

Haccombe-with-Combe Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 3 April 2019 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors Boarer (Chairman), Duggleby, Evans, Humble, Hussey, Johnstone, Pattinson and Squires

Also present: District Cllr Haines, County Cllr Dewhirst, County Cllr Hook and PC Harvey

Clerk: Suzanna Hughes

030419.01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- Elizabeth Deane (Hearn Field Committee Chairman)

030419.02 POLICE REPORT

Reported crimes from 07/03/19 – 03/04/19

Combeinteignhead (1 crime)

- Burglary – Yacht Club broken into and several outboard engines stolen as well as radio equipment. Two suspects wearing overalls and hoods seen on CCTV committing the offence and leaving in a van but no identification possible and no vehicle registration mark. Investigation ongoing.

Haccombe (0 crimes)

Netherton (0 crimes)

030419.03 OPEN FORUM

There were no comments from members of the public.

030419.04 DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

District Cllr Haines informed members that an enforcement notice will be issued shortly to the owners of 1 Albert Cottages.

County Cllr Dewhirst gave a report, a copy of which is attached.

County Cllr Hook reported that the 30mph limit has now been introduced on St Marychurch Road after many years of campaigning.

In May 2017, DCC received £135,000 and a similar sum from TDC a year later from the Hele Park development (s.106 monies) for improved bus services. The service is being introduced next week. Cllr Hook advised that he was curious to know why this has taken so long and where the money has been sitting and had made enquiries of TDC.

Three notices of motion have been put down at District level by Liberal Democrat district councillors: 1. Outlaw the practices by developers of netting hedgerows; 2. Climate emergency motion seeking to make TDC carbon neutral by 2030; 3. Fair Trade. Newton Abbot has lost its FairTrade status due to a general lack of interest in the town. He is hoping that Fair Trade will be adopted by the District authority.

Cllr Johnstone asked if Councillors were aware of the spoil heaps which have appeared on Shaldon Road near Centrax including one in the parish. Cllr Dewhirst advised that it has been put there to form a bank to stop cars from parking on the grass verges.

030419.05 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.

030419.06 MINUTES

Members approved and signed the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6 March 2019.

030419.07 DELEGATE REPORTS

Cllr Johnstone reported that the Village Hall's Brexit Ball(s) Up was cancelled. On behalf of the Village Hall Committee, she extended her thanks to the Parish Council and Hearn Field Committee for making a pledge to the promises auction which has been arranged to help repair the Village Hall roof.

Cllr Hussey attended the Planning Café which had been arranged by the Spatial Planning team at TDC. The plan is to have these meetings at least quarterly. It was attended by 50 people over the two centres. Details of the Planning Cafes and what was discussed can be found on TDC's website.

030419.08 FINANCE & GOVERNANCE

8.1 Expenditure

Members approved the following payments:

Cheque no	Payee	Details	Amount
1048	E Deane	Lino for HF bar area	£103.98
1049	T Boarer	Repairs to Hearn Field roller (£60); Bar area (£520.67)	£580.67
1050	R Gibbs	Bar area (Hearn Field Pavilion)	£1735.55
1051	Argos Fire Protection	Routine service of HF fire extinguishers	£39.60
1052	HMRC	PAYE	£91
1053	South West Water	HF water/sewage	£55.45
SO	Clerk	Salary (1 March)	£252.99

8.2 Income

Members noted the following income (March):

Received	Received from	Details	Amount
8 March	DCC	P3 grant	£250
11 March	Lloyds Bank	Interest	£0.40
13 March	Reach Outdoors	Deposit for 2019 camps	£670.50

8.3 Bank Balances at 29 March 2019

Current account	Savings account	Sea Wall account	Total
£6,364.50	£10,502.33	£3,823.23	£20,690.06

030419.09 PLANNING

9.1 New applications/appeals

None received.

9.2 Decisions

- 9.2.1 19/00253/FUL – Willow Springs, Land of Park House, Netherton
Agricultural building for use as workshop and storage in connection with the maintenance and improvement of agricultural land

Members noted that TDC has refused to grant planning permission.

- 9.2.2 19/00087/FUL – Yarner, Netherton
Detached timber garage and garden store

Members noted that TDC has refused to grant planning permission.

- 9.2.3 18/02597/FUL – Mill Cottage, Netherton
Demolition of existing conservatory and replace with a two storey extension

Members noted that TDC has granted conditional planning permission.

- 9.2.4 18/01800/FUL – The Round House, Long Lane, Haccombe
Construction of an affordable, custom build bunglalow

Members noted that TDC has granted conditional planning permission.

030419.10 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

It was agreed that this would be rearranged for Friday 17 May at 7.00pm in the Hearn Field Pavilion. Everyone will receive a welcome drink and donations to raise funds for the Village Hall roof would be invited for subsequent drinks. Burgers will also be served. Will use the opportunity to showcase the new bar area, new website (if completed by then) and to recruit new councillors if necessary.

030419.11 WEBSITE

Cllr Evans reported that she has been gathering information for the initial set-up of the site. It will then have to be self-populated. She advised that she has opened up a Dropbox to share information including photographs. There was a discussion about the information to be included on the home page. This will depend on the flexibility of the template. She advised that she would ask how much the developers would charge for designing a logo. Alternatively, a temporary logo, designed by Cllr Evans, could be used.

030419.12 HEARN FIELD

The Chairman of the Hearn Field Committee sent the following written report:

PLANS FOR BAR/SERVING AREA

This is progressing very well. A drinks cooler has been purchased and most of the structural work completed. Doors /wider access still to be fixed.
Local parishioners have expressed an interest in having a coffee/pastries morning there monthly on a Sunday morning to raise funds.

TIDELANDS HEDGE REPLACEMENT

Following correspondence with the owner of Tidelands, replacement saplings were ordered by the committee and paid for directly by the owner of Tidelands. These were then planted two weeks ago by a team of 15 volunteers to whom we are very grateful. It is now being watered regularly by hose from the new tractor shed tap.

STOKE SCHOOL BOOKING

The Chair met with Stoke School who explained that currently they are not able to use the field as much as they would wish as they only have one person able to drive the school bus. They will book for their summer sports day and then get back to us about ongoing bookings for this year. They acknowledge that the annual rate has been very reasonable and they may request to continue this now that the situation has been clarified.

TREES

The work on the HF trees will begin this coming Thurs 4th April. The Chair will meet with the contractors at 8.30 am to clarify what is required for the pines at the Combe Cellars corner.

SHOWERS

The Chair and Cllr Boarer met with a plumber to discuss short term overhaul for this season and then a request for longer term refurb and alteration for next year.

Cllr Boarer advised that a quotation had been received but it was agreed that two further quotes were to be sought before a decision is made. The decision was delegated to Cllr Boarer and the Clerk on receipt of three quotations so that work can be commissioned and completed before the first Reach Outdoors camp.

PREMISES LICENCE

This is being completed by the clerk. HF Chair happy to help with completion if required.

Date of next HF meeting to discuss arrangements for Miracle Theatre is 6th June.

030419.13 HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

Cllr Humble advised that there was no update on footpaths.

In the absence of an update about the clearing of the drainage on the marsh on Combe Cellars Lane, Cllr Dewhirst agreed to follow this up. It was believed that the pub still needs to get a digger to clear out the silt.

030419.14 CORRESPONDENCE

Parishioners have expressed concern about the fencing at Teignview Cottage (opposite the Village Hall). Cllr Dewhirst advised that the DCC Highways Engineer has looked at it and believes the fencing is sturdy and is confident that there will not be a mud slide. Members were also concerned that works associated with the granting of planning permission for the provision of two parking spaces (15/03069/FUL) commenced some time ago but now appear to have stopped. This is having a detrimental visual impact in the Conservation Area and it was agreed to write to Maureen Pearce, TDC to enquire if any action can be taken.

A request has been received from a local farmer to park in the village car park for 45 minutes on a Saturday morning to sell meat. It was agreed that it would not be appropriate to park there on Saturday 6th April as it is the Combe breakfast but she could for the following three weeks. It will then be reviewed.

It was reported that a vehicle registered as off the road was being parked in the village car park. It was agreed to write to the owner to ask that it is removed.

030419.15 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

None.

030419.16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was confirmed that the date of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council is 15 May 2019.

The meeting closed at 9.22pm.

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Chairman

County Councillor's Parish Council Report 3rd April

Devon County Council's Leader, John Hart, has reacted angrily to the latest funding announcements from Government designed to provide support post-Brexit.

The Stronger Towns Fund only allocated £33m to the South West region and, having learnt yesterday that Eurotunnel has also been allocated £33m in an out-of-court settlement – deal or no deal – leaders are strongly expressing their concern to Government about the message this sends to 5.6 million residents and businesses in the South West.

Cllr Hart, Leader, Devon County Council and Chair, South West Councils, said: “Yet again the South West is the poor relation to the rest of the country. To only receive £33m – the same as Eurotunnel – from the Government pot of post-Brexit funding is bordering on insulting. That the Government can compare the needs of people and businesses in the South West with those of Eurotunnel beggar's belief. No consultation or communication took place with our councils prior to the funding announcement and we are bitterly disappointed that the needs of the people of the South West are being ignored.

“Despite this lack of support and recognition from Government, Devon County are doing all we can to prepare for Brexit. Work is taking place across Devon County Council and the region to prepare contingency plans for possible outcomes, to support communities and businesses. We have consistently called on the Government to listen to the concerns of the people of the South West but so far there is little evidence that our voice has been heard, and time is running out.”

Super-recyclers were recognised at the sixth Recycle Devon ‘Thank You’ Awards. The Recycle Devon ‘People's Choice’ champion for 2019 is West Devon Borough Council collection crew Round 4.

The ‘People's Choice’ award was part of the Awards, held at County Hall, and hosted by Matt and Victoria from Heart Radio's breakfast show.

The awards recognise those people who, under the radar, do that bit extra to help ensure Devon remains clean and green. Recycle Devon is a partnership of 10 councils including the County Council, eight district authorities and Torbay.

As in previous years, residents nominated their ‘recycling super-hero’ in categories that included community groups, businesses and individual heroes. The public were also asked to directly vote for their recycling hero – they could choose any of the nominees, regardless if they won a category or not.

Nearly 900 votes were cast – with West Devon Council Round 4 winning a third of the vote. The category winners are:

- Collection Crew/Operative (Recycling, Garden, Food or Refuse Collector) – Tor 2, Torbay
- School/Educational Establishment Recycling Hero: Angela Redmond, Wynstream Primary School, Exeter
- Your Recycling Hero Child: Imogen and Neve, South Hams
- Your Recycling Hero (Friend, Family Member, or Local Recycling Champion): Matt Hulland, Exeter
- Community Group Recycling Hero: Silver Hill Day Centre, Barnstaple
- Recycling Centre Operative staff: Nathan Tanton, Punchbowl Recycling Centre, Crediton

Nearly two thirds of teachers would support a ban on motor vehicles outside the school gates during school drop off and pick up times, new figures reveal, as 29 schools in Devon start the annual Big Pedal challenge to walk, scoot or cycle their journeys.

A YouGov poll, carried out for Sustrans, the walking and cycling charity, surveyed teaching professionals across the UK about their attitudes towards air pollution and the actions they think should be taken to improve air quality outside the school gates.

More than half (59%) of those surveyed want the Government to take urgent action to improve air quality near schools. When asked what would help bring down the levels of air pollution outside schools, just over a third of respondents (34%) thought encouraging more people to walk, scoot and cycle would help reduce toxic fumes and school road closures (26%).

The survey also revealed:

- Over half (59%) cited a lack of other routes for motor traffic as one of the main barriers to closing the road outside the school;
- Almost half of the respondents (48%) cited that driving is a more convenient option for families and is one of the biggest obstacles to more people walking, scooting or cycling the school run;
- More than one in three (36%) said they need support from parents to enact change on the school run and 27% said they need backing from local authorities;
- One in three teachers (30%) are worried about air pollution, with 43% stating idling car engines outside the school gates cause concern, while a further 63% cited it's a concern because the school is based on or near a busy main road;
- The number of teachers concerned about air pollution near their school rose to 55% in London.

Air pollution is linked to up to 36,000 premature deaths in the UK each year and more than 2,000 schools and nurseries are near to roads with damaging levels of motor emissions.

DYs at junction of Dornafeld Drive East and East Street comments required please?