

LUCCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 26th Oct 2022 in Luccombe Village Hall

Attended by: Mr H Harington (Chair) (HH) Mrs R Gande (RG) Mrs J Stapleford (JS) Mrs L Tisbury (LT) Mr J Dascombe (JD) Mr B Parker(BH) SCC S Pugsley (SP) SWT A Milne (AM) and Mrs R Clements (RC) Clerk.

Members of the Public present: Mr N & Mrs D Westcott.

HH welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming to the meeting. HH explained that Mr and Mrs Westcott had asked to speak at the meeting.

1.SWAT/SCC	There had been some confusion over whether Mr A Milne was still a councillor or not and he had not been invited to the AGM in May or the meeting in July, however he assured us that we had not missed anything. AM reported that a new Council has been formed for Taunton Town and they will now raise their own precept for upkeep etc., previously we all contributed. TTC will also incorporate nearby Parishes such as Trull. Porlock Parish Council has a vacancy for a Parish Clerk. National Tree Planting week runs from November 26th to December 4th Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue service have sent out a survey. HH queried another one? AM explained they are annual surveys, and we should fill it in. The Exmoor Panel meeting incorporates reports from the Police as well as the Highways Pilot scheme. This is probably the last Luccombe Meeting AM will be attending as he is moving to Pembrokeshire. SP is our Unitary Member along with Frances, and he attends the District Meetings, he will be able to keep us updated. HH Thanked AM and wished him well in his new home. AM left the meeting. SP advised that the next Panel meeting is on 24th November at Moorland Hall Cutcombe. The Exmoor Highways Pilot Scheme is well ahead of the other two pilot schemes in the county because of being able to be part of the Panel meetings. It has not yet been decided how many Local Community Networks (LCN's) there will be; 18 for an equal geographical split, 17 for an equal population split or 10 for a lower number. Dunster with Dulverton and the Exmoor Parishes should form one LCN. SP asked if we had thought about emergency planning in case of any disasters and urged us to include it on our Agenda. Exmoor National Park Planning has been very slow because of staff shortages but they have now recruited more staff. SP has not forgotten about HH's letter to ILG and will be chasing it up soon. SP asked if there were any problems regarding waste collections and RC said she had received a complaint regarding broken glass on the road after the recycling lorry had been through, there was some on the steep out of Luccombe towards Luccombe Mill and by Knap Cottages. SP said sometimes they drive around with the flaps open and rubbish spills out. It would be helpful if we could supply as much information about the cart as possible when reporting problems.	RC
N & D Westcott	HH invited Mr & Mrs Westcott to address the Parish Council. Their first complaint is about the January 25th 2022 Meeting Minutes at which their Planning Application for a campsite was on the Agenda. NW said that after the question and answer session he had asked the Councillors to have a discussion but HH asked for a vote, the result of which unanimously turned down the application. The second complaint concerned the April 26th 2022 meeting minutes, which were considered by N & DW to be inaccurate and unsubstantiated. HH asked Mr & Mrs Westcott what they	D

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	wanted the Parish Council to do and they asked for both sets of minutes to be removed and corrected. After consulting with Cllr S Pugsley, who advised that they could be taken down but also suggested the Clerk should consult with Amy Tregallas, Governance Officer SWT. It was agreed to have the minutes removed. Mr & Mrs Westcott left the meeting.	RC
2. Apols	Mr M Harding Cllr F Nicholson	
3. Mins	The minutes dated 20.07.22, having been previously circulated were accepted and signed.	
4. MA	Stoney Street hedge. RC has spoken to Paul Camp of the National Trust. He has a hedge trimmer arriving at the Estate on Thursday 27th October and he hopes to fit in cutting the hedge. Long term – there is a possibility that the tenants may not renew their lease if this is the case Mr Camp would want to lay the hedge which would be a massive improvement. Church Walks although it has been widened through cutting the hedges, it is not as wide as it was. A gully has formed, because it was previously very narrow, which is unsafe. BP said that both of his elder children have fallen because of it. SP will refer this matter. RG when the hedge sides were cut, all the cuttings – mainly holly and thorns were left on the path. A Shredder has been kindly offered by Mrs T Farmer to assist the National Park when they further cut the hedge. Chapel Cross EE Mast there is some confusion over the delay of the granting of permission for this mast SP will try and move it along. HH has spoken to Mike Barrett of Connecting Devon and Somerset regarding the possibility of bring cable to Luccombe from this mast. HH thanked SP for his contribution.	SP SP
5. Members Report	There were no reports from members other than MH by phone and JD bringing up the tarmac that had appeared at Webber's Post. What was once a natural footpath is now a mini road wide enough for cars. RC to ask the NT if they know anything about it.	RC
6.Finance	The defibrillator pads will need replacing before the end of Jan 2023 - All in Favour The bank reconciliation was agreed. RC looking at other banking options AIF	RC RC
7. Planning	Rose cottage windows secondary glazing agreed by email HH had declared an interest.	
AOB	Emergency Plan A list of useful and emergency contact numbers needs to be drawn up and kept, possible locations Church, Telephone Kiosk, Village Hall, and Notice boards. Clerk to try and track down the village siren.	RC

The meeting closed at 21:15

Signed Chairman Date