

Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 12 March 2024

Present:-

Mr B. Churchill – Chairman

Councillor C Brown – East Devon District Council

Together with 23 local government electors of the Parish:-

Mrs K Churchill	Mrs V Brabrook	Mrs C Padget	Mr C Padget
Mr T Dezell	Mrs J Edwards	Mr M Edwards	Mrs H Williams
Mr S Dunne	Mrs A Groombridge	Mrs E Downs	Mr I Downs
Mr D Rosewell	Mrs V Moran	Mrs S Sexton	Mr S Popham
Mr D Jackson	Mr B Board	Mr C Kemp	Mrs C Kemp
Mr M Horne	Mr J Brabrook	Mr J Twaddle	

32/2024 Apologies for Absence

Mrs C Lazarus	Mr E Lazarus	Mrs R Mapleston	Mrs C Goldring
Mr D Goldring	Mrs G Compton	Mr M Moran	Mr R Sexton
Mrs G Jackson	Cllr Y Levine	Mrs J Wardle	

33/2024 Minutes of the last Parish Meeting

Minutes of the Meeting held on 20 December 2023, which had previously been circulated, were approved by the Meeting.

34/2024 Matters arising

Further to Minute 31[1]/2024, it was reported that due to significant objections having been received, the Devon County Council was being recommended by its officers not to introduce parking meters in Honiton High Street.

35/2024 Diversion of part of footpath 5 at Woodhayne Farm

It was noted that the diversion of the footpath was required to facilitate the proposed construction of an equine and agricultural building [see Minute 36/2024]. No objections were raised to the footpath diversion.

36/2024 Planning Applications

[1] 24/0293/Ful Woodhayne Farm – Mixed Use equine and agricultural building

The applicant reported that the building when completed would be partially screened by the existing hedges and at the request of neighbours additional screening would be considered together with a lowering of the roof. It was also confirmed that the building would be used for personal family use. It was proposed by Val Brabrook, seconded by David Jackson and agreed by the Meeting that the Planning Authority should be recommended to approve the application.

[2] 24/0500/FUL 6 Hillside - Construction of first floor extension above garage and ground floor link to dwelling

The applicant was present to answer questions relating to the application. It was proposed by Val Moran, seconded by Elizabeth Downs and agreed by the Meeting that the Planning Authority should be recommended to approve the application.

37/2024 Finance

[1] It was proposed by Serena Sexton, seconded by Simon Dunne and agreed by the Meeting that the Following payments be made:-

[i] Grant to Combe Raleigh Newsletter - £250.00 [retrospective approval];

[ii] Staplepoint web hosting fee – £13.19 [retrospective approval]

[iii] Combe Raleigh Village Hall - £26.00 hiring fees

[2] The Treasurer’s report showing a balance on the General Fund of £15,023.06 and £3,820.42 on the Community Infrastructure Levy was noted.

[3] Following the report at the last Parish Meeting Minute 29/2024, it was agreed that the Parish Meeting should place an initial sum of £5,000 on deposit with the Skipton Building Society. That Brian Churchill and Serena Sexton be approved as Trustees and that both the aforementioned acting together be authorised to operate the account and that the Treasurer should advise the Skipton Building Society of these arrangements.

38/2014 Councillor Report

Councillor Colin Brown reported that the District Council had been heavily involved over the past few months in considering its budget for year 2024/2025 and setting the appropriate level of Council Tax. The Meeting was also reminded that the level of parking fees in the Council’s car parks would revert to the summer level as from 1 April 2024.

39/2024 Boundary Walk and Beating of the Bounds

David Jackson advised that the quadrennial Boundary Walk and Beating of the Bounds would take place on 15 June 2024. The route of approximately 10 miles will be divided into 4 sections providing for a mid-way lunch stop. David together with John Twaddle will arrange for the route to be checked prior to the 15th and landowners permissions obtained.

40/2024 Any Other Business

[1] Serena Sexton reported that TRIP would be moving on the 1 April from its existing premises in the High Street to the currently vacant property next to Honiton Surgery. The vacated TRIP premises will then be occupied by "The Den" a free café and hangout for secondary school age young people. A request is to be made to the Parish Meeting for a grant to help towards the cost of running "The Den", this request to be considered at the Annual Parish Meeting in May.

[2] The Chairman was awaiting an estimate from the contractor for the road works adjacent to Edwards Close, the cost of the works to be met from the Infrastructure Levy Fund.

[3] Concern was expressed at the Post Office failing to replace the stolen post box at the Rectory Lane road junction. Contact will be made with the Poat Office to request a replacement.

[4] The Chairman reminded the Meeting that a St George's Day lunch is to be held on 20 April 2024 in the village hall.

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 8.30 pm

Brian Churchill - Chairman