

Haccombe-with-Combe Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 4 September 2019 at 7.30pm

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

Also present: District Cllr Haines, County Cllr Dewhirst and two members of the public.

Clerk: Suzanna Hughes

040919.01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

040919.02 POLICE REPORT

Reported crimes from 11/07/19 – 04/09/19

Combeinteignhead (0 crimes)

Haccombe (1 crime)

- Common Assault – ****Newton Abbot crime**** Victim was refereeing a football match. Juvenile offender, a player in one team hurled abuse at the ref and was shown a red card. As he left the pitch he attempted to headbutt the ref, making only slight contact. He then spat at the ref which landed on his clothing. Being dealt with via words of advice and a written apology.

Netherton (1 crime)

- Sexual Assault – Report of historic abuse over a period on 3-4 years. Under investigation.

040919.03 OPEN FORUM

Two residents of Combeinteignhead expressed their concern about parking in the village, in particular the locking of the Village Hall car park reducing the number of safe parking spaces in the centre of the village. As this car park is not the responsibility of the Parish Council, residents were advised to make direct contact with the Village Hall Committee to express their concerns.

040919.04 DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

County Cllr Dewhirst gave a report a copy of which is attached. Following his report there was a brief discussion about how this Parish Council could embrace the Climate Emergency. It was agreed that there should be a standing item on future agendas to allow discussion about this.

District Cllr Haines reported that he has requested that the application for the retention of eight flood lights set on two poles at Coombe Cellars (19/01341/FUL) goes to the Planning Committee if the officer is minded to approve it.

040919.05 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.

Cllr Hussey declared an interest in item 9.1.3.

040919.06 MINUTES

Members approved and signed the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10 July 2019.

040919.07 DELEGATE REPORTS

7.1 Parish Trees – Cllr Hussey

Members were advised by Cllr Hussey that following the windy weather at the start of August, he had undertaken an adhoc informal inspection of the trees in the Parish. This follows the formal inspection and work done by a professional earlier this year. It was noted that two stems have fallen over the lane behind Garden Barn but remain elevated so they don't block the way for vehicles. In his opinion, this is a low risk area, and they currently pose little danger to users of the lane. There was a discussion about the responsibility for these trees and it was agreed that Cllrs Humble, Hussey and Duggleby would have a look at their position on the track.

Cllr Hussey advised members that he is meeting with the owners of Tidelands Boathouse tomorrow regarding some tree work.

There was a discussion about the large fir tree in the curtilage of Tidelands adjacent to Hearn Field car park. Having asked TDC's Arboricultural Officer to have a look at the tree, he had advised in July that the tree doesn't appear to have a progressive lean and therefore unless the situation changes rapidly we could leave the tree until the Tidelands estate is settled or review in October. It was therefore agreed to review again in October.

7.2 Teign Estuary Coastal Partnership Boat Trip - Cllr Humble

Cllr Humble reported that she had attended a Teign Estuary Coastal Partnership boat trip from Town Quay to Dawlish. She commented that it was useful to meet different people who were linked to the Estuary. It was acknowledged that Buckland Works is due for an upgrade but there were no further details. It is therefore recommended to monitor it. Graham Smith drew everyone's attention to Hearn Field as a recreation facility.

Members discussed the sewage issue at Coombe Cellars which is still discharging into the lane and possibly into the estuary. It was noted that despite agreement from the former pub manager to dig out the ditches, this had still not been done thus creating a drainage issue. It was agreed to write to Graham Smith advising that sewage may be discharging into the estuary and ask him to investigate it. It was also agreed to write to Mitchell and Butlers.

040919.08 FINANCE & GOVERNANCE

8.1 Expenditure

Members approved the following payments:

Cheque no	Payee	Details	Amount
Online	S Guppy	Chalk liner	£29.99
Online	Came & Company	Insurance for Mud Race	£56
1068	TDC	Recharge for Parish Elections 2/5/19	£379.45
1069	P Morrison	HF window cleaning	£40
1070	T Boarer	Toilet seat, paper and diesel for mower	£72.68
1071	G Humble	Nylon for strimmer	£30
DD	Opus Energy	Hearn Field electricity (July & Aug)	£57.38
SO	Clerk	Salary (Aug & Sept)	£537.24

8.2 Income

Members noted the income during the period 6 July – 1 September:

Received	Received from	Details	Amount
July & Aug 2019	Lloyds	Interest	£1.02
18 July 2019	Miracle Theatre	Miracle Theatre	£1084.61
25 July 2019	DCC (Stokeinteignhead School)	HF bookings	£71.99
26 July 2019	Way Ahead (See Tickets)	Miracle Theatre ticket sales	£1164
July & Aug 2019	Various	HF bookings	£845
12 August 2019	DCC (County Cllr Locality grant)	Grant towards HF drive improvements	£250
30 August 2019	TDC (District Cllr Locality grant)	Grant towards HF drive improvements	£500

8.3 Bank Balances at 1 September 2019

Current account	Savings account	Sea Wall account	Total
£5,169.29	£12,404.68	£3,825.10	£21,399.07

040919.09 PLANNING

9.1 New applications/appeals

- 9.1.1 19/01530/VAR – Townend Cottage, Combeinteignhead
Variation of condition 2 on planning permission 18/01381/FUL (demolish conservatory and build new extension, remove roof and add first floor over main building and remove and add pitched roof to garage) to amend design

Members had no comment on this application other than to ask the planning officer to be vigilant when making a comparison between the approval and the variation as it is not clear on the plan.

- 9.1.2 19/01643/FUL – Tides, Shaldon Road, Combeinteignhead
Replacement conservatory to rear

Members had no objections to this application.

- 9.1.3 19/01432/FUL & 19/01433/FUL – Home Farm, Haccombe
Upgrade the sewage treatment system

Members had no objections to this application.

- 9.1.4 19/00044/REF – Willow Springs, Land North of Park House, Netherton
Appeal against the refusal of planning permission for 19/00253/FUL – Agricultural building for use as workshop and storage in connection with the maintenance and improvement of agricultural land

It was noted that the Parish Council had objected to this application when it was considered on 6 March 2019 and it was agreed that those objections were still valid.

It was further noted that the appeal states that 'the building would be totally unseen within the local environment'. Members considered this not to be true as it would be visible from a public highway from one side and a public right of way from the other side. It was agreed to emphasise this point to the Planning Inspectorate.

- 9.1.5 BT Consultation on removal of payphones
Proposed removal of the payphone in Netherton

Cllr Hussey advised that St Blaise has bought the phone box from BT and now plans to renovate it, convert it into a book shop and maintain it. Advice was given about obtaining red paint from BT.

9.2 **Decisions**

9.2.1 19/01289/CAN – Oakford House, Shaldon Road, Combeinteignhead
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Members noted that TDC had no objections to this proposal.

9.2.2 19/01042/FUL – 3 Buckland Cottages, Newton Abbot
Demolition of existing outbuildings and erection of a dwelling

Members noted that TDC has refused to grant planning permission. An appeal has now been submitted which will be discussed by this Council in October's meeting.

040919.10 CAR PARK

Members discussed the issues that had been put forward in the open forum. It was agreed to write to the Village Hall Committee advising it that representations have been made to the Parish Council and that the Parish Council had advised them to contact the Village Hall Committee direct about its decision to lock the Village Hall car park when not in use.

It was agreed that the Parish Council should proceed with its plans to improve the car park for which it is responsible and a proposal will be put forward at the next meeting by Cllrs Hussey and Evans to include proposed signage and car park bay marking.

040919.11 HEARN FIELD

Bookings

Devon Open studios and Reach Outdoors will be using the field and pavilion during September.

Tarmac of drive

Members discussed the quotation for and funding of the tarmac of the drive and agreed to proceed with the cheapest of the three quotations supplied by Hutchings Groundworks & Plant Hire Ltd for £9,275 + VAT. It was agreed that this would be funded as follows:
Rural Aid £2500; District Councillors Community Grants £500; County Councillors Community Grants £750; £3875 from accumulated underspend at the end of 2018/19 (which had already been agreed in June's meeting) and a further £1650 from reserves.

Tree work at Tidelands boathouse

Cllr Hussey has liaised with the owner to plan a way forward. Work will take place on Thursday 5 September.

Mud Race

This was a very well attended and successful event and raised £1387 for Devon Air Ambulance. We are indebted to the excellent team of volunteers who make this happen every year. Accounts forwarded to the clerk, with payment for insurance.

Bonfire Night

The Hearn Field Committee would like permission to go ahead and order fireworks to be underwritten by the Parish Council. A sum of £1500 was agreed. The clerk will order the fireworks and planning for the event will begin soon.

Wildflower area

This has been dug up and prepared by Paul Norrish and Roger Duggleby. The Committee would now like to go ahead to order seeds for the sum of £48.50. This was agreed. It has been suggested that simple fencing to protect the area would be in order in the longer term.

040919.12 HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

Cllr Humble reported that the DCC's PROW Officer Jonathan Rowlands has temporarily repaired the footpath at the back of Coombe Cellars with stone and backfill. This is at the cost of DCC.

040919.13 CORRESPONDENCE

None.

040919.14 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

It had been agreed at item 4 to include an item about Climate Change.

040919.15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was confirmed that the date of the next Parish Council meeting is 2 October 2019.

The meeting closed at 9.35pm.

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Chairman

County Councillor Dewhirst's Parish Council Report 4th September

Devon has maintained its status as one of the top recycling counties in England, recycling 56% of household waste.

The latest 2018/2019 draft figures show an increase of 2% when compared to the previous year.

Of the eight Devon districts Torridge saw the biggest increase from 41.2% to 51.3% and Teignbridge remains at number 2 just behind East Devon.

This follows the introduction of a fortnightly residual waste collection from a weekly one and separate food waste and garden waste collection.

The figures also show that despite an increase in the number of homes overall waste growth has decreased slightly by -0.1%. Both Exeter and East Devon have low waste generated per household compared to other councils nationally.

This means that Devon residents are throwing away less waste – ‘dustbin’ waste is down by 6472 tonnes.

The figures also show that the county's Household Waste Recycling Centres recycled 75% of their waste.

Figures from Torridge and East Devon indicate that if residual ‘general’ waste collections are reduced and services such as separate food waste collections are added people respond to that and make the extra effort to separate their waste and rates increase.

It's important to view waste as a resource, a material that can be reused, and not just something to be thrown away, that's why we are really encouraging residents to please keep up the good work and carry on reducing, reusing and recycling.

A top team of environmental experts, community representatives and business leaders has been assembled to deliver Devon's Carbon Plan, the county's roadmap to carbon neutrality.

The formation of the new Net-Zero Task Force follows the latest meeting of the Devon Climate Emergency Response Group (DCERG), made up of the chief officers of more than 25 public, private and voluntary sector organisations.

And following Devon County Council pledging £250,000 to help deliver the plan the authority is advertising for a Climate Emergency Project Manager, to coordinate and manage the Devon-wide response to the declaration of climate emergencies by various local authorities and organisations across the county.

The Net-Zero Task Force will be chaired by Professor Patrick Devine-Wright of the University of Exeter, an environmental social scientist. He specialises in researching issues of social acceptance and community engagement with sustainable energy transitions and is a non-Executive Director of Exeter Community Energy. He is a Lead Author for the United Nation's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, currently contributing to the 6th Assessment Report due for publication in 2021.

The Task Force is comprised of 12 core members with interests in environment, business, academia and health. They will be supported by advisory members.

The other members are:

- Iain Stewart, Professor of Geoscience Communication and Director of the Sustainable Earth Institute at the University of Plymouth, and President of the Devon Wildlife Trust. Kerry Hayes is the marine and offshore energy sector lead at Regen.
- Nik Bowyer is Chair of the Chartered Institution of Highways and Transportation South West Region. He is an Associate Director at AECOM and specialises in strategic transport planning, modelling and transport economics.
- Hannah Lawrie is Chair of the South West Council of the Chartered Institution of Wastes Management and is also an Associate Director within Ricardo Energy & Environment's Resource Efficiency and Waste Management practice.
- Laura Cardenas is an Atmospheric Chemist at Rothamsted Research in Devon. She is a key contributor to the Defra inventory of the UK's greenhouse gas emissions.
- James Shorten is a geographer and planner at Geo Consultants with nearly 30 years of work on the planning system and sustainable development.
- Tim Jones is Chairman of the South West Business Council and Chair of the North Devon UNESCO Biosphere Foundation.
- Gill Westcott is Co-Chair of Transition Exeter and a Director of New Prosperity Devon.
- Ian Hutchcroft is Chair of Plymouth Energy Community. His current focus is with the ZebCat Project, trialling a Dutch retrofit model in Devon called Energiesprong.
- Elaine Cook is the Chief Executive at Devon Communities Together, the rural community council for Devon.
- Suzanne Goodfellow is an ecologist and environmentalist who has worked in conservation for over 30 years, mostly with Dartmoor National Park Authority where she was Director and led on climate change. Currently, Sue is the Chair of Devon Wildlife Trust.