

# Haccombe-with-Combe Parish Council

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## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 5 June 2019 at 7.30pm

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

**Also present:** County Cllr Dewhirst and six members of the public

**Clerk:** Suzanna Hughes

### 050619.01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

### 050619.02 POLICE REPORT

#### Reported crimes from 13/05/19 – 03/06/19

- Combeinteignhead (0 crimes)
- Haccombe (0 crimes)
- Netherton (0 crimes)

### 050619.03 OPEN FORUM

Parishioners from Aluric Rise attended to discuss the anti-social behaviour issues they are experiencing particularly following the opening of the footpath. The police have been involved and have agreed to drive round more regularly. The behaviour has caused distress to a number of neighbours - at least two neighbours have considered selling their properties - and residents wished to make the Parish Council aware of the situation. Problems have included deliberate trespassing on private land, cycling on private drives and intimidating people in their homes by looking through windows. CCTV cameras have been installed and film has been supplied to the police. Neighbourhood Police Team has met with the residents and have added it to their 'watch' list and whilst they have been successful by increasing their presence, they can't be there all the time. It was suggested that TDC has a duty to ensure that the play area is policed as they insisted on having the play area. Cllr Evans suggests that they keep a diary to give to the police. Cllr Dewhirst suggested that everything is logged by emailing 101. Cllr Dewhirst will report the problem to the Leader of the Council, Cllr Hook, and TDC's anti-social behaviour officer. It was also suggested that the police should visit the local school to educate the children.

The Parish Council were also made aware of the risk of children being involved in traffic accident around a shared space. Barratts have been asked to provide suitable signage.

#### **050619.04 CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR**

It was agreed to co-opt Ceri Alexander to the Urban Ward. She signed the declaration of acceptance of office and joined the meeting.

#### **050619.05 DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

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

#### **050619.06 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.

The Chairman and Cllr Squires stated that they were neighbours of 3 Buckland Barton Cottages but did not have an interest in the planning application to be discussed at item 050619.09.1.2. There were no requests for dispensation.

Cllrs Pattinson and Hussey both declared an interest in an item of correspondence from TECS to be discussed at item 13.

#### **050619.07 MINUTES**

Members approved and signed the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held On 15 May 2019.

#### **050619.08 DELEGATE REPORTS**

None

#### **050619.09 FINANCE & GOVERNANCE**

##### **9.1 Expenditure**

Members approved the following payments:

<b>Cheque no</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount</b>
1061	T Boarer	Mower fuel Refreshments for APM	£77 + £68.63
1062	Ron Gibbs	Hearn Field Pavilion noticeboard/map	£20
1063	Sea Wall account	Transfer	£500
DD	Opus Energy	Hearn Field electricity (17 May)	£26.67
SO	Clerk	Salary (3 June)	£268.82

##### **9.2 Income**

Members noted that no income had been banked during the period 11 May – 1 June.

##### **9.3 Bank Balances at 1 June 2019**

<b>Current account</b>	<b>Savings account</b>	<b>Sea Wall account</b>	<b>Total</b>
£2,493.01	£12,403.18	£4,325.10	£19,221.29

#### 9.4 **Account Signatories**

It was agreed to delete Cllr Johnstone and add Cllr Hussey as an account signatory.

#### 9.5 **Allocation of Reserves**

Members received the 'Explanation of High Reserves' document. It was noted that at the end of the financial year 2019/20, £10,875 was held in general reserves. It was agreed that £7,000, should be held in general reserve, making £3,875 available for projects. The clerk advised that a Rural Aid application for £5,000 had been submitted for the Hearn Field drive project with the cheapest quote coming in at £9,275 + VAT. It was also likely that the Rural Aid fund will be oversubscribed which means it will be unlikely that the project will be fully funded. It was therefore agreed to use the year end reserves towards the overall cost of the drive.

### **050619.10 PLANNING**

#### 10.1 **New applications/appeals**

- 10.1.1 19/01064/FUL – 3 Baron Way, Newton Abbot  
Single storey rear extension and loft conversion

Members had no objections to this application.

- 10.1.2 19/01042/FUL – 3 Buckland Barton Cottages, Newton Abbot  
Erection of a dwelling in garden

It was agreed to object to this application on the grounds that it is contrary to the Local Plan with regard to development in the countryside.

- 10.1.3 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 had no objections to this application.

#### 10.2 **Decisions**

- 10.2.1 Ref: E2/19/08 - Confirmation of TPO – Land adjoining Applewood, Combeinteignhead

Members noted that on 30 May 2019, TDC confirmed the provisional TPO made on 12 December 2018.

### **050619.11 CAR PARK**

- 11.1 Members discussed the car park and how it might promote and enforce its terms of use. It was agreed that Cllrs Evans and Hussey would carry out some research and would report back at the next meeting.

- 11.2 The Chairman advised that he was still working on sourcing suitable quotations for the maintenance of the car park and would report back as soon as possible.

### **050619.12 HEARN FIELD**

There was no report. Next meeting is being held on 6 June.

**050619.13 HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS**

There were no new issues.

**050619.14 CORRESPONDENCE**

14.1. Members received an email from TDC advising that the Parish Council’s complaint about the lighting at Coombe Cellars was being investigated.

14.2 Members received an email from TECS (Teign Energy Communities) regarding their 2019 Community Fund. It was noted that up to £1300 may be available for energy saving projects such as time switches, boiler efficiency etc. After a general discussion about energy saving, it was agreed that the Hearn Field Committee should consider solar panels on the Pavilion and suggested that Fuad Al-Tawil is invited to a meeting to discuss the opportunities that may be available.

**050619.15 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*

Cllr Eaton advised that there had been no collections of bin and dog bins on the new Barratt Homes estate. It was agreed that until responsibility is passed to the management company, responsibility still lies with Barratt Homes.

**050619.16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was confirmed that the date of next meeting of the Parish Council will be 10 July 2019.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

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Chairman

## County Councillor's Parish Council Report 5<sup>th</sup> June - HWC

Yesterday morning, Teignbridge gave the go-ahead for the first phase of works on the A382, between Forches Cross and Newton Abbot, due to commence this autumn and to be delivered by the County Council.

The Teignbridge Infrastructure Delivery Plan identifies the first phase of A382 improvements as a 'critical' priority and one that is required in order to deliver the strategic vision and objectives of the Local Plan. The project cost is estimated at £13m and the Council agreed to fund the gap of £5.1m.

A new strategic walking and cycling route will be provided alongside the widened 10 metre carriageway in order to facilitate connectivity between Newton Abbot, Heathfield, Bovey Tracey and beyond. The A382 is currently one of the worst performing A roads in Devon with collision rates 55 per cent higher than the national average for this type of road.

A pilot project to help communities revitalize their roadside verges, and by doing so create a network of safe havens for wildflowers and endangered pollinators, has been so successful it has been launched across the county.

The Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) 'Life on the Verge – Biosphere' (LoVe-B) project has led to 40 North Devon verges being managed and monitored by communities over the last three years. Now communities all around Devon are being encouraged to follow suit and take pride in their verges, and by doing so, help the environment.

Roadside verges are an integral part of Devon's heritage and are sanctuaries for wildflowers, pollinating insects, reptiles, amphibians and small mammals. They provide one of the few opportunities to see wildflowers daily, often on a commute, and have been shown to have had a positive impact on mental health.

The project also audits deciduous tree loss in the parish over the last 20 years and where possible they will be replaced to help to mitigate pollution and flash-flooding. Many of these trees will be planted along grass verges."

The Devon Community Action for Wildlife Conference is on Saturday 6 July in Chagford and will to inform community groups on how they can help. For more information, and to book a place, please see [www.naturaldevon.org.uk](http://www.naturaldevon.org.uk).

Communities that are interested in helping to maintain verges in their community can download free step-by-step guidance documents which includes information on mandatory health and safety training, at <https://www.devon.gov.uk/environment/wildlife/managing-verges-for-wildlife>

Finally, on the Farms Estate we are always keen to see diversification so when Sarah Mortimore and her family recently moved to Devon County Council's Moorhouse Farm, a 100-acre livestock starter farm near Bovey Tracey we were delighted to see she has set up Workforce Pilates. An NHS physiotherapist by day, Sarah was keen to use her skills to help farmers, and others with similarly demanding jobs, keep fit and stay well physically and mentally.

She says: "Farming requires plenty of physical activity so it's crucial to remain in good shape. The days are long, and the work load extensive, with heavy lifting and long periods operating machinery. These pressures mean many farmers suffer injury or long-lasting pain from back issues, stiff shoulders and poor joint mobility."

The group is just for men, so they feel more comfortable and can just come and explore the different ways they can benefit from this sort of exercise. The classes are designed so they can use some of the practices and skills in their everyday life on the farm. With stress and poor mental health among the top challenges facing farmers, Sarah's Pilates classes are about more than just improving physical fitness, they offer real mental health benefits too.