

Minutes for the Holcombe Burnell Parish Meeting held via Zoom on Monday November 9th 2020 at 7.30pm.

Locum Parish Clerk: Lynne Ogden, Moorview, Longdown, Exeter EX6 7SB clerkhb@yahoo.co.uk

Present: Chair Cllr B Shipley, Cllrs C Eden, C Bickley, M Bulley, L Brind, H Studholme, K Morley, County Cllr Alan Connett, District Cllr Andy Swain, the Clerk Debbie Radford-Lewis and the Locum Clerk Lynne Ogden. 0 Members of the Public attended.

1. Open Forum & AOB – Vice Cllr Eden took the Chair as requested by Cllr Shipley.

He began the meeting by thanking Debbie for the work she has done as Clerk for Holcombe Burnell and said that the council would miss her. Debbie responded by thanking the Council for the Vouchers she had been given. She also thanked the Locum Clerk for making the handover very easy.

Cllr Eden then suggested County Cllr Connett and District Cllr Swain could give their reports if they needed to go on to other meetings. Cllr Connett said he would and gave the report as below in item 7. Cllr Swain stayed for the meeting.

2. Apologies – Cllr Ludlam

3. **Declaration of Interests & changes to Registers** – Cllr Studholme needs to update his Declaration and the Clerk will send him the form to complete. **Action Clerk**

4. **Minutes of Previous meeting held October 12th** – The minutes had been sent to all Cllrs and were accepted as a true & correct record and were formally approved. Proposed Cllr Studholme Seconded Cllr Bickley. Vote **UNANIMOUS**. Actual minutes to be signed when physical meeting allowed.

5. **Village Concerns-** a) Vans parked by bus stop – see point 1 of Cllr Connett's report.

b) Haldon Forest Clearway – District Cllr Swain said that the clearway had been reduced in the latest proposal and that he and Cllr Connett were supporting this version. It was noted that we are in unprecedented times and that more people are trying to access green spaces which is not helping the situation. The Council proposed to support this – Proposed by Cllr Brind Seconded by Cllr Woods Vote – 1 against. The Clerk will forward the Council's support in this matter. **Action Clerk**

c) Mount Boon has been experiencing theft and damage at their Milk Shed. The Council is disappointed about this as it is appreciative of the service they are providing to the Community. A discussion took place and the Council agreed to revisit the topic in January.

d) At the last meeting the matter of road hedges needing cutting back was raised. Now, most have been cut but some are still a problem. A request to rectify this will be put on the Autumn Flyers to be delivered and then, if they are still not addressed, the Council will send a letter. The Clerk will liaise with Cllrs for specific addresses. **Action Cllr Morley and Clerk**

6. Litter bin for layby on Longdown Straight – All Cllrs had been sent the link to a catalogue of bins to make their choice. A discussion took place and the Council resolved that the Clerk should order an Elipsa bin that could be mounted on a concrete slab. Proposed Cllr Morley Seconded Cllr Bulley Vote – unanimous.

7. Reports from the Clerk, County and District Cllrs and Nature Warden

7.1 The Clerk updated the Council on the recent admin completed and information received on the recent CIL payment. This raised the discussion about infrastructure (in particular Broadband) for the Parish. Cllr Swain said that another Parish is discussing this at the moment. The Clerk will investigate. Cllr Eden requested that the Clerk compile a report explaining more fully for the January meeting. **Action Clerk**

7.2 County Cllr Connett reported that he had nothing new to report but that he would take questions.

a) Cllr Bickley had been approached by a parishioner about the problem of vans parking by the bus stop. The member of public had requested to attend the meeting and was sent the link, but didn't attend so this was raised on her behalf. This has been discussed at previous meetings. Cllr Connett said that Highways had visited the site a couple of times but hadn't seen vehicles parked dangerously and that there was not anywhere else for them to park. If photos showing this could be sent to him, he will pass them on to Highways. Cllr Bickley will organise this. Another Councillor did point out that this may well be an ongoing problem, not just with vans whilst the houses are being built, but also by the fact that more houses will mean more cars in that area. **Action Cllr Binkley**

b) Cllr Studholme raised the point that Landowners are spending a lot of money removing Ash trees, with Ash Die Back, from the side of the roads but was concerned about liability issues. Cllr Connett said that the issue of liability had been raised several times with Devon County Council.

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c) Concern was raised about the junction at Pocombe Bridge. Large articulated lorries turning at this point are dangerous. Photos have been sent in the past but large lorries go around here regularly and it is thought it is part of an HGV training route.

District Cllr Swain said he would forward the latest email he had received about the Haldon Clearway proposal. He also raised the subject of communication between Cllrs of different councils. He likes the idea of joint ventures and was grateful that Holcombe Burnell had provided the Defbrillator training for neighbouring parishes.

Cllr Morley had written an **Autumn report** which had been sent to all Cllrs with the agenda. A discussion took place about the delivery of the leaflet. The Council agreed that it should be distributed and resolved to allow up to £250 for printing and delivery costs. The Clerk will liaise with Cllr Morley and Binkley to facilitate this.

Proposed Cllr Brind Seconded Cllr Woods Vote Unanimous.

Action Cllrs Morley, Binkley and Clerk

P3 – Cllr Eden reported that the tree over the footpath to the Church had been removed and he has informed the footpath warden.

8. Planning Applications - 8.1 Teignbridge - 20/01825/FUL – Ley Close- Construct a 3- bay garage block in place of approved 4 bay garage block, relocate oil tank and new greenhouse.

8.2 Devon County Council - SBX/DCC/4101/2018 - Lower Hare Farm – importation of soils for the land raising of previously disturbed land that is not capable of sustaining commercial agriculture. Cllr Eden requested that the Clerk get more details.

8.3 Teignbridge – 20/02002/HOU – Kingsford Lodge – Two storey extension and single extension with terrace over to rear.

The Council had no objections to either application - Proposed Cllr Shipley Seconded Cllr Bulley

Action Clerk

Decisions - None

9. Wreath for war memorial – The Council approved the purchase of a wreath of £25 and Cllr Eden asked it to be added to the payments below and reimbursed to the Locum Clerk who had made the purchase.

Action Clerk

10. Resignation of the Clerk/Advertisement for a new Clerk – On the resignation of the Clerk, Debbie Radford - Lewis, the Council instructed the Locum Clerk to advertise the post. A discussion took place and the Clerk was given details for an advert.

Action Clerk

11. Budget- The Clerk had provided the Cllrs with information about the previous budget and actual spend to date. An initial discussion took place and the Council is aware that it must firstly, approve a budget and then set its precept at the next meeting.

Action Clerk

12. Accounts for payment: - The Council resolved to pay the following invoices: -

12.1 Debbie Radford – Lewis – s/orders for Clerk's salary **£193.05** and pension **£50.31**

12.2 Lynne Ogden – Locum Clerk payment and expenses for September and October - **£514.06 (chq 817)**

12.3 Mr J Bush For grass cutting and clearing all areas - **£130 (chq 818)**

12.4 Lynne Ogden – reimbursement for purchase of wreath - **£25 (chq 819)**

12.5 Holcombe Burnell Parochial Church Council - Council contribution for grass upkeep - **£260 (chq820)**

Proposed Cllr Shipley Seconded Cllr Bulley Vote – unanimous

Other Financial matters discussed: - **1.**The Locum needs to inform the bank of the change of address and the cancelling of the standing orders after the December payments have been made. **2)** The Clerk had received an email from the Church Warden requesting a contribution towards the grass cutting around the Church from last year. The Council agreed they would make the standard contribution of £260 and that it would be added to this month's payments. (as above)

Action Clerk

Proposed Cllr Morley Seconded Cllr Studholme Vote Unanimous

AOB – Cllr Eden reported that Teign Valley Larder had contacted him about having a venue in the Parish.

The Council then said a final Thank you and Goodbye to Debbie Radford - Lewis

The Meeting closed – 21.35

Wishing everyone a Happy Christmas

The next monthly meeting **will be Monday 11th January 2021 place to be confirmed as per Covid restrictions (No meeting in December)**

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