

# Haccombe-with-Combe Parish Council

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## Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Combeinteignhead on 5 October 2022 at 7.30pm

**Present:** Councillors Humble (Chair), Boarer, Brampton, Bulleid, Cooper-Smith, Evans and Hussey

**Also present:** County Cllr Dewhirst and three members of the public

**Clerk:** Suzanna Hughes

### **051022.01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

- Cllr Bunce
- Cllr Pattinson
- Cllr Relf
- District Cllr Haines
- County Cllr Bradford

### **051022.02 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.

Cllr Cooper-Smith declared an interest in item 8.1.1.

### **051022.03 OPEN FORUM**

A parishioner advised that a group of residents in Haccombe have got together to discuss how to source a defibrillator for Haccombe. A British Heart Foundation grant has been awarded to fund the equipment and training but a further £1000 is required to fund the box and other associated equipment. She advised that the group would be seeking further grants and she enquired about the Parish Council's small grants fund. An application form would be forwarded to her and she was advised that this would be considered at the next meeting in November. County Cllr Dewhirst offered to make a contribution of £600 from his Locality Budget. She was also advised to make an approach to the District Councillors who also have a small budget for local projects.

### **051022.04 POLICE REPORT**

#### 4.1 Crime Report:

PC Orchard submitted a report for September: there was one crime recorded and four incidents logged.

A letter was also circulated from the 'Diverse Communities Team' in relation to hate crimes and the related awareness week.

#### 4.2 Councillor Advocate Scheme:

Cllr Hussey advised that the PACT meeting on 16 September was cancelled and rescheduled for Friday 14 October at Hearn Field Pavilion at which they will discuss security.

### **051022.05 DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

County Cllr Dewhirst gave a report (copy attached).

## **051022.06 DELEGATE REPORTS,**

Cllr Hussey advised that he had met with the Community Environmental Warden in the Haccombe Valley about dog fouling and it was agreed that there is not a significant problem. Signage was reviewed, however, and temporary stencils have been used. In his view, it was unlikely that the Cleansing Dept would put a bin in this rural location.

Cllr Hussey also attended a webinar, Power Allotments, which is a Devon wide project between Devon Energy Collective and Regen with the aim of supporting local communities to find new sites for community-owned renewable energy generation. Cllr Hussey sought the approval of members to discuss with ACT representatives and report back at the next meeting.

## **051022.07 MINUTES**

Members received the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 7 September 2022 and authorised the Chair to sign them as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

## **051022.08 PLANNING**

### **8.1 New applications/appeals/notifications**

- 8.1.1 22/01536/FUL – Land at Ngr 289664 71750, Combeinteignhead  
Proposed agricultural building

*Having declared an interest, Cllr Cooper-Smith left the meeting for this item.*

Members agreed to support the application.

- 8.1.2 22/01759/VAR – Tidelands House, Shaldon Road, Combeinteignhead  
Variation of condition 2 on planning permission 22/00563/HOU (two storey rear extension) to amend design

It was agreed to mirror the comment made previously that full consideration is given to adjacent, very established trees, and their roots are fully protected before the commencement of any work.

- 8.1.3 22/01859/LBC & 22/01860/HOU – Old Rectory, Haccombe  
Replacement of modern conservatory roof with new lightweight solid roof lights

Members agreed to support this application.

### **8.2 Decisions**

- 8.2.1 22/01635/AGR – Home Farm, Road from Coombe Cottage to Higher Charlecombe Farm, Combeinteignhead  
Agricultural building for the storage of machinery, materials and feed

Members noted that TDC has refused the request for prior approval as the proposal does not constitute permitted development.

- 8.2.2 22/00977/FUL – Plant World, St Marychurch Road, Newton Abbot  
Preparation and storage building

Members noted that TDC has granted conditional planning permission.

### **8.3 Appeal Decisions – Higher Osier Court**

Members noted that the appeals against TDC's decision to refuse permission (application 20/02028/FUL) and the enforcement notice (20/00164/ENF) have been allowed subject to conditions.

#### 8.4 Update on enforcement matters, including:

8.4.1 Teignview Cottage  
No update. The clerk will continue to chase the Enforcement Officer.

8.4.2 Lower Osier Court  
No update. The clerk will continue to chase the Enforcement Officer.

### 051022.09 FINANCE & GOVERNANCE

#### 9.1 Expenditure

The following payments were approved:

Payment type	Payee	Details	Amount
DD	Opus Energy	Hearn Field electricity (Sept)	£94.12
DD	Clerk	Salary (Oct)	£369.57
Online	Clerk	Mileage	£27.00
DD	ICO	Data Protection licence	£35
Online	Epic Fireworks	Ultimate firework package	£2244
Online	Wotton Printers	Car park sign	£132
Online	E Deane	Shrubs, keys, TENS licence	£66.26

#### 9.2 Income

Members noted the income from 3 September – 30 September 2022:

Received	Received from	Details	Amount
Sept	Lloyds	Interest	£0.53
Sept	Woodshed Coffee	Hearn Field	£560
Sept	Open Studios	Hearn Field	£298
Sept	Illyria Theatre (Awful Auntie)	Hearn Field	£353
Sept	Hearn Field bookings	Hearn Field	£150
Sept	TDC	2 <sup>nd</sup> instalment of precept	£4280.50

#### 9.3 Bank Balances at 30 September 2022

Current account	Savings account	Sea Wall account	Total
£20,047.55	£12,465.43	£5,828.74	£38,341.72

### 051022.10 CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENT

Cllr Hussey advised that the Council has formally joined the ACT Carbon Cutters training programme. The group has also looked at insulation of older properties and other measures and considerations.

### 051022.11 CAR PARK

The Chairman advised that she and Cllr Evans had tried to speak to the owners of the motorhome and had been waiting for the owners to come back to them with some proposed dates when a discussion about moving the motorhome could take place. The owners did not respond and therefore the s41 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provision) Act 1982 Notice has now been issued. [For the record, this action followed a polite notice advising the owners of the rules of the car park and a conversation with them in July asking them to park it elsewhere.] Since the issuing of the formal Notice, correspondence has been received from the owners, the contents of which were noted. A response, to be sent by the clerk, was agreed advising that the policy of the Parish Council is that it is a short-stay car park for light vehicles only and that the owners have been advised of this verbally and by way of a polite notice issued on 8 September. As no action has yet been taken by the owners, the Parish Council therefore has no alternative but to proceed with the next steps as detailed in the s.41 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 notice issued on 4 October.

A company has been approached to tow the vehicle away and it was agreed that details of this will be confirmed at the next meeting.

### **051022.12 TREES**

Members discussed whether the trees for which the Parish Council is responsible need to be reassessed. (The last survey was carried out in July 2021.)

Cllr Hussey proposed that he and Cllr Bunce looks at all the trees and that a decision about whether a professional tree survey is required at this point is deferred until the next meeting.

### **051022.13 HEARN FIELD**

Members received a report from Cllr Hussey, Chair of the Hearn Field Committee:

I'm making this report as the new Chair of the Hearn Field Committee. The first thing I'd like to do is thank the retiring Chair Liz Dean for her tireless dedication and work since assuming the post in May 2014. We all look forward to recognising her work and the work of all the volunteers when she returns from her holiday in Australia.

I'm especially grateful for the effort Liz has put into smoothing the transition to the new Chair. She's established the teams that run the Hearn Field and Pavilion and made sure they know what they're doing. She's a difficult act to follow so I'm pleased to report that she's still on the sub-committee and has agreed, alongside Cllr Evans, to act as my joint Vice-Chair.

#### Highlights from September 2022:

- Devon Open Studio 9-25 September

A letter of thanks has been received from Charlotte Bouchard representing the "Edge of the Teign Artist Group". They received 523 visitors which is more than in any previous year. The Wood Shed coffee bar was a big contributor to this success. The PC has now received a 10% commission/donation of £298. Open Studios will take a break next year but plans to return in Sept 2024.

- Tug of war between the villages
- The new HF Theatre Group met to discuss roles, responsibilities and bookings. Dates have been confirmed for "Robin Hood", "Twelfth Night", and "Pride and Prejudice" next summer 2023.
- The Woodshed Cafe: a payment of £560 has been received for the month.

#### Activities and date/s for October:

- Bonfire Night team leaders planning evening 11th October

Thank you everyone who has agreed to be a Team Leader for Bonfire Night. All the team leaders and suppliers have been engaged and the TENS licence obtained. Promotion of the event has started and tickets are selling well.

#### Current Issues:

- The appointment of a new Chair is a good time to consider the appropriate content of the "Hearn Field Report to Parish Council".
- Safety on the Hearn Field – Correspondence received.

Members also received a copy of the minutes from the Hearn Field Meeting in September and considered requests for funding for a noticeboard and for new fire doors. Cllr Boarer advised that he had sourced a suitable noticeboard for £319. This

cost was approved. Cllr Boarer advised that he has been researching the cost of fire doors but has no figures to present this evening.

It was agreed that energy costs should be monitored as prices continue to rise.

There was a general discussion about the Hearn Field Committee's Terms of Reference and the need to review them. Cllr Hussey will look at these.

Cllr Hussey advised that he had received correspondence from a parishioner raising a concern about the absence of a barrier along the sea wall at the bottom of the field. After discussion, it was agreed that Cllr Hussey should respond advising that following a risk assessment, the Parish Council does not feel that the level of risk warrants a barrier in this location.

**051022.14 EMERGENCY PLAN REVIEW**

Cllr Bulleid advised that he is attending some talks about emergency planning and therefore suggests that no changes to the existing plan are made until after he has attended these. However, an updated map is still required. The Chair suggested that he uses the map supplied by DCC as part of the P3 scheme. This will need to be scanned unless a digital version can be obtained.

**051022.15 HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS**

A comment was made about the recent road closures and the inaccurate signage indicating whether the road was actually closed or not. The clerk advised that legally, having already written to DCC about this issue, information about where the road is closed does not have to be provided. This is a National Code of Practice and there is also Chapter 8 legislation setting out the requirements.

**051022.16 CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**051022.17 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

**051022.18 ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON SOCIAL MEDIA, PARISH MAGAZINE, NOTICE BOARDS ETC**

None

**051022.19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was confirmed that the date of the next Parish Council meeting is Wednesday 2 November 2022 at 7.30pm in Combeinteignhead Village Hall.

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Chair

## County Councillor's Report - 5<sup>th</sup> October

Crowds, including scores of invited dignitaries, gathered in the grounds of Devon County Council's County Hall in Exeter to hear the High Sheriff of Devon officially read the Proclamation confirming King Charles III as monarch.

It followed the principal Proclamation made at St James's Place, Westminster, where the Clerk to the Privy Council, Richard Tilbrook proclaimed Charles "King, head of the Commonwealth, defender of the faith", before declaring "God Save the King".

With full ceremony, heralded by a bugler's fanfare and welcome from the King's representative, Lord-Lieutenant of Devon, the High Sheriff read the Privy Council proclamation, as hundreds present looked on. Many more observed the ceremony via a live-stream.

Bishop Robert, the Rt Rev The Lord Bishop of Exeter, led the Prayer of Accession followed by the Lord's prayer.

And the choir and onlookers sang together the new national anthem – 'God save our gracious King, long live our noble King, God save the King.'

The flag flying over County Hall, which was lowered to half-mast at the announcement of the death of Her late Majesty, had been raised fully for the proclamation. Later, the flag was lowered back to half-mast for the remainder of the period of mourning.

Sadly, due to being in Germany to witness my grandson start school, I was not able to attend the proclamation but managed to pay my respects and sign the Book of Condolence at the Residenz in Munich.

On more mundane but important matters urgent work to head off the Council's cost of living overspend has identified nearly £19 million of extra income and savings.

Senior officials from every council department have been working over the summer to identify savings following a warning from the Director of Finance that the authority was facing an unprecedented black hole in its finances caused by the cost-of-living crisis and spiralling demand for help for vulnerable children and adults.

It is predicted that the council could overspend by more than £40 million in the current financial year, which included £10 million of extra costs from soaring inflation.

In a new report the Director says that £18.6 million in savings and extra income has been identified by the financial sustainability task force. Her report says: "The formation of the Financial Sustainability Programme is having a positive, immediate and significant impact on the projected overspend. However, the underlying position has worsened since month two and this must be addressed as a matter of urgency".

A ground-breaking camera system which uses AI to catch drivers using mobile phones behind the wheel is being trialled in Devon and Cornwall. The technology, which can also detect whether drivers are wearing a seatbelt and the car's speed, is being rolled out on select routes over the next two months.

The trial is being funded by the Vision Zero South West road safety partnership and overseen by Devon and Cornwall Police to deter drivers from distractions which can result in serious and fatal collisions.

Any images in which a potential offence is detected are then reviewed by a human. If an offence has been correctly identified, the driver will either be sent a warning letter or a notice of intended prosecution, depending on the severity.

Community Catalysts have been commissioned by the County Council to assist people to become self-employed or form community ventures which offer care and support to older and disabled people. The people who offer this support are Community Micro Enterprises. The goal is to make sure that people who need care and support to live their lives can get help in ways, times and places that suit them, with real choice of attractive local options.

They offer a development programme to help people turn their ideas and skills into their own small care enterprise. Coaching, mentoring, support and signposting is offered to ensure their enterprise is safe, legal, sustainable and able to provide high quality care and support. All of the support which is offered is free of charge and is funded by the County Council.

The development programme gives a friendly and supportive point of contact to explore people's ideas and provides practical information on developing an enterprise, accessing training, regulation, getting policies and procedures in place, and the opportunities available within health and social care. People do not necessarily need a background in care but must be passionate about making a difference to people's lives.

Enterprises might offer support with things like: cooking and cleaning, sitting and chatting, washing and dressing or have other creative ideas like offering activities or social opportunities in the community. For the people who need support, micro-enterprises which are rooted in their local community can be appealing as they are able to provide a consistent, responsive and bespoke approach.

If you are interested in offering care and support, please get in touch – 📞 Call or text: 07741 260 674 ✉ Email: [alex.woolaway@communitycatalysts.co.uk](mailto:alex.woolaway@communitycatalysts.co.uk) 🌐 Visit: <https://www.communitycatalysts.co.uk/project/work-for-yourself-care-help-at-home>

Teignbridge are updating on the Avian Flu outbreak. There are a number of avian flu outbreaks in flocks and wild birds across the district and alongside this, authorities are hearing of instances of the (well meaning) general public picking up sick or dead birds and taking them to vets/animal hospitals etc. We need your help to discourage this action as they could be putting themselves at risk, and instead we want to direct people to contact DEFRA's helpline 03459 335577 if they see unwell/dead birds that meet the threshold just published.

- one or more dead bird of prey or owl
- 3 or more dead gulls or wild waterfowl (swans, geese and ducks)
- 5 or more dead birds of any species

For anything that falls outside this threshold, our waste crews have been tasked with collecting dead birds only, on public land and our customer support teams have been advised on the protocols, should we be contacted. Decisions will be made based on the location and the priority given to its removal, as well as any risk to staff. On private land it is the landowner's responsibility to safely arrange disposal of the carcasses. If possible, wear disposable protective gloves when picking up and handling dead wild birds (if disposable gloves are not available, a plastic bag can be used as a make-shift glove). When the dead wild bird has been picked up, the bag can be turned back on itself and tied, enclosing the dead wild bird within the bag. The bag containing the dead wild bird should then be placed in a second plastic bag (preferably leak proof). Care should be taken not to contaminate the outside of the bag remove any gloves or other hand coverings used, by turning them inside out and then place them in the second plastic bag, taking care not to touch the outside of the gloves with bare hands tie the second bag closed and dispose of in the normal household waste (general refuse lidded bin outside) and wash hands thoroughly with soap and water

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