

Haccombe-with-Combe Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 8 January 2020 at 7.30pm

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

Also present: County Cllr Dewhirst, District Cllr Haines, Elizabeth Deane (Hearn Field Committee Chairman) and 2 members of the public.

Clerk: Suzanna Hughes

080120.01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- Cllr Hussey
- PC Harvey

080120.02 POLICE REPORT

There were no reported crimes from 5/12/19 – 08/01/20.

080120.03 OPEN FORUM

A parishioner sought clarification about the responsibility for cleaning the wash-down on the metalled road passed the Old Rectory in Haccombe. Members advised that this was a matter for DCC. He also advised that there was a lot of bramble, self-seeded sycamore and ash trees overgrowing the wall impeding access along that road. Members advised it was the landowner's responsibility to maintain the boundary. DCC would intervene if the landowner did not take appropriate action and the highway was being affected. Cllr Dewhirst informed the parishioner that he is seeing the Highways Engineer tomorrow and would mention the two issues raised.

080120.04 DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

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

District Cllr Haines reported that TDC's draft budget has been published. A council tax increase of £5 per average Band D property is proposed. An additional Planning Enforcement Officer has been budgeted for as well as a Climate Change Officer and associated spend.

080220.05 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.

All members declared an interest in item 8.4 as council tax payers in this parish. It was agreed to grant all Councillors a dispensation until the day before the next ordinary elections to discuss and vote on item 8.4 on the grounds that otherwise it would impede the transaction of the business (i.e. the meeting would be inquorate for that item).

080120.06 MINUTES

Members approved and signed the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 4 December 2019.

080120.07 DELEGATE REPORTS

None.

080120.08 FINANCE & GOVERNANCE

8.1 Expenditure

Members approved the following payments:

Cheque no	Payee	Details	Amount
Online 16/12/19	South West Water	Hearn Field water	£94.85
1079	HMRC	PAYE	£63.20
1080	S Hughes	Mileage; ink	£49.34
1081	Stoke and Combe Magazine	Full page advert for Hearn Field	£60
DD	Opus Energy	Hearn Field electricity (Dec)	£35.55
SO	Clerk	Salary (Dec)	£268.62

8.2 Income

Members noted the income during the period 30 November 2019 – 3 January 2020:

Received	Received from	Details	Amount
9 Dec 2019	Lloyds	Bank interest	£0.13
6 Dec 2019	See Tickets	Bonfire tickets	£1920
23 Dec 2019	Bonfire event	Bonfire takings	£615.05
23 Dec 2019	Various	Hearn Field bookings	£648

8.3 Bank Balances at 3 January 2020

Current account	Savings account	Sea Wall account	Total
£3,119.39	£9,001.41	£3,825.10	£13,651.16

8.4 Budget and Precept 2020/21

Members received proposals for the 2020/21 budget. After discussion, the budget was approved and it was agreed to increase the precept by 2%. The cash to be requested from TDC would therefore be £8673.

080120.09 PLANNING

9.1 New applications/appeals

9.1.1 19/02072/FUL – Land Adjacent to Teign View Barn, Shaldon Road, Newton Abbot
Livestock shelter

Members had no objections to this application.

9.2 Decisions

9.2.1 19/00676/CLDE – Little Park, Shaldon Road, Combeinteignhead
Certificate of Lawfulness for existing use of land as amenity open space (sui generis) including stationing of one caravan, one shed and one polytunnel in association with the use of the land

Members noted that TDC has certified that the use as described in the application is lawful.

9.2.2 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 noted that TDC has granted conditional planning permission.

080120.10 CAR PARK

Members received and approved revised proofs and quotations for the proposed car park signage. It was agreed that the signs should now be ordered.

The clerk advised that the Village Hall Committee is meeting next week and will discuss the Parish Council's request for two signs to be fixed to the fencing between the Parish car park and the Village Hall car park.

The Chairman advised that he has sourced some appropriate paint to mark the car park spaces. The cost is £75 per tin and it was agreed to order two tins.

The Parish Council received correspondence from TDC advising that from 1 April they will be charging the parish for emptying the litter bin currently sited in the parish car park. It was agreed to write to TDC requesting the removal of the litter bin before 1 April.

080120.11 HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

Cllr Humble advised that she has nothing report but would be bringing the annual report to the next meeting.

There has been considerable flooding opposite the entrance to the parish car park. Highways have been informed that the drains are blocked but have not yet come out. Cllr Dewhirst offered to speak to the Highways Engineer when he meets with him this week.

080120.12 HEARN FIELD

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

Sea Wall

Work to repair the remaining stretch of the sea wall not repointed last winter will be carried out at the end of January when tides and weather permit . There does not appear to be any immediate danger of damage by water however. There is sufficient sand and mortar left from the previous repairs to complete this work .

Sea Scouts camping

There has been a request from a Sea Scouts group from Berkshire to camp on the field in August. They are connected to the TCYC at Combe cellars and will be carrying out RYA yachting Level 2 training. There would be 18 sea scouts and 4 staff for 3 nights at a cost of £5 per person per night. Since we have not used our agreed allocation of overnight camping slots for the year we feel it would be suitable to allow this small group to use the field with the same provisos as those applying to Reach Outdoors. This was agreed.

Abandoned boats on foreshore

There are three boats currently on the land below the field. None of them appear to be seaworthy, neither are they owned by anyone to our knowledge. We would like the permission of the parish council to remove these and then tidy the area around the remaining boats. This would make way for local people to apply to keep small dinghies on the available land. This was agreed.

Wedding request

A request for a wedding from 28-30 August has been received. This is a full booking with marquee. The request was accepted.

Advert in parish magazine

It was agreed that this could be upgraded and the design improved. It was agreed to purchase a full page advert (£60) and Cllr Evans agreed to update the design.

The next meeting of Hear Field will be on 14th January

080120.13 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

It was agreed to ask Fuad Al-Tawil and Helen Chessum to come and speak at the Annual Parish Meeting. Cllr Dewhirst also suggested Rebecca Hewitt (Community Safety, TDC). It was agreed that the clerk would write to all to check their availability. A Friday evening May was the preferred date.

080120.14 CLIMATE CHANGE

Members agreed that it would be useful to use the Annual Parish Meeting as a focal point to generate ideas from members of the public.

080120.15 CORRESPONDENCE

Members received a request for some new Neighbourhood Watch signs from the Combeinteignhead Co-ordinator. After a brief discussion, it was agreed that the Parish Council did not have any objections in principle to purchasing some additional signs. However, members requested some information about how the scheme currently operates and also whether the scheme could be extended to other parts of the parish.

080120.16 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

080120.17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was confirmed that the date of the next Parish Council meeting is 5 February 2020.

The meeting closed at 8.58pm.

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Chairman

County Councillor's Parish Council Report – January

I think you are all aware I have been visiting the Atkinson Secure Children's Home for the past seven years on a monthly basis and so I was delighted that it has received a glowing report after government inspectors said that each child feels 'safe and secure' and receives 'good-quality individualised care.' The County Council-managed children's home specialises in the welfare of children aged from 10 to 17 who are likely to either abscond, suffer significant harm or injure themselves or others.

A team of Ofsted and Care Quality Commission inspectors visited the home, and rated educational outcomes, safeguarding, leadership and the progress of the children as 'good.' Inspectors said that the staff are highly motivated and dedicated, and the children are listened to and fully involved in their care planning. Each child is given opportunities to express their needs and to explain what is important to them and to make contributions towards their own futures and to life in the home.

The report adds: "The staff's warm relationships with the children encourage positive behavioural change...they provide clear and structured boundaries...consequently, children reduce their risk-taking behaviour, feel safer and learn from their experience. This is a well-managed home. An experienced and settled senior leadership team provides good-quality guidance and support to the rest of the staff team."

Devon County Council's Cabinet has approved the construction of a £2.2 million park and change scheme to the east of Exeter Science Park.

The site aims to relieve traffic congestion on the A30 Honiton Road and Moor Lane roundabout, enabling drivers to park on the edge of the city and then switch to sustainable forms of transport – bus, bicycle or car share – for their journey into the city.

The scheme will provide 300 parking bays, initially with six charging points for electric vehicles, six electric bikes available to hire, and cycle lockers to securely store 20 bicycles for commuters. It's hoped that work on the scheme will start in February next year.

An action plan to help reduce the amount of food waste in Devon has been endorsed by the County Council's Cabinet. It follows a Food Waste Spotlight Review being commissioned by the Corporate, Infrastructure and Regulatory Services Scrutiny Committee earlier this year.

Representatives from food charities, councils and anaerobic digestion plants attended the review to discuss why food is wasted, how to reduce it and ways to improve its collection.

Almost a third of all food purchased in Devon is thrown away, either by residents or businesses, every year. Latest figures show that it's not just residents who are wasting food – UK businesses annually waste 1.9 million tonnes. The review heard that householders were continuing to incorrectly dispose of food waste. Almost a third of the contents in an average residual waste bin is food waste, which could be composted or recycled.

The review concluded that there are several key actions could help solve some of these issues. Firstly, clear, consistent messaging on household food waste recycling is needed to ensure residents understand what to put in the food waste bin. Secondly, greater collaboration with food waste charities should be encouraged to improve food waste education, including in schools. Parish and town councils should also be supported to combat food waste by making use of organisations like community fridges. Finally, businesses should be encouraged to combat food waste. Improved online resources which lays out how reducing food waste could benefit their business, should be created.

Communities and residents across the County are being called on to vote for their 'People's Choice Hero' as part of the 7th annual Thank You Awards. A shortlist has been created from the nominations made by the public and can now be viewed and voted for on the Recycle Devon website. Votes will be open until 31 January 2020.

All the shortlisted candidates have been invited to attend an awards ceremony at County Hall on 6 March 2020 in the Coaver Club. The Thank You Awards are organised by the Recycle Devon team, and were first launched to recognise those people who do that bit extra to help ensure Devon remains clean and green. There were over 40 nominations in seven different categories for this year's awards including School Recycling Hero, Collection Crew/Operative and Small Business Champion.

The People's Choice Hero award is an additional category to be voted on by members of the public.

Recycle Devon is a partnership of 10 councils including Devon County Council, Torbay Council and the eight District Councils.