

Haccombe-with-Combe Parish Council

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Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Combeinteignhead on 7 June 2023 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors G Humble (Chair), S Brampton, J Evans, R Hussey, C Lockton, H Martin & H O'Regan,

Also present: District Cllr Jane Taylor. There were no members of the public present.

Clerk: Suzanna Hughes

070623.01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from:

- Cllr S Pattinson
- Cllr M Wakefield
- Cllr Cooper-Smith
- District Cllr Bradford
- District Cllr Radford
- County Cllr Dewhurst

070623.02 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 of requests for dispensation.

070623.03 OPEN FORUM

There were no members of the public present.

070623.04 POLICE REPORT

4.1 Crime Report:

Members received a copy of the monthly gazette.

Members had been made aware of the theft of a motorbike which was burnt out in the village car park. This was dealt with promptly by the police and the motorbike's insurers dealt with the cleaning up very quickly. The issue for the Council is the damage to the tarmac. The Chair will speak to the owner of the motorbike to establish the intentions of their insurance company to assess and repair the damaged tarmac.

4.2 Councillor Advocate Scheme:

Cllr Hussey is waiting to hear about dates for the next round of PACT meetings.

070623.05 DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Jane Taylor introduced herself as one of the newly elected members of the District Council representing 'South Devon Alliance'. She gave a brief resume of South Devon Alliance advising that it had started off as a residents' campaign group against the proposed development at Wolborough, Abbotskerswell and Langford Bridge. The group was known as 'Newton Says No'. The group has now become 'South Devon Alliance' and 22 candidates stood in the recent elections. There are now 10 Councillors aligned to the party making them the opposition. Cllr Taylor invited the Council to advise her what its expectations of her are. She and Cllr Radford promised complete transparency. She gave brief summary of what she has been involved in so far including: attendance of a recent meeting of HATOC (at which the proposed pedestrianisation of Queen Street was voted through) and discussions

about the issue of free school transport. She also advised that motorbike theft is currently a problem in Newton Abbot. There have been anti-social behaviour issues in Kingskerswell and she has contacts for the supply of CCTV cameras if this is of interest to the Council. She is on the Planning, Standards and Overview & Scrutiny Committees. She can also offer domestic abuse training if there is any interest in the parish.

070623.06 DELEGATE REPORTS

None

070623.07 MINUTES

Members approved and authorised the Chair to sign the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 10 May 2023 as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Matters arising: Cllr Brampton confirmed that he would be happy to monitor the sandbag store and ensure the signage was clear of vegetation.

070623.08 FINANCE & GOVERNANCE

8.1 Expenditure

Members approved the following payments:

Payment type	Payee	Details	Amount
DD	Ecotricity	Hearn Field electricity (May)	£253.21
Online	Clerk	Salary (May)	£393.57
Online	St Johns Nurseries Ltd	Memorial tree	£100
Online	Carl Knapman	Reduction of hawthorn tree in village car park	£400
Online	A Drew	Items for Village Show	£143.34
Online	C Bouchard	Items for Village Show	£11.98
Online	C Bouchard	Theatre catering	£37.03
Online	Alex Cross Centre	Marquee	£300
Online	R Hussey	Tree support posts	£13.27
Online	G Humble	Annual Parish Meeting refreshments	£21.57

8.2 Income

Members noted income (5 May – 1 June 2023):

Received	Received from	Details	Amount
May	Lloyds	Interest	£7.10
May	Wood Shed Coffee	Income and contribution to electricity	£1220
May	Hearn Field Hire	Hire	£108
May	HMRC	VAT reclaim	£1451.40
May	Sum Up	Village Show	£611.54
May	DCC	P3 grant	£200
May	DCC	Locality grant for Village Show	£300

8.3 Bank Balances at 1 June 2023

Current account	Savings account	Sea Wall account	Total
£22,054.51	£12,502.71	£6,343.43	£40,900.65

070623.09 PLANNING

9.1 New applications/appeals/notifications

9.1.1 23/00800/LBC– The Wynyates and Little Paddock, Home Farm, Barns, Haccombe
Internal alterations to join two dwellings into one

After discussion, members agreed not to comment.

9.2 **Decisions**

None

9.3 **Enforcement**

It was noted that further activities have been observed on land linked to application 22/01635/AGR: the owner of the field has now moved one of his caravans to the other side of his hedge making it even more visible from all aspects, e.g. from Combe Cellars, the residents on the riverside, residents on Shaldon Road between Combeinteignhead and Combe Cellars and potentially from the other side of the river. An email will be sent to the Enforcement Officer attaching a photograph for his reference and requesting an update.

9.4 **Group Planning Forum**

Members received the minutes of the meeting held in January and considered the document of the task and finish group of TDC's Overview and Scrutiny Committee which reviewed the Enforcement function. The Chair offered to attend a meeting of the Group Planning Forum on 21 June at 7.30pm in Tedburn St Mary Village Hall to hear the views of other parishes.

070623.10 HEARN FIELD

Cllr Hussey circulated a written report as follows:

Village Show 2023

Everything lined up (including the weather) for an amazing Village Show recognising 40 years since Percy Hearn gifted the field to the community. The Show demonstrated our community's ability to conceive, organise and bring such an event to fruition. The many positive outcomes bode very well for the future. Congratulations to everyone involved, with special thanks to the organisers Charlotte and Annie. A full report including outcomes and recommendations was circulated to members and will be taken to the next meeting of the Hearn Field Committee for consideration.

Outdoor Theatre

135 people attended the Illyria Theatre 'Robin Hood' performance. A fun show, beautiful weather and the Woodshed Cafe all combined for a great evening. The Parish received a £546.20 share of the ticket sales. Many thanks to our small team of organisers. Reminder: Tickets now available for outdoor theatre on the Hearn Field online at Ticket Source.

'Twelfth Night' - 21 June; 'Pride and Prejudice' - 8 July.

Other Activities

As well as private bookings, the facilities hosted Reach Outdoors for a week and the Stokeinteignhead School sports day.

Woodshed Cafe

The Woodshed cafe continues to be an asset to the community, and was open for the Stokeinteignhead School sports day, Illyria Theatre evening and the Village Show. Despite a week off while Reach Outdoors were using the field, the cafe paid £720 plus £80 for electricity.

Hearn Field Grounds Team

Thank you Liz for stepping in to organise this team and a recent working bee around the Pavilion. The team is currently considering the best places to source shrubs and cake.

Hearn Field Bookings

A working group of the HF Committee met on the evening 6 June to review the criteria for accepting facilities bookings. A proposal will be taken to the next meeting of the Hearn Field Committee.

070623.11 TREE SURVEY

A quotation from Dartforest Trees for £545 + VAT was received and considered by members. It was agreed to accept the quotation and notify Dartforest Trees that:

- A large tree has fallen in the bottom corner of Hearn Field so that will obviously no longer need surveying.
- There are also three additional trees to add which will need tagging and adding to the plan namely the Jubilee field maple has been planted in Hearn Field (river side), the hawthorn in the village car park and the memorial oak tree (if it has been planted when the survey is carried out).

It was also agreed to confirm how long the survey lasts. Ideally, the Council would like the survey to cover a period of two years.

070623.12 CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENT

No report.

070623.13 HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

- 13.1 It was agreed to defer discussion about the use of the grit/salt spreader until next month.
- 13.2 There was a brief discussion about potholes, particularly those on Shaldon Road approaching Penn Inn, which, despite having been reported, have not yet been repaired. All residents are encouraged to continue to report them online.

070623.14 CORRESPONDENCE

- 14.1 An invitation was received from the office of Anne Marie Morris to arrange a meeting to discuss any concerns. After consideration, it was agreed to confirm that there is an interest to meet but that the Parish Council would first like the opportunity to canvass its parishioners to establish and prioritise the issues they wish to bring to Anne Marie's attention.
- 14.2 Members received correspondence regarding the parking of a motorhome in the village car park. It was agreed that the Chair would arrange to meet with them to explain the rules of the car park and the reasons behind them.

070623.15 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

Cllr Evans asked new members to send her a photograph of themselves together with a brief profile for the website.

070623.16 ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON SOCIAL MEDIA, PARISH MAGAZINE, NOTICE BOARDS ETC

None

070623.17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next Parish Council meeting would be held on 5 July at 7.30pm.

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Chair