to develop a more resilient landscape which can cope with future tree pests and diseases. It will be adopting the 'Devon 3/2/1 formula', where at least three new trees should replace each large tree lost, two for a medium tree and one for a small tree.

#### **060618.05 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.

There were no declarations of interest or requests for dispensation.

#### **060618.06 MINUTES**

6.1 Members approved and signed the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 2 May 2018.

- 6.2 Members adopted the minutes of the Hearn Field Committee held on 26 February 2018 which have been approved by that Committee.

**060618.07 DELEGATE REPORTS**

No reports.

**060618.08 FINANCE & GOVERNANCE**

**8.1 Expenditure**

Members approved the following payments:

<b>Cheque</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount</b>
1009	Argos Fire Protection	Fire extinguishers servicing	£39.60
1010	D Halpin	Repairs to gulley – Gulmswell Lane	£35
1011	E Deane	Reimbursement for new fridge for HF Pavilion	£309
1012	T Boarer	Reimbursement for: Bread rolls for Annual Parish Meeting (from Chairman's allowance); mower diesel and purchase of a lock for the Pavilion	£133.26
1013	A Johnstone	Reimbursement for drinks bought for Annual Parish Meeting (from Chairman's allowance)	£30
1014	Combeinteignhead Village Hall	Reimbursement for case of Red Rock Ale for Annual Parish Meeting (from Chairman's allowance)	£20
DD	EDF	Hearn Field electricity (1 May)	£47
SO	Clerk	Salary (1 May)	£248.91

**8.2 Income**

To note income (May):

<b>Received</b>	<b>Received from</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount</b>
2 May 2018	HMRC	VAT repayment	£1,339.93
9 May 2018	Lloyds Bank	Interest	£0.42
8 & 24 May 2018	HF bookings	HF bookings	£700

**8.3 Bank Balances at 24 May 2018**

<b>Current account</b>	<b>Savings account</b>	<b>Sea Wall account</b>	<b>Total</b>
£6,447.97	£10,805.40	£3,322.82	£20,576.19

**060618.09 PLANNING**

**9.1 New applications/appeals**

None.

It was noted that a planning application had been received for the erection of a new dwelling with double garage in garden at 33 Chestnut Drive, Newton Abbot (18/00842/FUL) which had been inadvertently omitted from the agenda. It was therefore agreed to hold a separate planning meeting on Monday 11 June at 6.30pm to discuss the application.

**9.2 Decisions**

None

9.3 Members received information concerning the possible setting up of a 'pop-up' restaurant in Lower Netherton. The clerk advised that she had sought advice from TDC, based on the information provided, and a response was awaited.

9.4 Members were reminded that the Local Plan Review consultation was open until 16 July. It would be added to July's agenda to consider a response, if any.

#### **060618.10 NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

Members received a request to purchase two Neighbourhood Watch posters as the parish co-ordinator has been unable to obtain any. After discussion, Cllr Dewhirst offered to speak to Inspector Yelland to establish the police's role in the Neighbourhood Watch scheme and to obtain some stickers and posters.

#### **060618.11 DEFIBRILLATOR AND FIRST AID TRAINING**

Members were advised that there has been a suggestion that some general first aid training and defibrillator training is arranged. It was agreed that this would need to be organised and paid for by those interested in attending such training. It was agreed that Cllr Duggleby would find out the level of interest and the cost of such training.

A discussion then ensued regarding the two defibrillators in the parish and whether they had been registered with the Ambulance Service. It was also questioned whether anyone was carrying out the monthly check of the defibrillators and submitting the reports to the Ambulance Service. It was agreed that the clerk should contact the Ambulance Service for confirmation.

#### **060618.12 HEARN FIELD**

The Chairman of the Hearn Field Committee, Elizabeth Deane, reported as follows:

**Pavilion** - main room ,kitchen and toilets refurb is complete and continues to receive positive responses. We already have 4 bookings for use as a meeting room. The first booking yesterday raised £90. Advertising of the venue will be discussed at the next HF meeting. The purchase of 25 better quality chairs is a priority.

**Sea Wall** - it has been decided that ongoing thorough patching is a viable alternative to expensive rebuilding since it does not appear to be in danger of collapse. Dates for community task sessions to patch and repair under supervision will be arranged to fit with low tides.

**Future Events** - plans for the fun day and dog agility show on July 7th are progressing. Miracle Theatre July 14<sup>th</sup>.

**The Changing Room Floor** has dried out. After seeking many expert views, we are no closer to discovering the source of damp. It is suggested that the floor be treated with waterproof coating and the temporary carpeting replaced then we can see what happens when the weather changes.

**Hedge and Grounds** - the area of boundary hedge above Tidelands has now been tidied and the trees cut down short to regrow. We intend to apply to the Woodland Trust for 100 hedging saplings to be planted in the Autumn. There is no charge for these for community projects. The bonus of these works is that there is now an excellent view of the estuary from the bottom corner of the field. A volunteer group meets this Thursday to do weeding and strimming of the area around the pavilion and at the gate.

**Electrics** - power points have been fitted in the two changing rooms in preparation for the next stage of refurbishment. The immersion heater in the kitchen that supplies all hot water needs a new element. This will be done before the next Reach Outdoors camp.

#### **060618.13 HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS**

13.1 Cllr Humble advised that she had walked Gulmswell Lane and other green lanes with DCC's Footpaths Officer, Jonathan Rowlands and it was considered that

what the Parish Council had done on Gulmswell Lane was suitable. She also advised that funding was available to obtain a strimmer/brushcutter and she would follow this up based on what type of equipment was recommended.

13.2 Members received correspondence regarding the maintenance of the footpath on land belonging to the Mare and Foal Sanctuary. It was agreed that the clerk would write to the Mare and Foal Sanctuary to remind them of their responsibilities to keep the path clear.

**060618.14 CORRESPONDENCE**

Members received and noted further correspondence from Mr Halpin regarding Gulmswell Lane.

**060618.15 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*

It had been noted that the bin in the village car park was often full and a request was made for a dog bin to help alleviate the problem. It was agreed that the bin should be monitored and when full it should be reported to TDC on line who will then empty it.

**060618.16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next Parish Council meeting was confirmed as 4 July 2018.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.

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Chairman