

# Haccombe-with-Combe Parish Council

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## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10 July 2019 at 7.30pm

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

**Also present:** Elizabeth Deane (Hearn Field Committee Chairman). There were no members of the public present.

**Clerk:** Suzanna Hughes

### **100719.01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

- Cllr Humble
- Cllr Alexander
- Cllr Eaton
- District Cllr Haines
- County Cllr Dewhirst
- County Cllr Hook
- PC Harvey

### **100719.02 POLICE REPORT**

#### **Reported crimes from 04/06/19 – 10/07/19**

- Combeinteignhead (0 crimes)
- Haccombe (0 crimes)
- Netherton (1 crime)
  - Harrassment – domestic related. Following break-up of marriage, male ex continued to make unwanted contact. Words of advice passed as per the victim's wishes.

### **100719.03 OPEN FORUM**

There were no comments from members of the public.

### **100719.04 DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

County Cllr Dewhirst was unable to attend the meeting but had advised the clerk prior to the meeting that he had not had a reply from Coombe Cellars on progress with the marsh area despite repeated emails and phone messages. He also sent a written report which is attached.

### **100719.05 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 for requests for dispensation.

### **100719.06 MINUTES**

Members approved and signed the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 5 June 2019.

### **100719.07 DELEGATE REPORTS**

#### **7.1 Planning Café**

The Chairman advised that he had attended the Planning Café hosted by TDC.

The first half focused on how Parish Councils respond to planning applications. The second half focused on self-build. Anyone living in Teginbridge can be added to a self-build list (currently 429 on list) and TDC has to help them find an appropriate site. Sites may include plots on new home developments (such as Whitehills).

**7.2 Climate Emergency**

Cllr Alexander had attended a public meeting regarding Climate Emergency and a copy of the notes had been circulated to members. Members were also advised of a Local Action Forum on 18 July in Exeter to share ideas and experience and practical ways forward on how to respond to the climate emergency.

**7.3 TALC**

Cllr Hussey advised that he had attended the TALC meeting on 27 June. Cllr Hussey summarised the what was discussed at the meeting and a copy of the minutes had been circulated to all members.

**100719.08 FINANCE & GOVERNANCE**

**8.1 Expenditure**

Members approved the following payments:

| Cheque no | Payee       | Details  | Amount   |
|-----------|-------------|--|----------|
| 1064      | T Creber    | Supply and installation of shower insulation valves            | £123     |
| 1065      | T Boarer    | Cleaning HF Pavilion, cleaning products and new tap for toilet | £65.24   |
| 1066      | HMRC        | PAYE   | £63.20   |
| 1067      | R Gibbs     | Formation of bar area – HF Pavilion                            | £1137.50 |
| DD        | Opus Energy | Hearn Field electricity (17 June)                              | £29.75   |
| SO        | Clerk       | Salary (3 July)  | £268.62  |

**8.2 Income**

Members noted the income during the period 2 June – 5 July:

| Received     | Received from | Details       | Amount    |
|--------------|---------------|---------------|-----------|
| 10 June 2019 | Lloyds        | Interest      | £0.48     |
| 24 June 2019 | HMRC          | VAT reclaimed | £1,604.63 |

**8.3 Bank Balances at 5 July 2019**

| Current account | Savings account | Sea Wall account | Total      |
|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|------------|
| £3,384.82       | £12,403.66      | £4,325.10        | £20,113.58 |

**100719.09 PLANNING**

**9.1 New applications/appeals**

9.1.1 19/01289/CAN – Oakford House, Shaldon Road, Combeinteignhead  
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Members had no objections to this application.

**9.2 Decisions**

9.2.1 19/00765/FUL – Centrax Ltd, Shaldon Road, Newton Abbot  
Increase of 5m in length to the south aspect and increase existence to 10 years to approved temporary building (application 17/01727/FUL)

Members noted that TDC has granted conditional planning permission.

9.3 19/00176/ENF – Coombe Cellars  
External lighting

Members noted that after an initial investigation, TDC considers that a breach of the planning legislation has occurred. As such, Coombe Cellars has been asked to carry out remedial works or submit a retrospective planning application for the unauthorised works. The pub has also been asked that the signage lighting be switched off when it closes.

It has been observed, however, that the lighting is not being switched off when the pub closes and that it stays on throughout the night. It was agreed that the clerk should report this to the Enforcement Officer as part of the enforcement action.

**100719.10 CAR PARK**

Members received and considered a discussion paper drafted by Cllr Hussey and Evans with regard to the terms and conditions of use of the car park and their enforcement.

*After an initial discussion, the meeting was temporarily suspended whilst members went into the car park to look at the existing arrangements.*

When the meeting was resumed, it was agreed that, as there is no evidence at the moment of a big problem in the car park other than isolated instances, the Parish Council should focus on creating the impression of a professional and well-managed parking area in the hope that this continues. It was agreed that this could be achieved by appropriately worded signage sited in a prominent position. Cllr Hussey and Evans agreed to draft some appropriate wording based on initial research and discussions stating for whom and for what purpose the car park is provided and conditions for its use.

It was also agreed that the parking bays need to be remarked to maximise the available space and prevent parking in front of the sandbag store. The Chairman advised that he was still in the process of sourcing quotes for this.

The situation can then be monitored and reviewed at a later date.

**100719.11 HEARN FIELD**

**The new bar serving area** has already been used and is much appreciated. We have sent pictures and a letter of thanks to Rural Aid who financed part of it.

**The showers** are now working properly after a few teething problems early on. This was due to lagging from the roof having fallen into the water tank and fibreglass blocking the filters. This has now been remedied and isolation taps fitted on the water supply pipes for ease of access.

**The new hedge** is growing well and a working party of volunteers did extensive weeding and strimming work around the whole field last Friday. We are very grateful to those people who turn out regularly to do this work.

**The application for a premises licence** is almost completed. It was delayed slightly by the need for properly drawn (scale) plan of the pavilion. This has now been drawn up. The Chair of Hearn Field has now met with Teignbridge licensing department to check the application which can be submitted in the next couple of weeks.

**Miracle Theatre** will be performing this Saturday on the field. A Tens licence has been granted for this.

**The newly formed TWIGS group**, based in Stoke, whose focus is to support wildlife in our area, has enquired as to whether it may be possible to create a designated

wildflower / insect friendly area in the field. They will present a plan to the parish council in due course for their consideration.

**Tidelands** - The Parish Council will have heard the sad news that Mrs Gaye passed away last week. The Chair of Hearn Field had had a very constructive conversation with her just over two weeks ago re the tree overhanging the Hearn Field car park which appeared to be leaning more than it had previously. Mrs Gaye agreed that we could ask the tree surgeon to inspect it and If it was found to be dangerous it would be the responsibility of Tidelands. If it was not, she gave permission to the Parish Council to fell any branches which were overhanging too much.

Given the position has now changed, the clerk suggested contacting TDC's Arboricultural Officer to look at the tree and offer the Parish Council some advice on how to proceed.

**Mud Race** - This will take place on Sunday September 1<sup>st</sup> at 3pm. We would be grateful if insurance could be arranged through the Parish Council as before.

**Rural Aid grant application** -The chair of Parish Council and the Hearn Field Chair met with representatives of the rural aid grants committee this week to look at the driveway site. They were very pleased to see the way that that the grant from last year had been used and really liked the new bar serving area. They were interested to see how new surfacing of the driveway would facilitate disabled access from the carpark which is currently not possible.

It was noted that three new funding initiatives have been launched to replace the old Town and Parish funds.

**Other** - The Chairman asked members if they were happy that the Council reimburse Paul Norrish for his fuel to dig out the Hearn Field car park. This was agreed.

Members received two booking requests for wedding receptions in September 2020 and May 2021. These were both agreed.

**100719.12 HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS**

There were no new issues.

**100719.13 CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

**100719.14 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.

**100719.15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was confirmed that the date of the next Parish Council meeting is 4 September 2019.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

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Chairman

## County Councillor Dewhirst's Parish Council Report 10<sup>th</sup> July

Proposals to establish a Devon Carbon Plan have been endorsed by members of Devon Climate Emergency Response Group (DCERG), who have given their backing for a Net Zero Task Force to be appointed to develop the plan.

This Task Force will consist of 12 people with expertise in areas relevant to carbon reduction – drawing them from economic, environmental, health and academic organisations, and chaired by a leading climate expert.

A series of hearings will be delivered by the Task Force where experts will be invited to answer questions to determine the barriers and opportunities of tackling carbon dioxide emissions in specific areas such as transport, new development, waste, and agriculture. The hearings will identify if any additional research is necessary before putting forward potential policy options for inclusion in the Devon Carbon Plan.

Options drawn up by the Task Force will be tested and refined at a series of citizens' assembly meetings, which will be scheduled to take place next Spring in order to help inform the content of the plan.

A full public consultation will then be held on the draft plan, with the aim of the DCERG adopting the final plan by the end of 2020.

A new campaign has been launched to encourage landowners with ash trees on their property to inspect them for Ash dieback. The "My tree, my responsibility" campaign, supported by the Devon Ash Dieback Resilience Forum, aims to inform owners of trees to look out for signs of the fungal tree disease and to take any appropriate action in order to maintain public safety.

More than 90% of Devon's native ash trees are expected to be lost due to Ash dieback in the next five to 15 years. Devon County Council surveys have estimated that it will potentially have to remove around 6,300 of its own ash trees from highway land across the county, which would cost the authority around £2.5 million to fell.

Across the county there are around 448,000 ash trees within falling distance of the highway that are owned by third parties or on unregistered land. The overall cost of felling all of these ash trees could be more than £70 million.

As Chair of Scrutiny at Devon County Council I thought that parishioners might be interested in exactly what we do. The three committees, Children; Health and Adults; and Corporate, Infrastructure and Regulatory Services are composed of back bench Councillors who act as a critical friend to the administration by offering overview, advice and recommendations to the Cabinet who actually make the decisions.

The Committees have undertaken ten reviews, more than twenty visits to frontline services, dealt with 104 reports from Officers, instigated 10 Reviews, published five Reports with 49 recommendations and held a national Conference chaired by Dr Sarah Wollaston MP all in the last twelve months.

Our reports have included Problem Gambling – as a result the Council now plays its part in raising awareness of the dangers of problem gambling; changes to Foster Carer Fees and Allowances – foster carers now have a guaranteed income, which has resulted in much better placement stability for children living with foster carers and we have also looked into the Service provided in winter by our Highways team.

Our latest Report, just published, is on Speed Limits across the county. There are many recommendations: all new housing development of over 50 houses should be designated as 20 mph; a default speed limit of 20 mph should be trialled in Newton Abbot and Kingskerswell; local communities should be enabled to create healthier streets and the Police's approach to Community Speedwatch will be improved.