

Haccombe-with-Combe Parish Council

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

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

Also present: County Cllr Dewhirst, District Cllr Haines and 7 members of the public.

Clerk: Suzanna Hughes

041219.01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

041219.02 POLICE REPORT

Reported crimes from 07/11/19 – 04/12/19:

Combeinteignhead (1 crime)

Theft from Motor Vehicle – Sports bag and contents stolen from a car on a driveway overnight by unknown means. No CCTV or witnesses. NFA.

Haccombe (0 crimes)

Netherton (0 crimes)

041219.03 OPEN FORUM

There was representation from members of the public in relation to item 8. This item was brought forward.

In addition, a comment was made regarding the weeds in the highway which have not been cleared by the road sweeper. Cllr Dewhirst advised that the road sweeper is responsible for picking up litter but not clearing weeds. Similarly, DCC will not remove weeds unless they are causing a structural defect.

It had been observed that a concrete bund has been installed on Gulmswell Lane to divert water. The Chairman advised that he would go and have a look.

It was noted that an email had been received regarding erosion of the sea wall on the foreshore. This would be addressed under item 13 - Hearn Field.

041219.04 DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

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

District Cllr Haines reported that he is Chairing the Local Plan Review Group. The group has looked at some policies but there is more work to do. It is hoped that it will be ready to go out for consultation in January.

He also informed members that he had found out the advertising regulations for the proposed new car park signage and had forwarded them to the clerk for reference.

041219.05 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 Humble declared an interest in item 8. She disputed the allegation that had been made in a letter from Judy Yeoman and Friends of Combeinteignhead Village Hall that she has 'behaved disgracefully' by her association with the planning application 18/02513/FUL to be discussed at item 8.

041219.06 MINUTES

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

041219.07 DELEGATE REPORTS

None.

041219.08 18/02513/FUL – ERECTION OF AGRICULTURAL BUILDING (LAND TO THE NORTH OF THE VILLAGE HALL)

The Parish Council received a letter from Judy Yeoman and Friends of Combeinteignhead Village Hall regarding the above-mentioned planning application.

The Chairman dealt with each point in turn:

- The application had been properly considered at the Parish Council meeting on 3 January 2019 and it had been formerly agreed that the Parish Council had no objections. There had been an error uploading the minutes to the website but these have now been replaced with the correct minutes.
- The Parish Council was not aware that the applicant intended to run commercial vehicles through the Parish Council car park into the Village Hall car park and then through the childrens' play area in order to access the field.
- The Parish Council does not believe that a hedgerow has been removed but that a section of overgrown brambles etc has been simply cleared away.
- The Parish Council does not keep a record of the cars being parked in the village hall car park and is therefore not aware that the applicant's pick-up truck is parking in the village hall car park in order to access the field. The Parish Council is not responsible for the village hall car park and this is a matter which needs to be addressed with the Village Hall Committee. Furthermore, the Parish Council is not able to monitor vehicles parking in or driving through either the parish or village car parks.
- It is alleged that the applicant is in breach of the approval granted by TDC as the original design and access statement indicated that access would be from the north west corner of the field. The Chairman advised that this is a matter for TDC's Enforcement Officer and it is he who will determine whether there has been a breach of the planning conditions. It was confirmed that the Enforcement Officer has been contacted and he will be following the issues up with the applicant. It was not considered necessary, therefore, for the Parish Council to also contact TDC.
- It is alleged that the applicant has deceived residents by changing the access point. The Chairman advised that the Parish Council can only comment on what is presented to it at the time.
- The Parish Council is not aware of a land transaction that is currently taking place between the Village Hall Committee and the applicant.
- The Chairman confirmed that Cllr Humble declared an interest when this application was discussed by the Parish Council in January 2019 and disputed that she had behaved 'disgracefully' by her association with the applicant, as alleged in the letter.

To summarise, the Chairman advised that the issues raised should be pursued with the Village Hall Committee rather than the Parish Council as they impacted Village Hall land rather than land belonging to the parish. Further, as TDC's Enforcement Officer had already been informed and was investigating any potential planning breach, there was no further action for the Parish Council to take.

041219.09 FINANCE & GOVERNANCE

9.1 Expenditure

Members approved the following payments:

Cheque no	Payee	Details	Amount
Online 2/12/19	Fresh Security Solutions	4 x Security Officers for Bonfire event	£220.80
DD	Opus Energy	Hearn Field electricity (Nov)	£31.80
SO	Clerk	Salary (Nov)	£268.82

9.2 Income

Members noted the income during the period 3 – 29 November 2019:

Received	Received from	Details	Amount
20 Nov 2019	TDC	Rural Aid grant	£2500

8.3 Bank Balances at 2 November 2019

Current account	Savings account	Sea Wall account	Total
£824.78	£9,001.28	£3,825.10	£13,651.16

041219.10 PLANNING

10.1 New applications/appeals

10.1.1 19/01904/VAR – Teign Corinthian Yacht Club, Combeinteignhead
Variation of condition 2 and removal of conditions 3 & 5 on planning permission 17/02081/FUL (demolition of existing clubhouse and erection of a replacement clubhouse) to increase footprint, alter external staircase, fenestration changes and detail compliance with bat roost and provision of external material details

Members had no objections to this application. However, it was suggested that TDC considers the materials to be used so that they are in line with its policy on climate change.

10.2 Decisions

None.

041219.11 HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

Concern was expressed that the Coombe Cellars lane issues is still not resolved. County Cllr Dewhirst suggested that a meeting is arranged for the New Year with the new Highways Engineer.

041219.12 CAR PARK

Members received quotations and proofs for the proposed car park signage. It was noted that the proofs did not match the original designs and it was agreed that the clerk would go back to the sign writers for more accurate proofs. It was also agreed that plain aluminium poles would be preferred to the white. There was also a discussion about the signage directing vehicles to the village hall car park and it was agreed to request permission from the Village Hall Committee to fix two signs on the fence uprights.

It was agreed that the Chairman would seek costings for white lining paint and would create a template for the markings. The patching at the entrance to the parking also still needs to be done.

041219.13 HEARN FIELD

The Hearn Field Committee Chairman sent a written report as follows:

Bonfire night

This was an extremely successful event and thanks must go to Cllr Evans and her large team of volunteers. It was a very enjoyable community evening and sold out before the opening. It raised something in the region of £1100.

Correspondence

The Parish Council has received an email from the owners of Tidelands Boathouse expressing some concern about perceived erosion of the foreshore at the piece of common ground below Hearn Field. Members noted the observation and it was agreed that the situation would be monitored. They also pointed out that the abandoned boats on this piece of land have still to be removed. The chair of the HF committee met informally with Mr Atkins who has offered to be involved in any work to remedy these points. Once we are absolutely certain which boats are abandoned and which are still in use will get a working party to tidy up the area. We are investigating the best way of disposing of the boats.

Sea Wall

As soon as tides and weather permits, a small working party would get together in the New Year to do some more preventative repointing work along the remaining stretch of the sea wall not repointed last winter. There does not appear to be any immediate danger of damage by water, however.

041219.14 CLIMATE CHANGE

Cllr Alexander advised that she had researched an opportunity to obtain some free trees with a local garden centre. The trees would be 1.5-1.8m tall and would be provided with a plastic tube and matting. However, availability was limited. After discussion, it was agreed to put this on hold for the time being and instead it was agreed to ask Fuad Al Tawil and Helen Chessum for practical advice and suggestions about how this parish can embrace climate change.

041219.15 CORRESPONDENCE

None

041219.16 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

041219.17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was confirmed that the date of the next Parish Council meeting is 8 January 2020.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.

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Chairman

County Councillor's Parish Council Report - December

Communities are being reminded by the County Council to be vigilant over the winter months and be as prepared as possible for any severe weather-related emergencies. The County Council and other organisations continue to invest in new and improved flood defences to help protect those locations most at risk of flooding. But heavy and sustained rainfall or other severe weather events can result in unexpected problems almost anywhere in Devon. This means self-help is a vital approach to protecting homes, property and communities.

Practical advice and financial support is available to help local communities be better equipped to deal with an emergency, such as flooding. The Devon Community Resilience Forum offers two complementary grant schemes. Town and parish councils and community groups can bid up to £250 for this funding to help form their own Community Emergency Planning Group and produce Community Emergency Plans.

They can also bid for up to £1,500 to improve their own resilience with equipment or one-off small-scale work, which can range from the provision of sandbag stores, flood protection equipment, road signs, tools, and protective equipment. For information and to download a simple application form go to <https://www.devoncommunities.org.uk/grant-funding-emergency-flood-resilience>

Flooding to roads or blocked drains should be reported via Devon County Council's Roads and Transport "report a problem" page. In the event of a flood, in particular the flooding of properties, people are being urged to record it online via the SWIM (Severe Weather Information Management) system. For information on who to contact in a flood event visit Devon County Council's Flood risk management webpages.

Plans for a new "Be Ready" Employer Service Hub have today been announced in support of Purple Tuesday, an international call to action aiming to change the customer experience for disabled people. The County Council is working in collaboration with Jobcentre Plus on this initiative as part of Devon's commitment to improving employment and customer experience opportunities for disabled people.

The free service, which is due to start in February, will provide a call-back service to answer specific questions; an online resource about all aspects of disability and employment to help employers attract, recruit and retain people with a disability or long-term health condition; training for large or smaller businesses and an opportunity to join the Disability Confident scheme to improve business reputation.

People across Devon are being asked for their views on 5G, as Devon County Council launches a "call for evidence" on the technology. The County Council's Corporate Infrastructure and Regulatory Services Scrutiny Committee is investigating 5G as part of a spotlight review.

Although the County Council has no current plans to make use of 5G in its ICT and is not involved with planning applications for mobile infrastructure, it is running an investigation in response to local concern and wants to hear from people to help inform its findings.

An online questionnaire is now available, inviting members of the public to express their views and asking what evidence or information people feel the County Council should consider in reviewing the technology. It also asks how informed people feel about the technology and if they feel enough awareness has been raised about the use of 5G.

As Chair of Scrutiny I want to hear from as many people as possible across Devon regarding 5G technology. The information shared will be used in our Councillor-led spotlight review. While Scrutiny can only make recommendations, this work is planned to help to inform Council policy on 5G technology. This is your opportunity to let our review know your thoughts and what you feel Devon County Council might do to address any concerns you have.

[Anyone who fills in the questionnaire](#) will have the opportunity to be invited to take part in a discussion with the scrutiny group at a later date. Feedback must be submitted by Monday 9 December.

Vital maintenance work on the Southbound Carriageway on the A380 outside Kingsteignton began on Monday, November 4 and lasts until the middle of December. The work will include resurfacing, drainage work, traffic signs work and the replacement of a safety restraint barrier.

This will mean that a 40mph speed limit will be in place on both the north and southbound carriageways. Only one lane will be open both directions – the outside lanes on both carriageways will be closed. This is causing delays.

Until the work is completed, from 6.30pm to 6am, the southbound carriageway at Kingsteignton, Eagle Farm to Ware Barton, will be closed to traffic with vehicles diverted through the town. Work on the northbound carriageway will start in the New Year, after the Christmas holidays. We apologise for any inconvenience.