



Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday 7 January 2021 at 7.30 pm online

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Present: Cllr Turney, Cllr H Hanson, Cllr S Burdge, Cllr M Moorhouse, Cllr J Sawyer (from item 3), Cllr E Davis (from item 4) DCC Cllr J Brook (at item 3) and TDC Cllr S Purser (until item 4)
Clerk: A Miller

Open Forum

No questions were raised.

1 Apologies for Absence

None.

2 Declarations of Interest / Requests for Dispensations

All parish councillors declared pecuniary interests in agenda item 7.2 and requested dispensations for this meeting.

Resolved The Council decided to give the dispensations on the basis that without the dispensations the number of persons unable to participate in the transaction of business would be so great as to impede the transaction of the business.

3 County and District Councillors' Report

TDC Cllr Purser reported that during lockdown grants are available to help businesses and individuals. Details can be found on the District Council's website. The District Council is proposing to increase its part of the council tax by £5. Rural Aid grants are suspended. DCC Cllr Brook reported that the government will provide additional funding for adult and children services, which are already overspent. More children came to care during the pandemic.

The Parish Council's grant application for the bus shelter repair is being processed.

Answering questions regarding reappearing potholes in the village, Cllr Brook promised to look into the case. Cllr Burge to send photos of the new potholes to him.

4 Ratification of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Extraordinary Council meeting of 3 December 2020

Resolved Accepted as a true record. Proposed Cllr Turney Seconded Cllr Hanson All agreed

5 Planning Matters

5.1 To Note Planning Decisions

20/02143/AGR Coombe Park Farm, Agricultural Storage Building – Prior Approval not required

20/02170/CAN Tanglewood, Pollard four oak trees to previous points – Approved

20/02075/CLDE Little Leigh Farm, Certificate Of Lawfulness For Existing Use Of Cabin As Dwelling – Approved

5.2 To Discuss Planning Applications

After the agenda was published a new planning application arrived. The 20/02355/FUL Nobody Inn planning application will be discussed at the next meeting.

6 To Receive Reports

6.1 Parish Path Partnership and Footpath Update

The annual Parish Path Partnership forms will be sent to Devon County Council this month. There is no specific project planned but there is an opportunity to apply for a small grant for general maintenance and events. The Council agreed to apply for the grant.

6.2 Highways Update

After the last meeting the Council prioritized the list of works and engaged a local contractor to clear the gullies and the drains at the most important places up to the value of £200. The work was done and the Parish Council was satisfied with the quality of the service. But the £200, which was allowed to spend on this item according to the Council's Financial Regulations, was not enough to solve all the issues. More works need to be done, which requires a more formal process.

Resolved The Parish Council decided to obtain quotes for lengthsman services.

Proposed Cllr Turney Seconded Cllr Sawyer All agreed

The Council also discussed the inefficient drainage at Ducks Pool. An electricity cable makes it difficult to clear the existing drain. The Parish Council decided to ask expert opinion about what could be done and ask Devon Highways whether it is possible to install a new drain in the area.

6.3 Bus Shelter Project Update

A volunteer working party of three councillors cleared the drains and the overgrown vegetation around the bus shelter. Cllr Moorhouse repaired the crack at the front left corner to stop the rain further damaging the shelter before the highly breathable silicate paint can be applied in spring.

7 Finance

7.1 Report and Bank Reconciliation

The Clerk reported that the bank balance at 31 December 2020 was £5,197.95. Earmarked funds: CIL £1,402.84, Parish Path Partnership Grant £291.44, Community Plan £1,000 and Climate Emergency support £200. Cllr Hanson reported that she checked the bank reconciliation for 31 December 2020 and it was in order.

Resolved The Council accepted the accounts.

Proposed Cllr Hanson Seconded Cllr Burdge All agreed

7.2 Budget and Precept for the 2021/22 Financial Year

The Parish Council discussed the proposed budget and agreed to earmark regular amounts every year for foreseeable expenditures.

Resolved The Council accepted the budget with the estimated cost of £5,107 and earmarked the following amounts: CIL £1,402.84, Parish Path Partnership Grant £291.44, Community Plan £511, Climate Emergency support £200, Defibrillator £17, Website £200, Office Equipment £200, Maintenance £100 and Election £40.

Proposed Cllr Turney Seconded Cllr Hanson All agreed

Resolved The Council set the precept at £5,107 and decided to increase the council tax by £4.97 to cover the operational costs.

Proposed Cllr Turney Seconded Cllr Hanson All agreed

7.3 Approval of Expenditure

Zoom Pro monthly fee £14.39

Clerk's salary £804.76

Road cleaning £200.00

Resolved The Council approved the expenditures.

Proposed Cllr Turney Seconded Cllr Hanson All agreed

8 To Discuss Consultation Response for the Interim Devon Carbon Plan

The topic was postponed to the next meeting. Cllr Turney agreed to look at the online questionnaire.

9 To Receive Information About Census 2021

The 2021 Census is a 'digital first', meaning that the ONS are aiming for in excess of 75% of surveys to be completed online. The benefits of a digital census are the speed of data collection and analysis and therefore the results can be acted on quicker. The census is an important event occurring every 10 years that informs policy and decision makers of where money in the community is needed most e.g., such as on roads and infrastructure, schools or hospitals. By making sure our communities are counted, we can ensure that local public services are properly supported over the coming decade.

10 Clerk's Correspondence

The Parish Council was made aware that on the field opposite Apridge Farm there is a caravan and a pile which seems to be building materials. The Parish Council is not aware of any planning applications and seeks clarification from the Planning Authority relating to planning requirements.

11 Date of Next Meeting

28 January 2021.

12 Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman thanked everyone for their participation and the members of the working party for clearing the drains at the bus shelter.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.48 pm.

Signed.....

Chairman

Date