

Haccombe-with-Combe Parish Council

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Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Combeinteignhead on 6 September 2023 at 7.30pm

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

Also present: County Cllr Dewhirst, District Cllr Radford and 1 member of the public

Clerk: Suzanna Hughes

060923.01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from:

- Cllr Cooper-Smith
- District Cllr Taylor
- County Cllr Bradford

060923.02 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.

060923.03 OPEN FORUM

A resident explained the reasons for his planning application to be discussed at item 9.1.2. His intention is simply to clear the laurel from the inside of the perimeter of the wall so that he can make repairs to the wall itself.

060923.04 POLICE REPORT

4.1 Crime Report:

No crime report received.

4.2 Councillor Advocate Scheme:

Cllr Hussey advised that a PACT meeting was held on 21 July at which road safety was discussed. This will be reported at item 6.2.

He is waiting to hear back from PC Orchard about the dates of future PACT meetings.

060923.05 DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

County Cllr Dewhirst gave a report – copy attached.

District Cllr Radford reported that he had attended TDC's Full Council meeting yesterday. The government has provided finance to buy houses in Teignbridge at market value for refugees. 3 or 4, 4 bedroomed-houses are going to be purchased for Afghan refugees and 4 or 5, 3-bedroomed houses for Ukrainian refugees. In the future, when they are no longer required by refugees, they will be included within TDC's housing stock.

Council also voted to support the replacement of its ageing vehicle fleet with a mix of battery electric vehicles and new diesel units. The larger refuse lorries will be replaced with diesel as there is currently no suitable electric alternatives.

060923.06 DELEGATE REPORTS

6.1 Webinar – Lets Talk Environment

Cllr O'Regan reported that she had attended a webinar hosted by South West Water about water quality management. They talked about the declining reservoir levels and hosepipe bans and how this can be tackled in the future. Current models are based on 1 million people but this increases to 10 million in the summer. She also informed members that there is an app which shows how much water is being discharged into the river. There is also an information book in the ferry shelter showing the water quality.

6.2 Road Safety Meeting

Members received the notes of a Road Safety Meeting held on 21 July to discuss road safety concerns which had been raised by members of the public in July's meeting. The meeting was attended by PC Orchard, PCSO Bunce, County Cllr Alistair Dewhurst, Cllr Brampton and around 15 members of the public.

The main topics of conversation were the perceived speeding through the village and blind spots. Cllr Dewhurst explained that any permanent road changes including speed limits is a very costly and timely process and there is very little funding available for this. Other suggestions included new/additional signage (these must look different to the standard speed sign designs and "20 is plenty" stickers on bins and telegraph poles.

A small group of villagers were supportive of setting up a 'Speed Watch' group and a meeting was held on 30 August. PC Orchard has agreed the loan of a speed detection trolley on 26 September. This can be used to generate data about the speed of vehicles through the village. Other measures discussed included the purchase of safety mirrors for blind spots and new village signs at each of the three entry points to include information such as 'Please drive slowly, narrow lanes' and/or 20 is plenty sign in the white circle.

After a discussion, it was agreed that the group should come back to the Parish Council with specific proposals and costings for consideration at a future meeting.

060923.07 MINUTES

Members approved and authorised the Chair to sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 5 July 2023 as a true and correct record of that meeting.

060923.08 FINANCE & GOVERNANCE

8.1 Expenditure

Members approved the following payments:

Payment type	Payee	Details	Amount
DD	Ecotricity	Hearn Field electricity (August)	£185.78
Online	Clerk	Salary (July & August)	£751.92
Online	E Deane	Shed key (£9), Theatre food (£38.36), Diesel for mower (£43.12)	£90.48
Online	C Bouchard	Storage boxes	£61.77
Online	A Drew	Theatre food (£15.88)	£15.88
Online	R Hussey	Meeting refreshments (£12.70), 2 x brushes (£13.99), mop & bucket (£9.50), toilet rolls (£7.00)	£43.19
Online	S Guppy	Shed locks	£19.95
Online	TDC	Charges for May 2023 Election (Hawthorn - £236.60; Rural - £279.80; Urban - £231)	£747.40
Online	Epic Fireworks	Fireworks	£2,244
Online	SJ Newton Electrical Ltd	Electrical installation condition report and associated works	£444.74
Online	South West Water	Pavilion water	£7.97
Online	R Hussey	Mower fuel	£58.76

8.2 Income

Members noted income (1 July – 1 September 2023):

Received	Received from	Details	Amount
June	Lloyds	Interest	£9.26
June	Wood Shed Coffee	Income and contribution to electricity	£680.20
July & August	Private bookings	Hire of Hearn Field	£792
July	Reach Outdoors	Hire of Hearn Field	£40
July	Illyria Theatre	Theatre profits	£1040.88
August	Western Power	Wayleave	£20.24
Sept	Villages in Action	Donation	£50

8.3 Bank Balances at 1 September 2023

Current account	Savings account	Sea Wall account	Total
£27,756.72	£12,528.43	£6,343.43	£46,628.58

8.4 Covid recovery fund

Cllr Hussey advised that a small steering group has been formed (Cllrs Humble, Evans, Hussey and Elizabeth Deane) to begin a discussions about maintenance and improvements of the Hearn Field facility.

060923.09 PLANNING

9.1 New applications/appeals/notifications

9.1.1 23/01614/HOU & 23/01615/LBC – Yarner, Netherton

Reconfiguration of existing garage to form study, internal alterations to existing utility room and first floor en-suite and creation of new en-suite to upper first floor

It was agreed not to comment on this application.

9.1.2 23/01454/CAN – Land opposite Coombe Garage, Combeinteignhead Remove laurel bushes and small laurel trees

After discussion, it was agreed that the Parish Council would object to this application in its current form on the grounds that the site location plan does not clearly define where the proposed works will take place. Whilst supporting the intentions of the applicant who explained in the open forum that he wished to remove the laurels in order to conserve the wall, a more detailed location plan would need to be submitted clearly defining the section of the wall to which the work relates before the Parish Council could support the proposal. The Parish Council was concerned that if the application is accepted in its current form, it would allow other trees within the site to be cut down or removed which the Parish Council does not support.

9.1.3 23/01403/HOU & 23/01404/LBC – Wren Cottage, Newton Abbot Single storey extension

It was agreed not to comment on this application.

9.1.4 23/01402/HOU – Eremos, Combeinteignhead Proposed extensions, including raising roof and works to driveway

Members agreed to object to this application on the grounds that it is overdevelopment, with potential for light pollution in the context of a bat report which was produced prior to receiving the plans (Appendix 1 states that the proposed development plan was not available at the time of writing the bat

report). The report refers to a dormer window but the plans show rather more considerable glazing than this. There is concern that this is a bat foraging area and therefore increased light pollution will have a detrimental impact on this.

Members also had serious concerns about construction traffic and the impact this will have. This is a considerable development and no provision has been made in the plans for this.

- 9.1.5 23/01405/NPA – Charlecombe Farm, Combeinteignhead
Application for Prior Approval under Part 3 Class Q(a) and (b) paragraph W of the GPDO for change of use of the two agricultural buildings into two smaller dwellings and two larger dwellings, with associated demolition of 2 further buildings

It was agreed not to comment on this application.

9.2 **Decisions**

- 9.2.1 23/01097/CLDP - The Wynnyates and Little Paddock, Home Farm Barns, Haccombe
Certificate of Lawfulness proposed to join two dwellings into one dwelling

Members noted that TDC has granted a Certificate of Lawfulness

- 9.2.2 23/00442/FUL – Teign View Barn, Shaldon Road, Newton Abbot
Alterations and extensions to the existing dwelling, construction of new garage/store, creation of new access, and landscaping

Members noted that TDC has granted conditional planning permission.

9.3 **Enforcement**

- 9.3.1 It was noted that a complaint has been registered about the felling of a tree at Tidelands House, thought to be protected by a TPO. Members were dissatisfied with TDC's response which stated that it was found that they did not have sufficient evidence to support a view that the tree in question is protected under the TPO E2/19/02 and therefore they are unable to take any enforcement action.

After discussion, it was agreed to write to TDC Enforcement expressing the Council's disappointment and to ask how TDC intends to ensure there is sufficient evidence that other trees in this location are protected under TPO E2/10/02 as well as all of the other TPO'd trees in the parish and district. It was agreed to suggest that a review is required comparing the map with reality and a system adopted to ensure all trees can be clearly identified

- 9.3.2 Concerns were raised about the reinstatement of a wall at 1 Albert Cottages, Combeinteignhead. The Parish Council agreed that the recently reconstructed wall does not meet any design that would be considered acceptable in a Conservation Area and that it should match (in terms of height and materials) the existing wall. It was agreed to write to TDC's Enforcement Officer about this.

- 9.3.3 It was noted that no further works have been carried out at Teign View Cottage despite the Enforcement Officer having written to the owner asking that works need to be completed by the end of the summer. It was agreed to write to the Enforcement Officer advising him of this and asking him to review the position with a view to serving an Untidy Land notice.

- 9.3.4 It was noted that no response had been received from TDC with regard to the matters reported to it relating to 22/01635/AGR. Members have observed that the situation continues to deteriorate.

060923.10 HEARN FIELD

Members received and noted the following report:

Hearn Field Committee

A steering group has been formed to lead Hearn Field Committee plans to use Covid Recovery Funds. A first meeting on 29th August drafted a working framework for the committee to consider priorities in the repair, maintenance and improvement of the facilities. It also recognises the opportunity to "step back" and envision how facilities might be improved and new ones developed to benefit community life.

Proposal: That the Hearn Field Committee work on identifying options and priorities for spending Covid recovery money to benefit community life and activities and to report back to the next Parish Council meeting. This was agreed.

It was noted that the date of the next HF Committee meeting is 20th September at 7:30 pm.

Outdoor Theatre

Over the summer 467 tickets were sold to see Illyria Outdoor Theatre productions of "Robin Hood", "Twelfth Night" (successful midweek), and "Pride and Prejudice" (record 225 attendees). These brought in £2,000 for the Parish with the minimal cost of feeding the theatre company players. Illyria Theatre have been a very satisfactory company to deal with. However, the enthusiastic HF Theatre Group (Charlotte, Annie and Mike) are travelling the region to view other theatre groups for next year.

Other Activities

Kingskerswell Colts Youth FC played their first football match at the HF on Sunday 3rd September. This was a friendly, under 8, five a side match on a small pitch marked out in front of the Pavilion. First observations about the Club and football on the HF are very positive. Thank you to "Combe Cellars" pub for making their car park available.

A contract has been drafted between HwC Parish Council and Kingskerswell Colts Youth FC. Proposal: That consideration and approval of the Contract be delegated to the Hearn Field Committee.

Woodshed Cafe

Holidays, bad weather, road closures and even a power cut may have impacted business. However the Cafe has served local cyclists, ladies walking groups, young families, paddle boarders, rowers and dog walkers over the summer. It's also supporting a local Dementia group, who enjoy the peaceful setting and engage with the regular customers.

The Cafe continues to be a community hub for information and advertising for HF events, Stokeinteignhead school, Stoke and Combe village halls and the Wild Goose.

Hearn Field Maintenance

An Electrical Installation Condition assessment has been completed on the Pavilion. This found some circuit faults which have been immediately rectified. Thanks Martin for overseeing this work.

060923.11 CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENT

No report.

060923.12 HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

There were no new issues.

060923.13 CORRESPONDENCE

13.1 Members received an invitation to attend a meeting aimed at fostering a stronger and more collaborative relationship between Teignbridge District Council and parish/town councils on Tuesday 12 October at 6pm in the Council Chamber, Forde House, Newton Abbot. The Chair offered to attend.

13.2 The Chair advised that the insurance company dealing with the burnt out motorbike would not be responsible for any damage to the tarmac. It would be for the Parish

Council to claim through its own insurance. Members agreed that the Parish Council could make repairs if necessary without claiming through its insurers.

060923.14 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

- 14.1 Cllr Hussey commented on the increased number of flytipping incidents. He advised that Teignbridge District Council can prosecute if flytippers are witnessed and there is evidence to support it.
- 14.2 Cllr Hussey followed up on a request for a dog poo bin in Haccombe. After carrying out some research, he concluded that a bin was probably not required in this location. If dogs are observed fouling, this can be reported directly to TDC who have the powers to prosecute.

060923.15 ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON SOCIAL MEDIA, PARISH MAGAZINE, NOTICE BOARDS ETC

It was agreed to submit a short article to the parish magazine about the football matches to be played at Hearn Field.

060923.16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next Parish Council meeting would be held on 4 October at 7.30pm.

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Chair

County Councillor's Report 6th September - HWC

Trading Standards are reminding businesses, such as takeaways, sandwich bars, care homes and retailers who supply certain single-use plastic items, that a ban comes into force on Sunday 1st October, and that they should start thinking now about alternatives and where to source them from.

The ban includes all single-use plastic cutlery, trays, plates, bowls, and balloon sticks, as well as banning the use of certain types of polystyrene cups and food containers used to supply food that is ready to consume.

There are some exemptions to the ban. You can read more about the change at Plastics.Consultation@defra.gov.uk

The ban includes the supply of items by businesses from new and existing stock and includes single-use plastic that is biodegradable, compostable, recycled and items wholly or partly made from plastic, including the coating or lining.

Businesses who continue to supply banned single-use plastic items after the legislation comes into effect could be given a fine. It is estimated that England uses 2.7 billion items of single use cutlery each year, and 721 million single-use plates. Only 10% of these items are recycled.

Certain plastic items, such as straws, stirrers and cotton buds, have already been banned.

Plastic pollution takes hundreds of years to break down and inflicts serious damage to our oceans, rivers, and land. It is also a major source of greenhouse gas emissions, from the production and manufacture of the plastic itself to the way it is disposed.

Businesses could: Swap plastic for bamboo or wooden cutlery for takeaway food; Swap plastic for metal cutlery for inhouse guests; Swap single use plastic plates or bowls to re-usable alternatives that can be washed; Offer paper plates instead of plastic; Offer to refill customers' water bottles or travel cups and Encourage customers to bring their own clean containers for takeaway food

The next series of the highly successful webinars, aimed at parents of teenagers and pre-teens, is about to begin.

And again, the Let's Talk Teenagers and Let's Talk Pre-Teens series will cover a range of topics relevant to young people.

The series provides online support sessions and an opportunity for parents and carers of teenagers and pre-teens to hear about the challenges young people are facing today, and discover ways to help them navigate their way through them.

Delivered by parenting experts, they discuss the tools and techniques that can be used to support young people and their community.

The Let's Talk Teenagers sessions will run on Tuesday 19th September, Tuesday 26th September and Tuesday 3rd October. See <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/lets-talk-teenagers-september-2023-tickets-671337938847?aff=oddtcreator>

And the Let's Talk Pre-Teen sessions will run on Thursday 21st September, Thursday 28th September and Thursday 5th October. See <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/lets-talk-pre-teens-september-2023-tickets-680101400597?aff=oddtcreator>

Steve Brown, Director of Public Health Devon, said: "Starting or returning to school is an exciting time for all children. But as they will be mixing with lots of other children, making sure they are up to date with their routine immunisations gives them the best protection from what can potentially be very harmful infections."

Relevant immunisations are:

- Pre-school Boosters, offered to children from age three years and four months, are: The four in one pre-school booster (diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough and polio)
- The MMR (measle, mumps, rubella) vaccine is given at one year (first dose) and at three years and four months (second dose)

A list of all the vaccinations your child should have had, by age, and by when, is available via the NHS website. If you are not sure if your child has had all of their vaccinations, please check their personal health record (the red book) and if you have any questions, contact your child's surgery.

Annual flu vaccinations are also available to all school children from reception age to year 11, and these are usually given at school. The vaccine for children is a nasal spray. Vaccinating your child protects them, but also others who are vulnerable to flu, such as babies and older people.

"Look out for a message from the school immunisation team and please allow them your consent to give the vaccination," says Steve Brown.

Children who are aged two or three by Thursday 31 August 2023 will be invited for vaccination at their registered GP practice, as well as any children who are at greater risk from flu to enable them to access the vaccine as early as possible in the flu season.

The NHS has information online to help parents and carers know how long their child should be kept off school when they are ill. Further guidance here <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-protection-in-schools-and-other-childcare-facilities/children-and-young-people-settings-tools-and-resources#exclusion-table>

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