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Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held in Hearn Field Pavilion on 23 June 2021 at 7.30pm

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

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

Clerk: Suzanna Hughes

230621.01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

- Cllr Hosking
- Cllr Saunders
- District Councillor Haines
- District Councillor Hook
- PC Orchard

230621.02 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.

230621.03 OPEN FORUM

The agent for the application being considered at 8.1.1 (21/00429/FUL – Tucketts Farm, Netherton) explained the new plans to members.

A member of the public expressed views about the application to be discussed at item 8.1.3 (21/01259/FUL – Coombe Cellars, Combeinteignhead). He commented on the findings of the bat report which stated that no bats had been found and advised that this was untrue. The reason for the findings was that the survey was undertaken at the end of the bat season (22 September 2020) and the floodlights at the time will have scared them away. The relevance of the bat survey is therefore low. He also questioned the strength of lighting chosen and why the applicants had not chosen the lowest level. He also suggested that the planners should specify in the conditions, if the plans are approved, when the lights can be switched on and off to reduce bat disturbance.

230621.04 POLICE REPORT

There was no crime report as PC Orchard had been temporarily abstracted from his role to assist with the G7 summit.

Cllr Hussey advised that Alison Hernandez has been elected to her second term as the Police and Crime Commissioner for Devon and Cornwall. Lateral flow tests are available for free – call 119 (NHS call centre), go online (www.gov.uk) or from your pharmacy. He has been made aware of a community engagement re traffic around Newton Abbot. Newton Abbot residents, businesses, commuters and visitors are being asked to give their views on traffic in the town by completing a ten-minute survey by 19 July.

230621.05 DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

County Cllr Dewhurst gave a verbal report (copy attached).

230621.06 DELEGATE REPORTS

No reports

230621.07 MINUTES

Members received the minutes of the meeting held on 5 May 2021 and authorised the Chair to sign them as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

230621.08 PLANNING

8.1 New applications/appeals

8.1.1 21/00429/FUL – Tucketts Farm, Netherton

Change of use from agricultural land to wild camping facility (maximum of 15 tents only) including moveable composting toilets from Easter to September

After discussion, it was agreed to suggest the following conditions:

- The farm should make provision for rubbish removal (including recycling) to ensure the site is free of rubbish and limit the chance of rubbish being disposed of inappropriately along the lane when campers leave the site.
- As low-level solar lights are being proposed, a lighting plan should be submitted and approved as part of any planning permission. The ecology report should make reference to this lighting plan and comment on the effect of the proposed lighting. (The ecology report which has been submitted assumes there is no lighting at all).

8.1.2 21/01124/FUL – Unit 24, Milber Trading Estate, Newton Abbot Construction of detached storage building

Members had no objections to this application.

8.1.3 21/01259/FUL – Coombe Cellars, Combeinteignhead Installation of twenty bollard lights

After discussion, members agreed to comment as follows:

- To minimise bat disturbance and to link with the recommendation of the bat survey, it is suggested that the lowest lumex lighting is used (2700k LEDs rather than the proposed 3000k LEDs).
- To minimise bat disturbance and to link with the recommendation of the bat survey, a condition of approval should stipulate that the lights are turned on 20 minutes after sunset and are turned off at 11.15pm.
- There appears to be more than 20 lights shown on the plan. No more than 20 lights should be approved.

8.2 Decisions

8.2.1 21/00853/CAN – Greenacre, Combeinteignhead Fell two silver birch

Members noted that TDC had no objections to this application.

8.2.2 21/00381/MAJ – South Manor Barn, Netherton Variation of Condition 5 on planning permission 09/01646/MAJ (Change of Use from agricultural buildings to stables and use of agricultural land for the grazing of horses) to remove reference to Mare and Foal Sanctuary)

Members noted that TDC has granted conditional planning permission.

8.2.3 20/01158/FUL – 2 Brook Cottages, Netherton

Members noted that the costs application in relation to appeal ref: APP/P1133/W/21/3267199 has been refused by the Planning Inspectorate

8.3 **Other planning matters**

8.3.1 Update on Higher Osier Court

Members noted the email which Cllr Bunce had circulated advising that planning officer intends to recommend refusal of this application. After discussion, it was agreed to wait until the Parish Council had received formal notification of the decision prior to pursuing enforcement action.

8.4 **Draft Local Plan Consultation (Part 2) 2020-2040: Creating Quality Places – Site Options**

Members noted that the Parish Council is invited to comment on this during the 8 week consultation period (14 June – 9 August 2021). Documents are available to view online at www.teignbridge.gov.uk/localplanreview

The Chairman advised that she had looked through the proposed sites and summarised her findings. It was agreed that the item is considered in more detail in July's meeting to ensure that everyone had had time to look at the proposals prior to formulating a formal response.

Cllr Boarer left the meeting at 8.45pm.

230621.09 FINANCE & GOVERNANCE

9.1 **Expenditure**

The following payments were approved:

Payment type	Payee	Details	Amount
DD	Opus Energy	Hearn Field electricity (May)	£18.91
DD	Clerk	Salary (May)	£266.38
BACS	South West Water*	Hearn Field	£152.26
BACS	S Duggleby	Hose and vine eyes (Hearn Field)	£47.00
BACS	S Duggleby	Plants and wires (Hearn Field)	£87.85
BACS	L Deane	Smartwater Legionella testing	£52.50
BACS	L Deane	TEN fees	£42
BACS	M Boarer	Hearn Field cleaning + sundries	£90.55

* It was considered that the water bill was high and that the Chairman of the Hearn Field Committee and Cllr Pattinson would look into this further.

9.2 **Income**

Members noted income received (30 April – 18 June 2021):

Received	Received from	Details	Amount
May/June	Various	Various Hearn Field bookings	£468
9 June 2021	TDC	Covid support grant	£2096
28 April 2021	TDC	1 st instalment of precept	£3997.61

9.3 Bank Balances at 18 June 2021

Current account	Savings account	Sea Wall account	Total
£20,238.81	£12,463.12	£4,327.23	£37,029.16

230621.10 HEARN FIELD

The Chairman of the Hearn Field Committee reported as follows:

Bookings

We have received a very large number of requests for bookings this year and have 19 outstanding between now and October. Whilst this represents a good source of income for the field we need to revisit our aims and objectives in terms of balancing income and expenditure alongside the needs of our local community.

We have taken the decision to take no more bookings for this year and the HF committee will meet very soon to talk this through and report back with recommendations to the Parish council.

Theatre on the field

The Illyria outdoor theatre company performed to a (distanced) audience 190 on Saturday. Despite pretty heavy rain it was a very enjoyable event and it resulted in a profit of £730. We hope for better weather on July 10th for HMS Pinafore and Midsummer Nights' Dream in August.

Drains

We have had two serious incidents involving blocked drains to the sewage tank during the last month. Both involved calling out professionals to unblock the system. The septic tank has not been emptied for some time and this will be done this week. A new fixed lid to the outside inspection pit needs to be fitted asap as the first blockage was caused by objects being thrown in deliberately. This was approved by members.

Sea Wall

Cllr Boarer reports that the wall has developed some new holes in the area close to the jetty. He has offered to get a team together, as before, to repair this. We are very grateful to him for taking on this work which would otherwise be very costly.

Legionnaires testing

This has been carried out and the water system has been found to be clear.

Gate

The main gate from the car park is old and in need of urgent repair. We have a volunteer to repair it but since this is an essential part of our security in terms of illegal camping /settling on the field we feel it would be prudent to get a new gate. Members approved the purchase of a new gate.

Garden

The area behind the Pavillion has been replanted by Mr and Mrs Duggleby and now looks considerably better. We also purchased two new hosepipes so that access to water is easy in any area of the Pavillion and grounds.

Village Hall

Members of the Hearn Field Committee have met with members of the Village Hall Committee. The Village Hall Committee is struggling for volunteers and committee members and the Hearn Field Committee has agreed to help them to map out a plan to recruit more helpers.

230621.11 CAR PARK

11.1 Members discussed and reviewed whether there is a requirement to amend the rules of the car park relating to the car parking of motorhomes. For now, it was agreed to monitor the situation more closely.

11.2 Members confirmed the need to repair the surface of the car park at the entrance and reline the bays. Cllr Boarer is sourcing quotations for this.

230621.12 WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA

Cllr Evans advised that the version 2 update of the website has been completed. Cllr Saunders and Hussey have offered to support Cllr Evans in updating the website and have been sent information on how to do this. Members also received a draft social media policy which was adopted. There was a discussion about the name of the Facebook page and it was agreed that this should be changed to 'Combeinteignhead and surrounding areas' with the names of each area within the parish listed beneath.

230621.13 HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

Cllr Humble informed members that she has introduced Cllr Bunce to the network of paths and a report will follow next month.

230621.14 CORRESPONDENCE

14.1 Members received and noted three reports of fly-tipping in Netherton. These have now been cleared.

14.2 The clerk advised that there was a delay in the tree survey been carried out due to the lateness of the ash trees coming into leaf. This was now scheduled for early July.

230621.15 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.

230621.16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was confirmed that the date of the next Parish Council meeting is 21 July 2021 at 7.30pm in Hearn Field Pavilion. The Chairman advised that she has requested regular use of the main room in the Village Hall from September as the Parish Council has now outgrown the Committee Room.

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Chairman

County Councillor's Report 23rd June – HWC

After the results of the election on 6th May to the County Council I want to thank everyone who voted, and especially those who voted for me - it is great being back on the County Council and with an increased majority! I will be working for all in Haccombe with Combe as I have done for the last four years and you can be assured that every issue for the village will be made known to Officers and the Council.

The results were:

Alistair Dewhurst	1822 votes
Conservative Party	1590 votes
Independent	928 votes
Green Party	183 votes
Labour	171 votes

There were 4,718 votes cast and 24 spoilt votes. The turnout was 44.9%.

Out of an electorate of 630,144 in Devon the Conservatives polled 108,702 votes to get 39 councillors (an average of 2,787 votes per councillor) and the Lib Dems polled 45,395 to get 9 councillors (an average of 5,043 votes per councillor). The Lib Dems are once again the official Opposition.

At the Annual Council on the 27th May my name was put forward once again as Chair of Scrutiny and I will be Chairing the Corporate Infrastructure and Regulatory Services Scrutiny Committee. I will sit on HATOC and will return to the Farms Estate Committee and the Corporate Parenting Member Group. I am now a County Council representative on the Devon & Severn Inshore Fisheries & Conservation Authority (IFCA). I have stepped down from the Public Rights of Way Committee.

"Delaying this next lifting of restrictions, especially the guidance around social contact, is sensible because it means that more people will have been vaccinated by the time restrictions are lifted further," says Steve Brown, Director of Public Health Devon.

The government has brought forward its target to offer all adults a first dose of a vaccine to Monday 19 July.

Younger age groups (20-39year olds)- where rates of infection are currently highest – will also be offered the vaccine, which will help protect them and help slow the spread of the virus.

In Devon, the number of positive cases of coronavirus is still below the national average, but we are seeing numbers increasing. The weekly case rate in Devon right now is 16 cases per 100,000. It was 7 per 100,000 just one week ago. In other parts of the country, infection rates are doubling every 10 days or so.

Delaying the lifting of restrictions could reduce the number of those cases ending up in hospital, by between a third and a half by the summer, according to the government.

"The more transmissible Delta strain is not yet the dominant variant in Devon just yet. But it is very likely to become so, just as it is already in many parts of the country.

The virus spreads through social contact. Keeping restrictions that limit social contact in place is the correct decision right now from the public health perspective. But we must all abide by it. We cannot rely on the vaccines alone to stop the spread of coronavirus. We all need to play our part in preventing the spread.

- Keep your social distance from people who you do not live with or who are not in your bubble
- Wear face coverings when in public spaces indoors
- Wash your hands regularly and properly
- If you show any symptoms – the high temperature, new and continuous cough, or change to your usual sense of taste or smell – self isolate immediately and arrange a PCR test.

- If you do not show symptoms, please take up regular rapid, Lateral Flow Device testing, twice a week and when you are meeting socially with others. You will know your result within half an hour
- If you test positive, or develop symptoms, or you are advised to self-isolate, do so for the full self-isolation period of ten days.
- If you are travelling to other parts of the UK, know what the restrictions are in those areas, and be particularly cautious if visiting people in areas known to have the Delta variant

New figures suggest that there are now more than 130,000 people in Devon who are carers, the figure having risen by half again because of the coronavirus pandemic. Worryingly though, just 21,000 of that number – roughly only one in every six – are accessing vital information and support that is available to them.

Last week was Carers Week, and Devon County Council, NHS Devon Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and Devon Carers are shining a light on it to encourage people who are carers for friends and family to recognise themselves as unpaid carers, and to come forward for help.

Devon Carers recommended that people contact Devon County Council's Care Direct Plus, who can assess people's needs and provided them with equipment to make life easier.

But while the pandemic has meant even more people in Devon taking on caring responsibilities, Devon Carers saw a 50 per cent reduction in the number of people approaching them for support between April and June last year.

Devon Carers, which is commissioned by Devon County Council and NHS Devon, provides information, advice and support for people who care for others, whether they need help because they are ill, frail, disabled or have a mental health or a substance misuse problem and couldn't manage independently without their support.

The Council and NHS Devon CCG are urgently appealing to carers to get in touch.

Devon County Council has been supported by Teignbridge District Council in preparing the proposals to develop a 5km section of multi-use trail between Passage House Inn in Newton Abbot and the A381 at La Roche Maurice Walk, east of Bishopsteignton.

The Trail will also include a shared-use path connecting from the A381 to the junction near Morrisons supermarket, at the western edge of Teignmouth. However further design work is being undertaken on this link which does not require planning permission.

A consultation about the proposals at the end of last year attracted more than 3,000 responses, with 92% of those who responded supporting the proposed route for the latest section.

The Trail is an important development for safer cycling travel as well as for leisure pursuits and I hope that the planning process is completed swiftly so work can get underway once funding is secured. The Teign Estuary Trail is being developed in sections as funding opportunities become available. The initial section between Kingsteignton and Town Quay, in Newton Abbot, opened in 2013.

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