

# Haccombe-with-Combe Parish Council

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## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Zoom on 7 October 2020 at 7.30pm

**Present:** Councillors Boarer (Chairman), Bunce, Evans, Humble, Hussey, Pattinson and Hosking

**Also present:** County Councillor Dewhirst and two members of the public

**Clerk:** Suzanna Hughes

### **071020.0 RESIGNATION AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

- 1.1 Members received the resignation of Cllr Eaton due to personal commitments. They thanked Cllr Eaton for representing the Hawthorn Ward and hoped that he would join again at some time in the future.
- 1.2 Apologies were received from:
  - District Cllr Hook
  - District Cllr Haines
  - Elizabeth Deane
  - PC Orchard

### **071020.02 POLICE REPORT**

Members received a written report from PC Orchard listing the number of crimes/incidents recorded during the month of September. The report also included information about the collection of shellfish from the River Teign and the River Exe and concerns about illegal/commercial collection. PC Orchard will also be arranging some Police and Communities Together (PACT) meetings within the village to enable parishioners to raise any issues affecting the local area. He is also working closely with the Community Speed Watch team to monitor speed of vehicles in and around the village. He will be attending a meeting with the Chairman, Mr & Mrs Halpin, Jonathan Rowlands (PROW Officer, DCC) and Cllr Dewhirst.

Cllr Hussey suggested that PC Orchard and his contact details are added to the parish's emergency plan. They could also be added to the parish website.

### **071020.03 OPEN FORUM**

There were no comments from members of the public.

### **071020.04 DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

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

### **071020.05 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.

### **071020.06 MINUTES**

Members received the minutes of the meeting held on 2 September 2020 and authorised the Chairman to sign the minutes as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

## 071020.07 DELEGATE REPORTS

There were no reports.

## 071020.08 FINANCE & GOVERNANCE

### 8.1 Expenditure

Members approved the following payments:

Cheque no	Payee	Details	Amount
Online	T Boarer	Inner tube for mower	£22
Online	M Boarer	Pavilion cleaning	£96
Online	E Deane	Illyria Theatre expenses	£39.70
Online	T Creber	Repair to Pavilion toilet	£60
Online	J Deane	Repairs to tractor shed	£101.64
Online	HMRC	PAYE	£176.20
Online	Netwise	Additional storage for website	£25.07
Online	Pat Gallagher	Painting of tractor shed and Pavilion	£2541.60
Cheque	RBL Poppy Appeal	Poppy wreath (s137,LGA 1972)	£17
DD	Opus Energy	Hearn Field electricity (September)	£17.08
DD	Clerk	Salary (September)	£234.62
DD	Information Commissioners Officer	Data Protection Licence	£35

### 8.2 Income

Members noted the income received (29 August – 2 October 2020):

Received	Received from	Details	Amount
1 October 2020	Hearn Field booking	Hearn Field booking	£400
9 September 2020	Lloyds Bank	Interest	£0.07
24 September 2020	DCC	P3 grant	£200
25 September 2020	TDC	Precept (second instalment)	£4336.50
28 September 2020	Illyria Theatre	% of ticket sales	£864

### 8.3 Bank Balances at 2 October 2020

Current account	Savings account	Sea Wall account	Total
£19,934.81	£8,479.31	£4,327.23	£32,741.35

## 071020.09 PLANNING

### 9.1 New applications/appeals

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None

### 9.2 Decisions

9.2.1 20/01171/FUL – Unit 19, Milber Trading Estate, Newton Abbot  
Change of use from light industrial to exercise gym (Use Class D2)

Members noted that TDC has granted conditional planning permission.

9.2.2 20/01172/ADV – Unit 19, Milber Trading Estate, Newton Abbot  
One illuminated fascia sign

Members noted that TDC has granted advertising consent.

**071020.10 DEVON'S UPDATED LOCAL FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGY CONSULTATION**

It was agreed not to comment on the consultation.

Cllr Humble suggested that the Parish Council should consider redistributing the leaflet reminding those residents with land adjoining the brook about their riparian responsibilities. The leaflet can also signpost those landowners to the Environment Agency's booklet 'Living on the Edge'.

**071020.11 SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE - NETHERTON**

It was agreed that the clerk should contact the church to establish whether a service of remembrance was planned in Netherton.

**071020.12 HEARN FIELD**

The Chairman of the Hearn Field Committee submitted the following written report:

**Illyria Theatre 19 September**

This was a great success. We had two audiences totalling 290 people in all. Participants were extremely mindful of social distancing and we were supported by a larger than usual team of volunteers to monitor this. Our share of the takings was £864. After expenses, the net profit was £746.93. With permission, we would like to book two shows for next year with the same arrangement which involves no financial risk for the PC.

**Bookings**

Following on from this we have a booking from Villages in Action to use the field for outdoor theatre on 24 October. Cllr Humble was involved in taking his booking so can give more information if required. It is a family show based on a circus theme. They will do all ticketing, publicity, and risk assessments etc and we have a percentage of box office takings. If the show does not go on for any reason we are not at any financial risk.

**Ash dieback on tree in the top hedge**

Simon Guppy has now spoken with the owners who have consulted a tree surgeon. We await further developments.

**Maintenance**

We obtained three quotes for the painting of the pavilion and the tractor shed and following the agreement of the chair and vice chair this work has now been carried out. Some repair to the wooden balustrade at the front is required and Pat Gallagher will return to paint this when this is done. We are seeking quotes for the repair.

The manhole cover in the driveway has cracked and collapsed and needs to be replaced. Cllr Boarer is organising this.

The pavilion has benefitted from a much needed deep clean. The test for Legionnaires disease was negative. The clerk has the certificate for this. The toilet in the changing room developed a fault and Toby Creber came out the same day and repaired it. The hedges have been cut all around the field.

**Devon Open Studios**

This ran successfully but with reduced numbers of visitors. from 11-27 September. We made no charge for the use of the pavillion but, as last year, the participants have given a percentage of their takings which amounts to £400. They have suggested we may like to use this to purchase a table/bench for the outside area. This can be discussed at next HF meeting. Their letter of thanks is attached.

**Dog training booking**

Dogs Actfully have asked to be allowed to use the covered area occasionally for limited simple training when weather permits. This will involve very small numbers and none of the usual equipment. They have to comply with kennel club regulations re Covid and will supply us with a copy of this.

**Wildflower area**

This has now been strimmed. The new area will be cleared by Paul Norrish with the help of Mr and Mrs Duggleby and team ready for sowing in the spring.

**071020.13 HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS**

- 13.1 It was agreed to support Cllr Hook’s proposal to request an extension to the 30mph speed limit on Shaldon Road from Penn Inn to the brow of the hill (just past Centrax).
- 13.2 Cllr Bunce informed members that he had spoken to the Mare and Foal Sanctuary about maintenance of the footpath running through their land. Whilst there are overgrown brambles, the footpath is passable. They advised Cllr Bunce that they intended to cut this back as usual in the autumn.
- 13.3 Cllr Hosking advised that she had received an email from a parishioner regarding the introduction of a speed limit on the lane through Haccombe Valley. County Cllr Dewhirst advised that this would be a long and expensive process. He suggested that vehicles thought to be driving inappropriately should be reported to 101.
- 13.4 County Cllr Dewhirst informed members that he has spoken to PC Orchard about the Community Speed Watch. With regard to the introduction of a 20mph zone, much of the Council’s resources are being taken up with the introduction of a 20mph speed restriction in Newton Abbot. Once this is completed, then other areas may also be considered. The Bishopsteignton Speedwatch team is willing to go to other villages. If there is anyone is interested in joining the team, please let him know.
- 13.5 Cllr Pattinson advised that on Monday morning five camper vans were parked in the car park area at Arch Brook. Cllr Dewhirst advised that Teignbridge has a parking order in this location but officers are not enforcing it. He suggested writing to the portfolio holder, Cllr Nina Jeffries and/or raise a complaint to TDC.
- 13.6 The Chairman advised that a digger was delivered to Tucketts Farm but had to track down the lane from the cricket club and has created some holes in the tarmac. He was concerned about water accumulating in the holes over the winter and then freezing. County Cllr Dewhirst offered to report this to the Highways Engineer though advised that this lane is likely to be low priority.

**071020.14 CORRESPONDENCE**

Members received correspondence from Mr Halpin regarding Gulmswell Lane. The Chairman advised that a meeting has been arranged which will be attended by himself, Cllr Dewhirst, PC Orchard and Mr & Mrs Halpin. After a brief discussion, it was noted that it had been previously agreed by this Council that the issues raised by Mr Halpin were not Parish Council matters and should be dealt with by the County Council.

**071020.15 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*

None.

**071020.16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

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

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Chairman

## County Councillor's Report 7<sup>th</sup> October - HWC

Words from Devon's Chief Executive: "While the Prime Minister Boris Johnson launched a back-to-work drive, I wanted to make it very clear that Leadership Group and I are urging you all to continue to work from home wherever possible.

"Coronavirus is still a very real threat to us all. You may have heard England's Deputy Chief Medical Officer, Professor Jonathan Van Tam, describing the latest "big change" in coronavirus infections across the UK as a "great concern" and that he believes we are in for a "bumpy ride over the next few months" if people did not adhere more stringently to the social distancing rules.

"Your health, safety and wellbeing, and that of your family and friends, remains our first priority and, with this rise in the incidents of COVID-19 across the country, it is absolutely vital that we do all we can to protect ourselves and our loved ones. We are also very alert to the fact that we have an ageing demographic in Devon and that older people can be particularly susceptible to the virus."

The Director of Public Health in Devon has said: "Devon has seen a sharp rise in the number of reported positive cases, as the national test and trace reporting system works through its widely reported technical issue over the weekend.

"This delay in reporting of the most recent cases has not held up any local interventions. We expect to see confirmed cases continue to rise while the national reporting is refreshed. Despite the rise, the county of Devon still has fewer confirmed cases than most other local authority areas.

"However, the latest data does now show a rise in Exeter, still largely within the University of Exeter student population, that requires focused attention. We have been working very closely with Public Health England, the University of Exeter and Exeter City Council, and already measures have been taken to reduce the wider spread of infection.

"The rise in non-University student cases in Exeter mirrors similar increases across the county, suggesting little evidence so far of spread into city communities. We ask every Devon resident of all ages, but especially the late teen to mid-twenties, to make renewed efforts to reduce the spread of coronavirus.

The new, free to download, NHS COVID-19 app is available to us all from last Thursday (24<sup>th</sup> September).

It's to support the NHS Test and Trace service, so its major benefit to the public is in helping to trace people quicker when they've been in proximity with someone who has tested positive for coronavirus. That way, they can be advised even sooner to self-isolate and take any other appropriate steps.

If you've downloaded the free NHS COVID-19 app to your phone, you can show your phone to the venue's QR code poster, and it makes a record of your visit on your phone. The record is kept on your phone for a few weeks.

Your phone will alert you if you've recently been to a venue where there's been a person who has tested positive, and the message will give you advice on what steps you need to take next, based on the level of risk.

If you do not have a smartphone to download the app to, or you choose not to download the app, those venues will also be using their own manual system to collate contact details.

Devon residents are being urged to breathe new life into their old clothes and 'Wear what you have' to help reduce their carbon footprint and to pass on clothes they no longer want to keep them out of the bin. Last year £2.7billion was spent on clothes that were worn just once. Each household is estimated to have a wardrobe value of £4,000, almost a third of which has not been worn for at least a year.

WRAP, the waste charity, says that extending a garment's lifespan by just by nine months could reduce its carbon footprint by as much as 30 per cent. With the average lifespan of clothing being just over three years, wearing something for an extra nine months can significantly reduce its carbon footprint.

Devon's householders had the chance to help the county become net-zero by joining Devon Climate Emergency's solar panel group-buying scheme - Solar Together. Group buying experts offered homeowners the chance to buy high quality solar PV more cheaply than if they were buying alone. Led by the County Council, the scheme is partnered by Teignbridge and Dartmoor and Exmoor National Park Authorities.

Research by the University of Exeter shows that 19 per cent of all Devon's carbon emissions are created by our homes, with more than half of those by grid-supplied electricity. Installing solar panels reduces the amount of grid-supplied electricity needed for things like hot water, with a transfer to more eco-friendly solar energy.

Emergency services, local authorities, NHS trusts and charities are among the 19 members of the South West Peninsula Road Safety Partnership (SWPRSP) who have agreed to the bold 'Vision Zero' ambition to achieve a highway system free of fatalities and serious injuries by 2040.

An interim target to reduce the numbers of people killed and seriously injured on the roads in Devon and Cornwall by 50% in the next decade has been set. Between 2009 and 2018, 534 people died and 6,272 were seriously injured on the roads in Devon and Cornwall.

The trauma, loss and devastation that these numbers illustrate cannot be overstated. We believe no one should be killed or seriously injured as a consequence of using our roads and we have a moral duty to work together to preserve life, prevent harm and make our communities safer.

The way to progress is to renew efforts which encourage better driving practices, educate specific road user groups about the potential dangers, develop better responses to road traffic collisions and, critically, engage the public in being part of the solution.

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