

Annual Parish Meeting

Minutes 26th July 2018

Timberscombe Parish Council

18.71 Present: Cllrs Kath MacDonald, Susan Searle, Peter Pilkington, Wayne Paull, Josie Parsons, Clerk, 2 members of the public

Apologies for absence Cllr Damian Thorne, Cllr Sarah Campbell

18.72 Declarations of interest: A community member raised the issue of the hedge along Great House street, outlining the risks to both pedestrians and cars, a request was made to have the hedge cut back, to un obstruct the road.

Clerk requested to write to the owner to request hedge to be cut back.

18.73 Approval of minutes for 14th June 2018 and signed.

18.74 Action From previous minutes:

Safety signage for school - Cllr MacDonald was unable to meet with Mr Chapel, this will now be addressed in the community meeting.

Unity Bank Update – The accounts are now open, the Natwest account will be closed down by the end of August.

Cementing of rubbish bin – Refer to JAPF minutes.

18.75 Finance-

Cheques approved, Clerk, Village Hall, HMRC

The budget was discussed - £4000 has been marked for the agreed focus areas .

£4000 to cover ongoing costs for the year, including maintenance on all TPC assets.

Proposed, Cllr Searle, seconded Cllr MacDonald.

18.76 Correspondence and emails: Update from Marlene Allinson re GPDR

18.77 Planning Matters – Oway View – Proposed erection of garage 6/34/18/105

No objections raised.

18.78 Other business directed to Clerk

Request was made to get the bus stop brambles removed, Mr Passmore to quote.

Focus areas for next 12 months

Dog mess reduction – Awareness and more bins

- Ordering of stickers has been approved – Clerk to organise
- Clerk to organise 3 quotes for 3 more bins and fittings

- Clerk to get permission from relevant land owners to site bins
- Clerk to request council to replace broken bin at Orchard way and replace with bigger one.

Make our village roads safer – awareness and local plan

- Cllr Pilkington and MacDonald to arrange a community meeting be held before the end of September, looking at the safety issues and possible solutions that can be implemented at a community level.
- Areas: Totterdown to village, through village up Church Street, up school lane, A396 past village.

Website for Timberscombe village – Launch And promotion

- Cllr Pilkington and Mrs Webb to organise design and launch of web site and identify community members to be responsible for the updating of the site and the promotion of the site within the community.
- Web design and setup has been donated by Wooten Courtenay Web Design – Bill Hodgson
- Commitment given by TPC for minimum 10 year hosting fee for the site currently £36.00 per year. Proposed, Cllr Pilkington, Seconded, Cllr searle

John Arlott Playing Field - Improvement and upkeep of community play area

- Purchase of new equipment
- Repair of fencing, bins etc
- Ongoing monitoring of equipment and safety
- Cllr Searle to continue fundraising

5 year Community Plan

- Community 5 year Parish Council plan
- Cllr Pilkington to coordinate how to get community input.

18.79 Highway matters – District have advised they cannot place 30mph restrictions coming into the village as it does not meet their criteria.

Reply from County Highways:

- *" For information, the DfT published revised guidance (Circular 01/2016) to Local Authorities on setting local speed limits and as part of this, the government have developed criteria for the installation of 30mph limits. In summary, there is a minimum requirement of 20 houses fronting the road over a minimum length of 600m to qualify for a 30mph limit. The requested 30mph speed limit extension to Totterdown Farm does not meet criteria for a 30mph speed limit."*

All road safety issues will be addressed at a community level, a community meeting to be planned “How to make our village roads safer” Cllr MacDonald and Pilkington to arrange, co design plan and submit for approval.

18.80 Bridal Paths – Cllr Paul met with Exmoor Parks and discussed Postmans path, Adam from Exmoor committed to writing a report outlining the issues around obstructions to the bridal path. Cllr Paul to follow up with Exmoor for a copy of the report and ongoing solution, a suggestion was made re a possible footbridge.

Clerk to write a letter to Sarah Bryant at Exmoor requesting assistance in resolving the problem.

18.81 Lengthsman – Due to bereavement, the lengthsman is currently unavailable.

18.82 Meetings and Reports : Police report

18.83 Next Meeting **13th September 2018 7.30pm**

Meeting Closed 9.50pm

Signed:

Date: