

Haccombe-with-Combe Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Zoom on 31 March 2021 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors Boarer (Chairman), Evans, Humble, Hussey and Saunders

Also present: County Councillor Dewhirst, County Cllr Hook, Elizabeth Deane (Hearn Field Committee Chairman) and one member of the public

Clerk: Suzanna Hughes

310321.01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- Cllr Bunce
- Cllr Hosking
- Cllr Pattinson

310321.02 POLICE REPORT

No report.

Cllr Hussey advised that he had nothing relevant to report regarding the Councillor Advocate Scheme.

310321.03 OPEN FORUM

There were no items raised.

310321.04 DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

County Cllr Dewhirst gave a report, a copy of which is attached. Cllr Dewhirst also wished to thank members for their support over the last 4 years and that he had thoroughly enjoyed representing the parish as its County Councillor. Elections will be taking place on 6th May.

County Cllr Hook reminded members of his efforts to reduce the speed limit from 40mph to 30mph on Shaldon Hill from the brow of the hill to just beyond the garage. Cllr Hook was very disappointed to report that after some months, the proposal has been rejected despite local support. He has requested that the item is listed again on June's HATOC agenda for further discussion.

A Statement of Support has been put forward for Ollie Watkins who attended local primary and secondary schools and was recently selected to represent England at football. Cllr Hook advised that he is trying to develop an ethos where we congratulate and highlight those who have succeeded in our communities. He should be a role model for all the aspirations of young local people.

Cllr Hook has also put forward a Notice of Motion, which will be discussed by TDC's Executive next week, to thank the voluntary sector and explore the possibility of introducing a Certificate of Achievement/Thanks.

Cllr Hook advised members that he would not be standing again in the County Council elections after representing his ward for 16 years. He thanked everyone for their support and wished everyone well for the future.

310321.05 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.

The Chairman declared an interest in any discussion relating to Higher Osier Court as he owns adjoining land. Correspondence has been received about this and will be dealt with at item 8.

310321.06 MINUTES

Members received the minutes of the meeting held on 3 March 2021. Cllr Evans advised that she was present at that meeting despite not being listed in the minutes. After this minor amendment, members authorised the Chairman to sign the minutes as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

310321.07 DELEGATE REPORTS

No reports.

310321.08 PLANNING

8.1 New applications/appeals

8.1.1 21/00510/HOU – 12 Chestnut Drive, Newton Abbot

Replace existing conservatory with single storey rear extension and link to existing garage

Members had no objections to this application.

8.1.2 APPEAL: 21/00005/NONDET – 2 Brook Cottages, Netherton

Members noted that an appeal has been lodged for non-determination of planning application 20/01158/FUL – Conversion and extension of redundant agricultural buildings to a dwelling including removal of mobile home and new vehicular access

8.2 Decisions

8.2.1 21/00217/FUL – Linden Lea, Shaldon Road, Combeinteignhead

Demolition of bungalow and erection of replacement two storey dwelling

Members noted that TDC has granted conditional planning permission.

8.3 Higher Osier Court

Having declared an interest, the Chairman left the meeting for this item and Cllr Humble took over as Chair.

Cllr Humble read out an email received from Cllr Bunce who was unable to attend this meeting. He raised ongoing concerns that this application has not yet been determined by TDC but was aware that there was a Planning Committee meeting on 13 April at which, if the item is listed, a member of the Parish Council may speak. He also raised the point that there are no toilet facilities at this location and this may be an environmental issue. Cllr Hussey offered to represent the Parish Council at the Planning Committee should it be listed on the 13 April agenda.

310321.09 HEARN FIELD

The Chairman of the Hearn Field Committee reported as follows:

Request to purchase fencing

The work on the property behind the Pavilion carried out by our neighbour Paul Norrish is now complete. This has been beneficial to the general state of the pavilion as all the undergrowth etc has been cleared and the old wall replaced at no cost to ourselves. This leaves a substantial space which would benefit from fencing and a gate to restrict access to the back of the Pavilion. This has always been a space that attracted litter dumping etc. The cost of good quality materials will be approximately £150 and we would like permission to buy this. Mr Norrish will provide labour. When this work has

been carried out the flower beds can be completed, making an attractive feature to that side of the covered area. Members approved this purchase.

Forward planning

Whatever the makeup of the Hearn Field Committee after the Annual meeting it has become clear during lockdown that we need to plan for the sharing of tasks and duties associated with the field. We are fortunate in having an excellent team of volunteers but as the Field and Pavilion have developed in so many positive ways it is important that the tasks associated with its smooth running are shared out. We attach separately, and only for information, an overview of these areas and the distribution of these will be discussed at the Hearn Field annual meeting and during the year ahead.

310321.10 WEBSITE

- 10.1 Cllr Evans informed members that the website needs to be upgraded to a new version to provide improved security and minimise bugs etc. The cost of upgrading is £199 + VAT. This was approved by members.
- 10.2 Cllr Evans advised that enquiries through the parish's digital assets have been increasing particularly via the Combeinteignhead Facebook page and that it would be useful if other members could assist her with its management. She also considered that it would be beneficial for other members to be able to post items to the website as additional cover. Cllrs Hussey and Saunders offered to support the Cllr Evans with the management of the website. It was suggested that Cllr Hosking may be interested in assisting with the Combeinteignhead Facebook page.

310321.11 CAR PARK

Cllr Humble shared some images of the car park and explained how she proposed to tackle the maintenance of the planted areas. She has undertaken some of the work herself and it was agreed that she would seek the help of a contractor to carry out the remainder of the work. Members approved this work. It can then be maintained annually by volunteers.

The Chairman also reminded members that the surface at the entrance of the car park still needs to be repaired but it was difficult to find contractors to carry out this small job. Cllr Saunders advised that he could suggest someone who had recently carried out some work at Haccombe Barns.

The clerk advised that she had put forward the village car park as a potential site for EV charging points as part of a grant-funded scheme. If successful, the charging points (2 per four bays) will be installed and maintained. The Parish Council would need to sign a 15-year lease and would receive 3% of the income generated.

Cllr Dewhirst also advised that Co Cars are also being encouraged by the County Council.

310321.12 DEFIBRILLATOR SERVICING AND MAINTENANCE

The clerk advised that she had made contact with Ipplepen's defibrillator guardian who has explained what is involved in looking after the defibrillator. Cllr Pattinson has offered to act as guardian of the defibrillator outside the Wild Goose.

310321.13 FINANCE & GOVERNANCE

13.1 Expenditure

The following payments were approved:

Cheque no	Payee	Details	Amount
DD	Opus Energy	Hearn Field electricity (March)	£20.51
DD	Clerk	Salary (March)	£240.58
BACS	HMRC	PAYE (Q4)	£170.40

BACS	Netwise	Premium package support and maintenance + upgrade to new version	£538.80
BACS	Refund for HF booking fee	Hearn Field	£105

13.2 **Income**

Members noted income (28 February – 26 March 2021):

Received	Received from	Details	Amount
8 March 2021	TDC	Business support grant (COVID)	£6001
9 March 2021	Lloyds Bank	Interest	£0.10

13.3 **Bank Balances at 26 March 2021**

Current account	Savings account	Sea Wall account	Total
£16,175.16	£12,462.80	£4,327.23	£32,965.19

310321.14 HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

No new issues were raised. It was noted that the potholes on Coombe Hill have been filled.

310321.15 CORRESPONDENCE

None

310321.16 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

16.1 Members noted that the legislation enabling remote meetings will not be extended beyond 6 May. After this date, arrangements will need to be made to resume face to face meetings in the Village Hall which are Covid safe.

310321.17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was confirmed that the date of the next Parish Council meeting is 5 May 2021.

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Chairman

County Councillor's Report 31st March – HWC

Steve Brown, Devon's Director of Public Health, said this week that we are all going to have to learn to live safely with COVID-19 for the foreseeable future, and that a key part of that is for us to keep the infection rates as low as possible.

Since the vaccination programme began, the numbers of people with coronavirus needing hospital treatment or dying have reduced significantly. The latest research shows that the vaccine gives about an 80 per cent protection against needing treatment in hospital, and an 85 per cent protection from dying from coronavirus.

Mr Brown was responding to a question about the effectiveness of the vaccine, following two outbreaks of coronavirus in East Devon care homes. Residents and staff in both homes had had their first dose vaccinations and are due their second doses very soon. "But no vaccine is one hundred per cent effective," he qualified.

"There will still be people who catch coronavirus, and particularly those most vulnerable – the elderly and those who have clinical risk – who will potentially get coronavirus and still become seriously ill."

Asked whether outbreaks like these can happen again, Steve Brown said: "We are going to continue to get small outbreaks in settings such as care homes, workplaces and schools. But whenever we get an outbreak, the response is quick and swift. Such measures are designed to protect and safeguard those people in that setting, and to try to reduce any onward transmission.

"Even when you've been vaccinated, it's still really important that you continue to adopt public health measures – stay at home. If you do need to go out, make sure that you keep social distancing, wear those face coverings when indoors in public spaces, and wash your hands regularly," he said.

Residents are invited to have their say on the draft Resource and Waste Management Strategy for Devon and Torbay.

The Public Consultation runs from Wednesday 3 March to Wednesday 14 April, and the responses will help shape how Local Authority Collected Waste is managed in Devon up to 2030.

The new document will present how the 10 councils responsible for waste collection or disposal in Devon, will continue to work with residents to try to reduce the amount of household waste created and continue to ensure that waste is managed in a sustainable and cost-efficient manner.

The consultation responses will then be reviewed, and an amended strategy will be presented for final approval to the Devon Authorities Strategic Waste Committee (DASWC) and individual councils this summer, with the intention to publish the final strategy at the end of the year. The consultation is here <https://www.devon.gov.uk/haveyoursay/consultations/draft-resource-and-waste-management-strategy-for-devon-and-torbay/>

Around 56,000 homes and businesses will be provided with access to Gigabit capable broadband by internet providers Airband, Truespeed and Wessex Internet in the coming few years.

Airband is due to start construction of its first link for the new network in July – this will take place in Devon and will include Powderham, and Combefishacre. Survey work is underway in these areas. It's anticipated that these properties will be the first to be connected by this autumn.

Airband has already provided superfast access to 18,700 homes and businesses across Devon and Somerset and its latest full fibre programme will extend its network to a further 40,150 premises. They are mobilising staff, materials and equipment and are securing any sub-contractors needed to deliver the programme.

CDS is currently completing a refresh of its Open Market Review which was carried out before going out to tender in February last year. This has to be double checked after the contract is awarded to

ensure any areas earmarked by CDS for coverage are not in the plans of commercially funded programmes. This enables public funding to be spent where the need is greatest.

CDS, BDUK and the contractor carrying out the work can decide if the public money should be redeployed to another area in need of subsidised coverage. Some limited "overbuilding", overlapping commercially built networks, can happen in some areas where it provides the most cost-effective route. Before construction can start, surveying, design and planning work also has to be undertaken. This involves examining the geography of the area, determining the build route and most efficient timescales.

As this critical work develops prior to construction, discussions have to be held with landowners and local councils to find the best and most cost-effective route for the new network. This requires securing landowner consent and access to highways.

Students and businesses are being invited to sign up to take part in a virtual careers fair being held in April.

The "Which Way?" careers fair, which is being organised by the Heart of the South West (HotSW) Careers Hub in partnership with Learn By Design, will be held over three days from Tuesday 27 April to Thursday 29 April.

The event for school and college students from years 7-13 will aim to connect young people with local and national employers as well as further and higher education opportunities across Devon, Plymouth, Somerset and Torbay. Registration is open for schools and colleges via <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/137629506559>

The virtual exhibition is a chance for employers to showcase their industry and any education and/or employment opportunities available.

Each day will focus on different year groups with Tuesday 27 April aimed at Key Stage Three, Wednesday 28 April for Key Stage Four and Friday 29 April aimed at Key Stage Five.

You can contact the HotSW Careers Hub direct via <https://skillslaunchpad.org.uk/careers-hub/> To find out more contact the Careers Hub team at careershub@devon.gov.uk

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