

# Haccombe-with-Combe Parish Council

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## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 5 February 2020 at 7.30pm

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

**Also present:** District Cllr Haines, PC Harvey and Simon Guppy

**Clerk:** Suzanna Hughes

### 050220.01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- Cllr Hussey
- Cllr Pattinson
- County Cllr Dewhirst
- Elizabeth Deane (Hearn Field Committee Chairman)

### 050220.02 POLICE REPORT

Reported crimes from 9/1/20 – 5/2/20:

- Combeinteignhead (0 crimes)
- Haccombe (1 crime)
  - Burglary (non-dwelling) – unsecure barn entered during hours of darkness and two power tools (that were hidden) have been stole. No CCTV or witnesses. NFA.

#### General information and advice

Please report any suspicious persons/activities and record vehicle registration details if used. Please contact the police on 999 if the incident is happening there and then, or by 101 (emailing is quicker) if it is historic.

Please avoid leaving valuable power tools or gardening equipment unattended wherever possible. Record serial numbers of such items and use a UV pen to property mark them with your postcode (eg **TQ14 9FN Te** = the postcode for Teignmouth police station + the first two letters or numbers of the address).

Consider some sort of shed alarm if your shed isn't out in the middle of nowhere and register valuable electrical items and power/garden tools on the website [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com) which also gives advice on other security measures.

For outboard engines consider fitting a tracking device, record the engine serial number and property mark and use the Immobilise website. We've had thefts of engines recently in many areas so be on the look out and take suitable steps to protect your valuable property.

The Community Speed Watch Team is in need of volunteers. If you know anyone who might be interested in becoming a Police Volunteer then please ask them to contact PC Rob Harvey either by email or by ringing 101 and leaving a message for him.

### 050220.03 OPEN FORUM

There were no members of the public present.

### 050220.04 DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

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

District Cllr Haines reported that the Local Plan continues to be reviewed. The group, which he chairs, is going through the policy document and a period of consultation will

follow. This is likely to run from 23 March -18 May. There is nothing within it which is specific to this parish but it contains a range of policies which effect all parishes.

He advised that he has recently been involved in a controversial Planning Committee meeting with another likely to be coming up.

#### **050220.05 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 or requests for dispensation.

CLlr Alexander declared an interest in item 6 as she wished to query the minutes in relation to a matter recorded in those minutes in which she had an interest.

#### **050220.06 MINUTES**

CLlr Alexander queried minute 080120.03 relating to responsibility for boundary maintenance which was discussed in the open forum. After discussion, it was agreed that the minute was correct and members proceeded to approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 8 January 2020 as a true and accurate record.

#### **050220.07 DELEGATE REPORTS**

None.

#### **050220.08 FINANCE & GOVERNANCE**

##### **8.1 Expenditure**

Members approved the following payments:

<b>Cheque no</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount</b>
DD	Opus Energy	Hearn Field electricity (Jan)	£34.39
SO	Clerk	Salary (Jan)	£268.62
Online	TDC	Premises Licence	£100

##### **8.2 Income**

Members noted income received 4 January – 31 January 2020:

<b>Received</b>	<b>Received from</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount</b>
9 Jan 2020	Lloyds	Interest	£0.38
20 Jan 2020	Hearn field booking	Hearn Field bookings	£105

##### **8.3 Bank Balances at 31 January 2020**

<b>Current account</b>	<b>Savings account</b>	<b>Sea Wall account</b>	<b>Total</b>
£3,017.46	£9,001.79	£3,825.10	£15,844.35

##### **8.4 s137 Grant Applications**

Members received two applications for a small grant. After discussion, the following grants were agreed:

- £100 to St Blaise Church towards the cost of refurbishing the telephone kiosk in Netherton
- £900 to the Village Hall Committee towards the cost of upgrading the heating system in the Village Hall

## **050220.09 PLANNING**

### **9.1 New applications/appeals**

9.1.1 20/00109/CAN – Thorn Orchard, Combeinteignhead  
Fell one Norway spruce

Members had no objections to the application.

9.1.2 20/00076/CAN – The Coaching House, Shaldon Road, Combeinteignhead  
Fell one deodar cedar (T18), one silver birch (T25), one flowering plum (T12) and one apple (T14) and crown thin one Persian ironwood (T26) by 30% (as numbered on the submitted tree plan)

Members had no objections to this application.

### **9.2 Decisions**

9.2.1 Appeal Decision – 3 Buckland Barton Cottages, Newton Abbot  
To note that the appeal was dismissed

9.3 Cllr Humble asked whether TDC were closer to determining the planning application at Coombe Cellars (19/01341/FUL) as it is some months since the application was submitted and the lights are still on. It was agreed that the clerk should contact the planning department for an update.

## **050220.10 CAR PARK**

Members received the final proofs and costings for the signage. The total cost will be £499 + VAT. Members approved the proofs.

The Village Hall Committee has not yet met to approve the hanging of two signs on the fencing but the Village Hall Chairman has advised that this is likely to be approved and that the Parish Council should proceed on that basis.

The Chairman confirmed that no further action had been taken about the lines due to the weather.

## **050220.11 HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS**

11.1 Members received and noted the annual report from Cllr Humble as P3 Co-ordinator. This will be submitted to DCC. No new projects are proposed but a request for the annual maintenance grant will be made.

11.2 It was reported that garden rubbish is being stored on the roadside in Hacombe near the junction with the drive to Hacombe House. It appears that a local resident is storing the garden rubbish here before disposing of it. It was also reported that rubbish has been dumped on the roadside near Centrax. The clerk advised that any resident could contact the Blitz Team at TDC to remove it.

## **050220.12 HEARN FIELD**

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

- Sea wall update  
Weather not good enough to complete in January. Cllr Boarer will organise it over the coming weeks.
- Request for hire of showers from Teign Yacht Club  
Simon Guppy advised that the Yacht Club has demolished its clubhouse and have requested use of the showers in the Pavilion whilst the new clubhouse is being built. It is proposed to charge £20 per session (per day or eve) totalling around £1100 for the whole season. Sessions are likely to be Monday-Thursday. They will also clean the showers at the end of each week. This arrangement was agreed on the basis that existing bookings would be prioritised. It was further agreed to provide a key for each 4-day block. The Yacht Club will be responsible for the security of their belongings etc.

- A request was received to hold a scouts training camp from 13-18 August. There will be a maximum of 22 people including staff. This booking was accepted.]#
- The premises licence application will be submitted this week. There is a requirement to publish an advert in the local newspaper and a notice must be displayed in the Pavilion. The cost of the newspaper advert will be £150-£200.

**050320.13 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

It was agreed that this will be held on Friday 15 May at 7.00pm in the Hearn Field Pavilion. Fuad Al-Tawil, Helen Chessum and Rebecca Hewitt (TDC's Community Safety and Safeguarding Manager) have all agreed to attend and speak at the meeting. After discussion, it was agreed to defer Rebecca Hewitt until next year so that the sole focus of this year's meeting is climate change and how this parish can embrace the climate emergency.

**050220.14 CLIMATE CHANGE**

It was agreed to defer any further discussion until after the Annual Parish Meeting. In the meantime, Cllrs Humble and Alexander will attend the Climate Change workshop in Dawlish on 13 February.

**050220.15 CORRESPONDENCE**

Members received correspondence from David Halpin regarding various issues:

Firstly, members wished to acknowledge the work done by Mr Halpin and other volunteers over many years which is very much appreciated and that volunteers are still working hard in the parish in many capacities to maintain the parish and its amenities.

In response to some of the issues raised:

- The Parish Council has saved thousands of pounds by making repairs to the sea wall itself through a group of volunteers. A group will be coming together again soon to continue with the repointing. It is believed that planting anything on the top of the wall, however, would encourage roots to damage it further.
- The Parish Council has not removed the horse chestnut from the hedge at Hearn Field. As far as members are aware, it is still there.
- It is believed that DCC Highways has addressed the issue outside Hillside Farm. The Parish Council is unaware of any similar issues outside the garage but will monitor this.
- The Parish Council agrees that the finger post can be removed as this has now served its useful purpose the restricted byeway is signposted from the gate.
- With reference to the track behind Teign View Cottage, there is no solution to this. In the past, scalplings have been laid by DCC but after time they just sink into the ground. The Public Rights of Way Officer at DCC is aware of the issues raised but the solutions offered are only ever temporary. Members are not aware of a buddle hole above the cottage but acknowledge that there may have been one there in the past.
- The Parish Council has previously relied on volunteers to clear the buddle holes but will endeavour to seek a more permanent solution to try and ensure that buddle holes are maintained.
- Barcombe Lane - TDC installation of gulleys 20 years ago - the Parish Council is not aware of this and will look into it.

**050220.16 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

**050220.17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was confirmed that the date of the next Parish Council meeting is 4 March 2020.

The meeting closed at 9.35pm.

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Chairman

## County Councillor's Report 5<sup>th</sup> February 2020

It is crucial that any declaration of a climate emergency is followed up with action, so I'm pleased to see that the County Council has commissioned a full analysis of the carbon impacts of its waste management services from international environmental consultancy Eunomia Research & Consulting Ltd.

Eunomia's emissions modelling will establish the carbon footprint of DCC's waste management services, including the emissions from reuse, recycling, composting, anaerobic digestion, residual energy recovery, landfill and transport. Carbon contributions from each of Devon's eight district waste collection as well as its recycling centres will be included in the analysis. The research will also factor in the need to meet a 65% recycling target by 2035.

The Brunel Road Recycling Centre will be closed to the public for a week from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February and for a week from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March for maintenance works.

The works are being undertaken in the quieter winter period to try and minimise disruption to the public as much as possible. Alternative facilities are available at Exton Road, Marsh Barton, Exeter and Babbage Rd, Totnes for those that need to recycle/dispose of material during the closure periods.

EU citizens with valid EU passports can apply for the EU Settlement Scheme. The scheme also extends to their non-EU citizen family members who have a biometric residence card issued by the UK. The deadline for applications to the EU Settlement Scheme is the end of December 2020.

The application process can be completed online, but the identity verification part of the application, which is necessary, requires the person to have access to either an Android or some Apple mobile devices. Anyone in Devon who does not have access to such devices can make an appointment with the Devon Registration Service to have their identity officially verified for their application.

To book an appointment to have a biometric passport or biometric residence card scanned, one can telephone the Devon Registration Service on 0345 155 1002 for an appointment. The cost of the identity document scanning service is £14.

Finally, the Budget process has started in earnest. More than £43 million extra will be injected into vital services in Devon. Cabinet approved the target budget of £541 million for 2020/2021. That's an increase of 8.7 per cent on this year. Consequently, there will be extra cash for social care and health, children's services, roads and drainage.

When the budget is agreed by full council next month, it will mean an extra £23.7 million for adult care and health, £11.5 million more for children's services and £2.7 million for highways including £1 million to help deal with drainage issues on the road network.

Please don't think that austerity has ended, this is a one-year settlement for shire counties at the expense of others such as our neighbours Torbay who lose 8.03% and Plymouth who lose 11.58% and District Councils like Teignbridge.

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