

Haccombe-with-Combe Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall, Combeinteignhead on 3 July 2024 at 7.30pm

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

Also present: County Cllr Dewhirst, PCSO Saul Bunce and 3 members of the public

Clerk: Suzanna Hughes

030724.01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from:

- Cllr H O'Regan
- Cllr A Cooper-Smith
- Cllr C Lockton
- District Cllr J Taylor
- District Cllr J Radford
- County Councillor J Bradford

030724.02 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

Cllr Pattinson declared an interest in item 9.1.2.

030724.03 OPEN FORUM

There were no comments.

030724.04 POLICE REPORT

In the period, 1 -30 June 2024, there were no recorded offences in the parish of Haccombe-with-Combe.

Upcoming PACT meetings have been advertised on the noticeboards.

030724.05 DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

County Cllr Dewhirst gave a report (copy attached).

Cllr Radford sent the following update:

'It's been a busy month, I attended Audit Scrutiny committee where I was elected Deputy Chair. We discussed the external auditor's findings and any actions needed. I attended an Audit Scrutiny compliance training event at Buckfast Abbey conference centre where I learnt a great deal and will use my training for the betterment of Teignbridge residents.

We have discussed Teignbridge assets on the Task and Finish group, so I will be looking at Haccombe to see if there are any parcels of land that you may be interested in as a Parish Council.

Cllr Taylor and I have attended a members' Code of Conduct course.

Kingskerswell had 8 cars broken into last night (2 July) so please be vigilant in your parish.'

030724.06 DELEGATE REPORTS

The Chair circulated copies of the presentation slides from the Town and Parish Planning Forum she had attended. She reported that it was a well-organised and informative forum where the two Area Managers for Planning went through their responsibilities and advised on the type of things that parishes should take up with planning and the things that will be disregarded because they are irrelevant to planning matters. They also listed all the staff

they currently have in place. It is worth noting that we have an Area Manager responsible for this area and there is also an Area Manager for Enforcement. The theme of the next forum is Enforcement.

030724.07 MINUTES

Following a minor amendment at item 10 omitting the address and telephone number to access the salt spreader, members approved and authorised the Chair to sign the minutes of the Parish Council.

030724.08 FINANCE & GOVERNANCE

8.1 Expenditure

Members approved the following payments:

Payment type	Payee	Details	Amount
Online	Clerk	Salary (June)	£391.77
Online	HMRC	PAYE (Q1)	£283.40
Online	A Drew	Books to sell at Village Show	£20
Online	A Drew	Food for theatre performers (Peter Pan)	£15.14
Online	C Bouchard	Food for theatre performers (Peter Pan)	£22.26
Online	C Bouchard	Theatre posters	£10
Online	C Bouchard	TENS Licence	£21
Online	S Guppy	Mower tyre repair	£22
Online	R Hussey	Bin bags (£2.30), mower fuel (£88.65), HF signs (£60)	£150.95
Online	F Hussey	Hearn Field cleaning (2hrs)	£40

8.2 Income

Members note the income (1 June – 25 June 2024):

Received	Received from	Details	Amount
June	Lloyds	Interest	£14.41
June	Cash	Village Show	£310.40
June	Woodshed Coffee Bar	Hire (£320) + contribution to electricity (£85)	£405
June	Various	Hire of Hearn Field	£450
June	Reach Outdoors	Camps 2024	£1520
June	The Local Scoop	Village Show donation	£43.60
June	Flour & Flame	Village Show donation	£85
June	Sally Ann Shaw	Village Show donation	£13.50

8.3 Bank Balances at 25 June 2024

Current account	Savings account	Sea Wall account	Total
£18,429.24	£12,661.61	£6,913.33	£38,004.18

030724.09 PLANNING

9.1 New applications/appeals/notifications

9.1.1 [24/01017/FUL – Unit 20-22, Milber Trading Estate, Newton Abbot](#)

Construction of detached workshop and store

Members agreed to support this application provided the planning officer's recommended conditions are met.

9.1.2 [24/00950/FUL – Water View Lodge, Shaldon Road, Combeinteignhead](#)

Shed and hardstanding ancillary to existing caravan/mobile home

Having declared an interest in this item, Cllr Pattinson left the meeting for this item.

Members agreed to object to this application on the following grounds:

- Overdevelopment in the countryside and within an area of Undeveloped Coast along the Teign Estuary (contrary to policy EN2 of the Local Plan)

- Decimation of wildlife and biodiversity areas. Noting that this is a retrospective planning application, trees have already been felled to accommodate the shed. There was a badger run in this location which has been decimated (protected species) and it is within the greater horseshoe bat zone. There is no evidence of any surveys prior to the work being carried out to assess the impact on wildlife of this development.
- The application incorrectly states that the landscaping can't be seen from the public highway. It is visible from the highway.

9.2 Decisions

9.2.1 24/00298/CLDE – Charlecombe Hill Farm, Stokeinteignhead Certificate of Lawfulness for existing dwelling (Use Class C3(a))

Members noted that TDC has certified that the use described was lawful.

9.2.2 24/00714/HOU – The Wilderness, Combeinteignhead Replacement of the existing balcony/terraces to the front and rear and replacing the north facing French doors with a window

Members noted that TDC has granted conditional planning permission.

9.3 Enforcement matters

9.3.1 The following updates were received from TDC's Enforcement Officer:

- **1 Albert Cottages**

The Enforcement Officer has requested a photograph showing the works. The Parish Council agreed that the works undertaken are not appropriate for its situation in the Conservation Area and questioned whether planning conditions have been complied with.

- **Land associated with 22/01635/AGR**

A resident accompanied the Enforcement Officer to view the unauthorised building. He will now follow this up and will let the Parish Council know when he has further details.

- **Little Park (now Water View Lodge)**

This is now the subject of a planning application (see item 9.1.2).

- **Frog Cottage**

The Enforcement Officer has noted the works reported at the last meeting and will look into the matter. It was noted that the property will shortly be going on the market and it was queried at what point would the unauthorised works be picked up in the legalities of the sale.

- **Camperworx**

Members received correspondence from a former resident and neighbour regarding works at Camperworx challenging that they are not complying with the planning conditions and that noise pollution continues to cause distress to residents of neighbouring properties. It was agreed to contact Planning Enforcement and Environmental Health so that they can assess whether the planning conditions are being breached and whether the noise is at an acceptable level.

030724.10 HEARN FIELD

The Chair of the Hearn Field Committee, Cllr Hussey, reported that a used mobile phone has been donated for Hearn Field use (special thanks to Liz Dean). This will normally be carried by the HF Chairman as the primary contact in situations requiring an immediate response. When the Chairman isn't available it will be carried by another member of the HF team. This number will be made freely available in the community (see agenda item 10.2.3 below).

New signs have been purchased and fixed at the entrance to Hearn Field now making it identifiable from Shaldon Road.

A report following the Combe Village Show was circulated and noted (copy attached). It was agreed that the surplus of £297.26 is used towards the general maintenance of Hearn Field and that the purchase of marquee storage, stronger pegs and storm straps (as proposed in the report) be made from the Covid recovery funds.

The Immersion Theatre musical version of Peter Pan was very professional, entertaining and well received. However, only a small audience of 36 attended due to a combination of factors including the time of day for a family performance, first England match of the Euros, and Father's Day.

On Friday 5th July, Miracle Theatre will perform "Love Riot" at 7pm. Tickets are selling well but please everyone spread the word amongst friends, Facebook and sharing our Hearn Field FB post.

It was great to have Reach Outdoors (RO) again. Neighbours did comment about noise on one day, and RO responded by moving their tents and repositioning games activities. RO also removed their tents for a private booking on the weekend.

The three unclaimed shopping bags of tinned foods left by their caterers have been donated to Teignbridge Action Homeless Today (THAT) a non-profit organisation based in Buckland working to alleviate poverty in the community.

Stokeinteignhead School are very grateful the field was made available for their sports day. As in previous years no charge was made for the field, but they have been invoiced for 1 hour cleaning. There was a discussion about the level of noise, however. This year there was a disco running at the same time as the sports activities which hasn't happened in previous years. Next year, it was agreed that if Stoke School wish to use the field again for their Sports Day, they will be asked to clarify what activities they want for the Committee to then agree whether these are acceptable.

The outdoor sauna have given notice to discontinue due to poor attendance. They have been invoiced for 10% of their turnover as agreed.

The HF Committee later this month will need to consider issues of private events management.

The grass on a proportion of the field is now too long for Simon and our mower to cut. Having spoken to a contractor a flail mower is considered to be the best solution (see 10.2.2 below).

The grass protection mesh has been received. This is best fixed into position later in the year when the grass (usually) starts to grow again and before the bonfire evening.

Next Hearn Field Committee meeting is 17th July 2024 at 7:30 at the Pavilion, Hearn Field.

10.2 To consider the following proposals:

10.2.1 To agree a date for a Hearn Field community consultation event in the autumn.
Terms of reference and format to be delegated to the Hearn Field Committee.

Cllr Hussey proposed the afternoon of Saturday 21 September at Hearn Field with details to be agreed at the next Hearn Field Committee. A representative of the Friends of Hearn Field Group & Others requested a date in October as one the members of the group who had pushed for this meeting will be unable to attend on 21 September. After brief discussion, it was agreed that this request would be considered at the Hearn Field Committee.

10.2.2 To engage a contractor to cut part of the field that has become too difficult to cut with the mower. It is estimated to take half a day and would cost £200.

The Chair proposed that this is left until the Autumn when the wildflowers have naturally died and then look at whether there are volunteers to cut the area. Cllr

Brampton offered to trim the area. It was agreed that there needs to be a discussion and decision about how this area will be managed in the future.

10.2.3 To purchase a SIM card for Hearn Field mobile phone (less than £5 per month)

This was agreed.

10.2.4 To fully review the business arrangement between the Parish Council and the Woodshed and the practicalities about how it functions.

Cllr Wakefield declared an interest and left the meeting for this item.

It was agreed that Cllr Hussey and Cllr Brampton would review the arrangements and report back to the Parish Council in September.

10.2.5 To join the Open Spaces Society for 1 year at a cost of £45. Membership to be reviewed annually.

After brief discussion, it was agreed that the Parish Council joins the Open Spaces Society for 1 year. This would be reviewed at the end of that period.

030724.11 HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

Residents are encouraged to report all potholes:

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/report-a-problem/report-a-pothole/>

There were no new matters.

030724.12 CORRESPONDENCE

None

030724.13 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

030724.14 ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON SOCIAL MEDIA, PARISH MAGAZINE, NOTICE BOARDS ETC

There was a discussion about content for the Parish Magazine. Cllrs Evans and Martin agreed to look at a calendar of events with a view to putting together a piece for the parish magazine relevant to that month/event.

030724.15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on 4 September 2024 at 7.30pm in Combeinteignhead Village Hall.

County Councillor's Report - 3rd July

Increasing resource base provision in Devon is part of Devon's strategy to meet growing demand for special educational needs provision and capacity in mainstream schools.

Pupils who go to resource bases benefit from there being a more individually-tailored level of support. That might include small group work, access to specialist resources, while still being part of their mainstream school community alongside their friends.

It's part of the strategy to help schools support local children whose needs can't be met entirely in mainstream school environments, but who with additional support, will thrive with their peers.

There are currently too few resource places, but we are planning additional places in areas with greatest need, to be operational this coming academic year. Improving the quality and availability of provision for pupils with high level needs is a local and national priority.

It's predicted that within five years there will be an additional 200 places provided across Devon through a combination of expansion and new provision.

It will ensure a better offer for children and young people that is local and suitable to their needs, that facilitates better access to the curriculum and avoids the need for children to travel to an appropriate school further away from their local community.

Most of England was under a yellow heat health alert last week.

The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) has issued the yellow alert, indicating that weather conditions could pose a risk to those who are particularly vulnerable.

Reports suggested that Wednesday was likely to be the hottest day of the week in England and Wales. Night times were also predicted to be warmer and more humid than usual.

Tina Henry, Devon's Deputy Director of Public Health, said: "The Yellow Alert issued by the UKHSA is a reminder to us of the risk that higher temperatures can have on certain, more vulnerable groups in our community. Older people, as well as the very young, can find it more difficult to regulate their own temperatures when the weather outside is hot, leading in some cases to them becoming unwell. Other factors can also make people vulnerable, but there are simple steps that we can all take to keep ourselves, and friends and family, safe during these hotter spells, and I encourage people to re-familiarise themselves with the advice."

Who is vulnerable? Older people aged over 65 years; babies and young children under the age of 5 years; people with underlying health conditions, particularly heart problems, breathing problems, dementia, diabetes, kidney disease, Parkinson's disease or mobility problems; pregnant women; people who are already ill and dehydrated (for example from diarrhoea and vomiting); people with alcohol or drug dependence; people who are physically active and spend a lot of time outside such as runners, cyclists and walkers; people who work in jobs that require manual labour and people experiencing homelessness, including rough sleepers.

There are a few very simple things we can all do stay safe when we experience very high temperatures: look out for those who may struggle to keep themselves cool and hydrated – older people, those with underlying conditions and those who live alone are particularly at risk; stay cool indoors by closing curtains on rooms that face the sun – and remember that it may be cooler outdoors than indoors; drink plenty of fluids and avoid excess alcohol; try to keep out of the sun between 11am to 3pm, when the UV rays are strongest; walk in the shade, apply sunscreen and wear a wide-brimmed hat, if you have to go out in the heat. The NHS website has more information on heat exhaustion and heat stroke

Combe Village Show – Sunday 26th May 2024

Despite some challenges as a result of the weather, the show went ahead and was well managed and supported. New activities for this year included:

- A more interactive children's entertainer who also ran a popular 'Test Your Strength' attraction
- A free children's craft activity using recycled materials
- An exhibitor with an interesting wildlife and habitat display specifically linked to the estuary and our local environment
- An extension to the opening time with a headline band playing for a double slot
- A lively and fun display by our local Tug of War team

We also provided FREE traditional games inc Splat the Rat, Hook and Duck, Bean Bag Toss and Apple Shy for people to enjoy 'just for fun'.

There were fewer competition entries this year suggesting that this aspect could be reviewed for another year.

A good turnout of varied and interesting Classic Cars joined us which provided an excellent attraction alongside Derek and Carol's Romany Caravans.

Food and drink vendors were all local businesses many of whom are in the early stages of developing their ventures.

Most people donated the 'suggested voluntary donation' of £3 at the entrance with some people rounding up the amount and a couple donating significantly more. A few people donated money on the way out in recognition of the good time that they had enjoyed.

The community of Haccombe with Combe came forward to volunteer, and a total of 53 people gave some of their time on the day with a further 13 setting up the marquees the day before and assisting with the clear up the next day.

We would like to suggest that some of the surplus funds from this year's show be put toward better quality pegs, guy ropes / ratchet straps, and some boxes to store the new marquee.

Charlotte and Annie