

Holcombe Burnell Parish Council Meeting Monday 14th September 2020

Parish Clerk: Lynne Ogden, Moorview, Longdown, Exeter EX6 7SB

The Holcombe Burnell Parish Meeting was held via Zoom on Monday September 14th 2020 at 7.30pm.

Present: Chair Cllr B Shipley, Cllrs C Eden, C Bickley, J Betney, M Bulley, L Brind, S Wood, H Studholme, K Morley, District Cllr Andrew Swain and the Locum Clerk Lynne Ogden & 0 Public Member.

1. Open Forum & AOB – Vice Cllr Eden took the Chair and began the meeting by thanking Cllr Studholme for hosting the Zoom meeting and sending invitations. He updated the Council on Debbie's (the Clerk) situation and thanked the Locum Clerk for stepping into the role. All councillors wished Debbie well.

The Council officially co-opted Kate Morley on to the Council – Proposed Cllr Shipley, seconded Cllr Woods
Cllr Eden formally welcomed Cllrs Morley and Studholme to the Council.

2. Apologies – County Cllr Alan Connett, Cllr Ludlam

3. **Declaration of Interests & changes to Registers** – Cllr Morley's register of interests had been sent to the Clerk

4. **Minutes of Previous meetings held July 13th and 27th August** – The minutes of July 13th had been sent to all Cllrs and were accepted as a true & correct record were formally approved - vote **UNANIMOUS**. The minutes of the 27th August were yet to be written due to the untimely accident of the Clerk. Those present assisted the Locum Clerk with the content and these will be sent out with the minutes of the September meeting. Actual minutes to be signed when physical meeting allowed.

5. **Nature Warden** – A resume of the paper that had been sent to all Cllrs was given by Cllr Morley. The main aim is to engage landowners to address issues, such as ash dieback, work alongside other Trusts, monitor the impact of developments on the environment and generally improve things for nature. A discussion took place and it was agreed that it was all very positive. A suggestion that a regular article on the website and/or parish magazine would be helpful. Cllr Morley agreed to pursue this idea. Cllr Eden congratulated Cllr Morley and thanked her for her work on this.

6. **Audit 2019/20** – All documents were signed at the Extraordinary meeting of 27th August 2020 but, as this was deemed an informal meeting, the Audit documents were ratified at this meeting. Proposed – Cllr Bulley, seconded by Cllr Shipley – vote **UNANIMOUS**

For information: - The Notice of Exercise of Public Rights dates are 31st August – 9th October 2020

7. The Tedburn Times- Cllr Shipley explained the current situation of contributing to The Tedburn Times. A discussion took place and it was decided that the Clerk should keep contributing information about the Council and that, maybe in the future, another person should be appointed to contribute articles about other aspects of the Village. This would be revisited at the November meeting.

8. **Reports from Clerk, County and District Councillors:** –

Cllr Swain reported that Alan Connett was the new leader of Teignbridge District Council. The main issues being discussed are Climate issues, Affordable Housing and Covid – 19. The Council is considering forming two smaller scrutiny committees to see if they can work more efficiently than one large one.

Cllr Eden reported that he had had an email from **County Cllr Connett** about the vans being parked by the bus stop. He will forward this to all Cllrs.

The Clerk reported that she had found out information from Dunsford and Whitestone Parishes about their experiences with employing a lengthsman. The hourly rates varied but there is a possibility of some grant funding from Devon Highways. The organisation does take time and the first action needed is for the Council to decide what tasks need to be

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carried out. The Council decided it wanted to 'get the ball rolling'. Proposed Cllr Shipley seconded Cllr Bulley Vote Unanimous. The Clerk will initiate an email to begin this process. She also reported that the Council still had a vacancy due to the death of Cllr Turner. She has initiated a casual vacancy notice from September the 14th to October 2nd.

P3 – Cllr Eden reported that the tree over the footpath to the Church still needs to be removed. He will remind Culver Sawmill.

- 9. Planning Application – 9.1. 20/01289/FUL** – Westwood Barn, 3 Westwood Farm – change of use of existing land to curtilage and landscaping works. The closing date for comments was during the Council recess.
9.2 20/00615/FUL – Land opposite Chillies, College Lane, Ide – five dwellings with dwelling and creation of new access. (site in neighbouring Parish) - Cllr Morley had attended the extraordinary meeting of Ide Parish Council about 9.2 and informed the Council. A discussion took place and the Council decided to support an objection to the plans. Proposed Cllr Bulley seconded Cllr Shipley Vote **Unanimous**

Decision 20/00419/FUL – Montgomery House, Higher Wheatley Farm – Change of use of building from office to residential – REFUSED

- 10. Renewal of Playground Lease** – Cllr Eden stated that the lease for the Village Hall to the Council for the Play area expires in October. The Council agreed for him to request that the lease runs for another seven years. Cllr Shipley suggested that we ask for it to be renewed automatically unless the Village Hall requests that it ceases.
- 11. Accounts for payment:** - No cheques were presented for payment as they had been signed at the August 27th Extraordinary meeting. As this was deemed an informal meeting the cheques were ratified at this meeting. Proposed – Cllr Shipley, seconded by Cllr Bulley – vote **UNANIMOUS**.

Meeting closed – 20:50

The next monthly meeting **will be Monday 12th October 2020 place to be confirmed as per Covid restrictions**