



Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on Thursday 3 December 2020 at 7.30 pm online

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Present: Cllr Turney, Cllr H Hanson, Cllr S Burdge, Cllr J Sawyer, Cllr M Moorhouse, DCC Cllr J Brook (at item 5.3) and 1 member of the public (at item 4.2.3)
Clerk: A Miller

Open Forum

No questions were raised.

1 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Davis and TDC Cllr Purser

2 Declarations of Interest / Requests for Dispensations

None.

The Parish Council decided to discuss agenda item 4.2.3, because the applicant was present.

Item 4.2.3 20/02143/AGR Coombe Park Farm, Agricultural storage building

The proposal is very similar to the 20/00575/AGR application. The main difference is in the planting scheme.

Resolved No objection to the proposal.

Proposed Cllr Turney Seconded Cllr Burdge All agreed

3 Ratification of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Extraordinary Council meeting of 13 November 2020

Resolved Accepted as a true record.

Proposed Cllr Hanson Seconded Cllr Sawyer All agreed

4 Planning Matters

4.1 To Note Planning Decisions

4.1.1 20/01863/FUL Lower Lowley

Removal Of A Conservatory And Replacement With A Single Storey Extension And Associated Works - Permission granted

4.1.2 20/01979/CAN School House

Works to trees as itemised on submitted list – No objection

4.2 To Discuss Planning Applications

4.2.1 20/02075/CLDE Little Leigh Farm

Certificate of lawfulness for existing use of cabin as dwelling

Resolved The Parish Council decided to make no observations.
Proposed Cllr Sawyer Seconded Cllr Burdge All agreed

4.2.2 20/02170/CAN Tanglewood

Pollard four oak trees to previous points

Resolved The Parish Council decided to make no observations.
Proposed Cllr Turney Seconded Cllr Sawyer All agreed

4.2.3 20/02143/AGR Coombe Park Farm

It was discussed after agenda item 2.

5 To Receive Reports

5.1 Parish Path Partnership and Footpath Update

The Parish Council discussed the repair work of the raised footpath between the Church and the Pub. It is difficult to get funding for the repair, because currently most of the grants are COVID-19 related.

The ownership of this piece of land is not clear, but it was clarified with the insurer that if the Parish Council is legally liable for the footpath, then it is covered by the Council's public liability insurance.

The emergency repair, that was carried out in the summer, solved the major safety issue. Only one quote arrived for the further repair of the footpath, which would improve the appearance of the area.

Resolved The Council decided to review the state of the path after winter and not to order further repairs now. Proposed Cllr Sawyer Seconded Cllr Moorhouse All agreed

5.2 Highways Update

The Parish Council discussed the list of areas needing attention, prepared by Cllr Sawyer. Cllrs Moorhouse, Turney and Sawyer agreed to look at the bus shelter and clear the drains and the overgrown vegetation around it. The Council also agreed that the best way forward would be to encourage residents to look after the gullies around their property. Devon County Council do not provide lengthsman services anymore and they indicated that it is the landowners' responsibility to clear the gullies. The Parish Council can engage a contractor to clear specific areas in order to improve the safety of the roads in the Parish, but no quotes arrived for the listed works yet.

Resolved The Council decided to prioritize the list of works and to engage a local contractor to clear the gullies and the drains at the most important places up to the value of £200. Proposed Cllr Turney Seconded Cllr Hanson All agreed

5.3 Bus Shelter Project Update

DCC Cllr J Brook joined the meeting for this agenda item. He informed the Council that the Parish can apply for Locality Budget grant to cover part of the repair costs and he is ready to support the application. The Parish Council needs to buy the materials in this financial year, even if the project can only be completed when the weather is warm enough to work on the cob building.

Cllr Moorhouse checked the condition of the bus shelter and agreed with the resident, who volunteered in September to apply the special silicate paint, that the work is best done by professionals. There are parts of the building where it needs re-rendering and to repair several cracks. Apart from the major repair in spring, the bus shelter needs a first aid repair now to cover the exposed area with lime putty and to stop the water getting in the crack at the front left corner. The first aid repair will be done by a volunteer.

Resolved The Parish Council decided to order the materials, the render repair and the painting from Mike Wye & Associates Ltd and to apply for a Locality Budget grant. Proposed Cllr Turney Seconded Cllr Moorhouse All agreed

6 Finance Report

The Clerk reported that the bank balance at 22 November 2020 was £4,721.69. Earmarked funds: CIL £1,402.84, Parish Path Partnership Grant £291.44, Community Plan £1,000 and Climate Emergency support £200.

7 Clerk's Correspondence

Interim Devon Carbon Plan Consultation runs from 7 December 2020 until 15 February 2021. The Carbon Plan will be on the agenda for January.

8 Date of Next Meeting

7 January 2021

9 Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman thanked everyone for their participation.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10 pm.

Signed.....

Chairman

Date

PART B

After discussing related topics at item 5.1 and 5.2 there was no Part B session.