

Haccombe-with-Combe Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 5 December 2018 at 7.30pm

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

Also present: District Cllr Haines and County Cllr Dewhirst

Clerk: Suzanna Hughes

051218.01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from:

- Cllr Hussey
- Cllr Johnstone
- County Cllr Hook
- PC Harvey
- Elizabeth Deane (Hearn Field Committee Chairman)

051218.02 POLICE REPORT

Reported crimes from 08/11/18 – 05/12/18

Combeinteignhead (2 crimes)

- Fail to provide a specimen of breath – Following a traffic collision the occupants of the vehicle fled the scene but were found. The suspected driver refused to provide a specimen of breath and was arrested.
- Drink Drive – Linked to above crime.

Haccombe (0 crimes)

Netherton (0 crimes)

PC Harvey also advised that PCSO Michelle Buckley is currently away for a 6-month attachment in Torquay. Apparently, that's the shape of things to come for our PCSOs who will be taking it in turns to be posted to Torquay.

051218.03 OPEN FORUM

There were no members of the public present.

051218.04 DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

District Cllr Haines informed members that the Public Spaces Protection Order has been approved by TDC's Executive. The main provisions are: dogs will be banned from beaches from 1 April (rather than 1 May); number of dogs under the control of one individual should not exceed 4; dogs must be under control on public highways and cycle paths; clearing up dog mess in public highway areas. The Order extends to areas which are not currently covered. Fixed penalties can be issued. It is hoped that the Order will be in place by 1 April next year.

The level of Revenue Support Grant to be received by TDC from central government will be confirmed in the coming week.

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

He also updated members about works to Shaldon Bridge and advised that temporary casing is in place which will be fixed with concrete. It will mean a temporary closure of the bridge for a few hours whilst the work is undertaken.

The motorbike rally/time trials referred to in the last meeting was organised by West of England Motorcycle Club. They are not obliged to warn parishes that they are using the lanes and passing through villages. They have the right to drive motorised vehicles on the lanes and they carry their own insurance for these events.

051218.05 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 Hussey and Pattinson a dispensation to enable them to discuss and vote on this item. All other members had already been granted a dispensation until the day before the next ordinary elections in May 2019.

Cllr Duggleby declared an interest in item 9.1.2.

051218.06 MINUTES

Members approved and signed the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 7 November 2018.

051218.07 DELEGATE REPORTS

No reports.

051218.08 FINANCE & GOVERNANCE

8.1 Expenditure

Members approved the following payments:

Cheque no	Payee	Details	Amount
1037	Fresh Security Solutions	Security officers for Bonfire night	£132
1038	Hulls Landscapes	Work to strengthen the tractor shed	£226.80
DD	EDF	Hearn Field electricity (1 November)	£30
SO	Clerk	Salary (1 November)	£252.99

8.2 Income

Members noted the income received in November:

Received	Received from	Details	Amount
19 November	Bonfire Night	Cash profit from bar and food	£478.55

8.3 Bank Balances at 26 November 2018

Current account	Savings account	Sea Wall account	Total
£5,890.92	£10,307.67	£3,323.23	£19,521.82

8.4 Members received draft proposals for the 2019/20 budget. It was agreed that members would give their consideration to the proposals for further discussion and agreement in January's meeting.

051218.09 PLANNING

9.1 New applications/appeals

- 9.1.1 18/02142/FUL – 33 Chestnut Drive, Newton Abbot
Detached dwelling with detached garage and parking

Members agreed to object to this application on the following grounds:

- Serious concerns about access and vehicle movement. More than three dwellings would be served by this already restricted access in an area where families live and children play, contrary to DCC guidance.
- The development would have a negative impact on neighbouring properties. Members were particularly concerned about overbearing, overshadowing and loss of privacy.
- Environmental impact – members believe that this land should be retained as green space for wildlife.
- Concerns about the sewerage system and its ability to cope with an additional dwelling. It is understood that the existing system struggles to cope and a further dwelling in this location would exacerbate an existing problem. The Parish Council's concern is beyond surface water drainage.

- 9.1.2 18/02425/CAN – Garden Barn, Combeinteignhead
Fell one diseased ash tree

Members had no objections to this application.

- 9.1.3 18/02331/CAN – Applewood, Combeinteignhead
Fell one yew tree

Members agreed not to comment and would accept the recommendation of TDC's arboricultural officer.

9.2 Decisions

No decisions were reported.

051218.10 COMMUNITIES TOGETHER FUND

Members were reminded that £832 is available for this parish. Cllr Humble informed members that she had been approached by Stokeinteignhead School's PTA asking for the Parish Council's support in a project for which they wished to apply to the fund. In the absence of any other ideas and as children from this parish would benefit, it was agreed to support the PTA's project. It was agreed that Cllr Humble would liaise with the PTA representative.

051218.11 WEBSITE

Members considered the new front-end design from DTX.

Cllr Evans suggested that the Parish Council first needs to consider whether it needs a new website and if so, explore all options. Cllr Pattinson advised that he knew someone who may be able to help with a new design and offered to follow this up.

051218.12 HEARN FIELD

- 12.1 The Chairman of the Hearn Field Committee, Elizabeth Deane, sent the following report:

BONFIRE NIGHT REPORT - This was a very successful event in all respects and raised over £900 for HF funds. Thanks are due to those who organised and staffed this event, especially Cllr Evans who led it all.

PREMISES LICENCE- The Committee needs more information about the implications of this before the PC commits to applying for a full licence. We need

to know if personnel responsible for the licence have to be in attendance at every event and the limits re numbers.

This was briefly discussed by the Parish Council. It was noted that a premises licence would be required if the Hearn Field Committee wished to increase the numbers of those attending the bonfire night to anything over 500. Members then debated whether there was a need or desire for this or whether 500 was a sufficient number for volunteers to manage. Members also discussed whether there was a requirement for a Music Licence (PPL/PRS). It was agreed that the matter of licences should be discussed again by the Hearn Field Committee at its next meeting.

SEA WALL REPAIR - This will be carried out over the next month. It has been delayed for a variety of logistical reasons but volunteers will be contacted in the next week with dates. Materials can be funded from the sea wall account or with a grant from TEP if this is felt to be appropriate.

REFURBISHMENT OF SHOWERS - Advice will be sought from plumbers as to the best way to restore full power to existing showers.

PLANS FOR BAR/SERVING AREA - This development will be carried out during the winter months ready for Summer events. It will be done with a combination of volunteers and paid contractors.

TRACTOR SHED - This has been repaired and is now ready for painting by Pat Gallagher who painted the pavilion. Whilst we know that this could be done by volunteers, we do have sufficient funds and we feel we need to save the goodwill of our unpaid workforce for other tasks and events.

TIDELANDS HEDGE REPLACEMENT - Ground now needs to be prepared by the owner of Tidelands ready for planting of saplings from Woodland trust.

REACH OUTDOORS ONGOING PLANS - We have had two meetings with Reach Outdoors who confirm their intention to continue to use the premises, for a maximum of 18 nights, at least for the next 3 years, if allowed. This is an excellent source of income for maintenance and development.

MIRACLE THEATRE - This has been provisionally booked for Saturday 13th July. We would like the permission of the Parish Council to confirm this booking. This was agreed by members.

- 12.2 The clerk advised that the guidelines for siting of memorial benches on Hearn Field had not been located. After discussion, it was agreed that it would not be appropriate to site a bench at the requested location due to potential long-term plans for increased launch space. However, members had no objections to a bench being sited in between the first two benches on the Field. Alternatively, it was suggested that the family might approach Coombe Cellars about siting one on the piece of land on the opposite side of the launch area.

If the bench is to be sited on Hearn Field, the Chairman stipulated that it should be set on a concrete plinth (lower than the grass so it can be mowed) and that the family must maintain it. If it falls into disrepair, it would have to be removed.

051218.13 HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

No report.

051218.14 CORRESPONDENCE

None.

051218.15 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.

051218.16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next Parish Council meeting was confirmed as 2 January 2019.

The meeting closed at 9.16pm.

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Chairman

County Councillor's Parish Council Report 5th December - HWC

This year's annual Farmwise event, organised by Devon County Council, drew around 1,500 children from across the county. This, the sixth year for the event, gave a warm welcome to 7 year old Riley Chidgey from Willand School, near Cullompton, who is the 25,000th child to enjoy the Farmwise experience.

Riley and class friends joined children from 35 schools to roll their sleeves up and see farm animals, including lambs, piglets, newly hatched chicks, cows, goats and more, up close. They made fresh fruit smoothies, and turned milk into butter. They saw cows being milked, and how wheat is milled and oil pressed. They learned about composting and most importantly, where good food comes from. Split into 12 zones – dairy, fruit, vegetables and more – the knowledge and expertise is delivered by Devon County Council tenant farmers and partner agencies. The children get lots of opportunities to be hands on with the activities, and to see things up close that they wouldn't usually get chance to see. Our committee would like children to think a bit about the food they eat, and where it comes from - the journey from field to fork.

Care providers across Devon are currently short of at least 150 home care workers, particularly in Exeter and South Devon and with demand for support rising it is getting more and more difficult to arrange the right personal care packages for everyone in the county that needs one.

The County Council has been working closely with local care providers to boost recruitment including through its nationally acclaimed Proud to Care campaign which has been adopted across the South west region. It has increased the rates they pay home care providers and negotiated guaranteed working hours and payment for travel time for care workers. Additional money has also been put in to boost the pay, conditions and training for frontline care workers.

It is also trying to improve the wider public perception of care as a potential career option – encouraging people to see it as being worthwhile, highly valued, and with good prospects for progression; and is working with schools and colleges to encourage more students to take up courses in social care. The Council is now calling on its communities to help and is asking local town and parish councils, community and voluntary groups and local volunteers within communities to help them spread the word.

For the third year running, children from schools across Devon will be walking, cycling and scooting their way to Lapland. Sixteen schools have signed up for this year's two-week challenge, more than double that of last year.

Starting today, over 4,500 school children will be collecting 'leg miles' for every non-motorised journey they make to and from school in a bid to be the first to travel the 2,100 miles from Devon to Lapland.

Helen Morse, the Sustrans Travel Officers in Devon, said: "We're really pleased with the number of schools who have taken up the challenge this year. Winter is usually a time when people use their cars more, so the challenge provides a fun way to encourage everyone to travel to school in an active way and helps to reduce congestion around the school gates." Schools can also earn extra miles by taking part in activities during the school day and many are busy coming up with creative ideas to clock up the miles.

26 Ash dieback infected trees will be removed from alongside stretches of the North Devon Link Road this week. The trees are being removed as a safety precaution from eight sections of the road – fortunately we have not seen it yet here in Teignbridge but Officers assure me it will be here soon.

A national programme to help GPs identify patients experiencing domestic abuse or sexual violence and refer them to specialist support services is being rolled out across Devon and Torbay. Identification and Referral to Improve Safety (IRIS) is a successful general-practice based domestic abuse and sexual violence training and referral programme developed and coordinated by the social enterprise, IRISi.

It's the first of its kind in the area and will see domestic abuse and sexual violence specialists work in partnership with local clinical leads to co-deliver training and support in up to 50 general practices across Devon and Torbay.

Finally, the Recycle Devon webpage now has its own reuse section, this is where all the information on the local groups, activities and resources are kept. <http://soc.devon.cc/5Xax6>
Did you know that Devon has possibly the only Reuse it directory in the country? This is a searchable directory to help you find local repairers, menders and hire places. If you know a business that isn't on there but you think it should be just let us know and we will update the directory.

Are you interested in finding your local repair café? Finding out more about upcycling? Or discovering your local reuse organisation? Then there is a page that covers it.

Not only all that, but you can find out more about clothes swishing including how to borrow the kit for free, you can find out about your local reuse shop at your recycling centre and find out all the ways you can buy, sell or give to reduce waste. There is even an environmental impact calculator!