

Minutes of the Woolfardisworthy Parish Council held on the 14th December 2021 at 7.30pm at Woolsery Sports & Community Hall

1.0 Attendance

Parish Cllrs: M Hill (Chair), L Spittles, S Hill, S Salvidant, R Heywood, S Raffe, S Harding (also District Cllr).
Members of the public.

2.0 Apologies

County Cllr Wilton-Love and District Cllr Dart.

3.0 Public Comment Session

The applicant for planning application 1/1116/2021/FUL gave an overview of the requirements. It was noted that the applicant was unaware that planning permission was required when the decking was laid two years ago.

A parishioner raised concerns with regards to the state of the roads, highlighting Dipple, Atworthy Cross to Bradworthy and Claw Cross to Ashmansworthy. **Action: The Clerk to email Bradworthy Parish Council with regards to Atworthy Cross to Bradworthy.**

4.0 Declaration of Personal / Prejudicial Interest for items of the agenda

Cllr Spittles declared an interest in the planning application for Brackenside and Bundy's (Bucks Cross)
Cllr S Hill declared an interest for the financial payment below.

5.0 Minutes of the previous meeting to be approved and signed as a true and accurate record

The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Cllr L Spittles, seconded by Cllr S Salvidant.

6.0 Clerk's Report

- 1) Precept 2022/2023 - To be agreed in January 2022
- 2) Completion of P3 Footpath Survey - Deadline 14th February 2022

7.0 Reports from County Cllr, District Cllrs and Parish Cllrs

District Councillors

Cllr Harding

- Attended TDC's Full Council Meeting 13/12/2021, where the budget for the leisure service takeover (Torridge Active) was discussed. This will start from the 1st April 2022, with a full appraisal to assess the way forward on the 22nd September 2022.
- TDC is hoping to acquire land at Gammaton Road, which will be used to relocate the kerbside recycling and waste services, moving them from Appledore and Westcombe Lane (Bideford).
- TDC Officers are now working from home.
- In terms of Parish, Cllr Harding apologised for not being able to help with the tree. It was noted it was good to see light on at the new affordable homes. He asked if the Parish Council would write a letter to the Hall Committee congratulating them on the affordable housing.

Parish Councillors

Councillor S Raffe

- Thanked Cllr Heywood for erecting the tree and lights.
- Back Street - The drain cover on the unsurfaced area as a deep dent in it. A new cover is required. **ACTION: The Clerk to inform MXB and Highways.**

Councillor L Spittles

- Circulated a leaflet on the proposed Solar Farm at Limebury. There was a presentation at Bucks Cross Village Hall 14/12/2021, but not many attended as it was not advertised well. They are at the planning stage, and although in Parkham Parish will affect Bucks Cross.
- Following the recent storms there was a lot of destruction, with cars damaged, trees down, slates and power was lost. It was asked whether Highways or the Woodland Trust could conduct a survey of the trees and there are many lying on wires, etc. **ACTION: The Clerk to write to Highways and the Woodland Trust.**

Councillor S Salvidant

- A dog walker reported that there was a large bull on the coast path between Bucks Mills and Peppercombe. Who do people inform should this happen again? **ACTION: The Clerk to establish who is responsible for the Coast Path and who would walkers contact.**

Councillor M Hill

- Ask for details to be placed on the website and Facebook with regards to wearing high vis at night, i.e. Keep Bright at Night. **ACTION: The Clerk to post details.**

8.0 Planning Applications

Structural repair works

Brackenside Bucks Cross Bideford Devon EX39 5DX

Ref. No: 1/1302/2021/LBC | Received: Wed 17 Nov 2021 | Validated: Wed 17 Nov 2021 | Status: Pending Consideration

Whilst there were no objections regarding the application, the Parish Council asked whether a bat survey had been completed, and that any works to be carried out are sensitive to the bats.

Prior notification for the change of use of agricultural building to 2 no. dwellinghouse and associated building operations under Class Q

Barn At Lane Barton Woolserly Devon EX39 5PZ

Ref. No: 1/1341/2021/AGMB | Received: Thu 25 Nov 2021 | Validated: Thu 25 Nov 2021 | Status: Pending Consideration

The Parish Council agrees with the comments made by TDC's Environmental Protection Officer, in terms of residential amenity being adjacent to a large agricultural building and close proximity to slurry tanks, as well as comments made regarding land quality and foul drainage.

Erection of agricultural shed with bokashi waste management.

Land At Grid Reference 232958 120638 Woolserly Devon

Ref. No: 1/1328/2021/FUL | Received: Mon 22 Nov 2021 | Validated: Wed 01 Dec 2021 | Status: Pending Consideration

As detailed by Natural England the applicant has been asked to submit another Scail assessment. It was also noted that the large dirty water intermittent tank that takes the dirty water is not identified on the plans.

Erection of garage and retrospective permission for rear decking

Bundys Bucks Cross Bideford Devon EX39 5DP

Ref. No: 1/1116/2021/FUL | Received: Thu 23 Sep 2021 | Validated: Thu 02 Dec 2021 | Status: Pending Consideration

The Parish Council made no comments with regards to the application.

Decisions & Appeals – FYI

Update from TDC re Mr Fletchers Mobile Home - Email received from TDC Enforcement Office states that there is an open enforcement investigation, E/08/021/UDRY, on the above land and as such there is limited information that I can be provided. However, the case remains open and will be progressed as soon as practicable.

It was questioned why this was taking so long and the reasons why information cannot be shared. Following discussion it was agreed to submit a request under the Freedom of Information Act, requesting

correspondence relating to planning application 1/0687/2010/FUL, between TDC planning and the applicant. Specify a deadline. **ACTION: The Clerk to submit a FOI.**

1/0410/2021/FUL - Proposed new bakery and public space, along with new garden enclosure for Hillside. Land adjacent to Post Office and Store, Chapel Street, Woolsery. **Application granted**

9.0 Progress of Highways Issues

- Priority of Roads for new financial year, to assess and set in January. **ACTION: Agenda item January.**

Woolsery

- Merry Harriers bends on the Bucks to Cranford road is flooding again. **ACTION: The Clerk to report to Highways.**
- The finger post at Merry Harriers Junction is leaning. **ACTION: The Clerk to report to Highways.**
- In terms of finger posts, Highways had previously stated that the new signs rejected were not up to specification. It was questioned whether these were ever replaced. **ACTION: The Clerk to write to Highways.**

Bucks Cross.

- a. Bucks Mills Signs - 1) "Slow Down, Sharp Bend" and 2) No Parking in the Village. **ACTION: The Clerk to write to Highways to ask if they can erect a sign that says "No Through Road, Access Only".**
- Bucks Mills - Waterfall sign, response from TDC - **ACTION: The Clerk to liaise with Mark Beer TDC, emphasising that the Council has a duty of care to make sure people are aware the waterfall is polluted.**

Road Closures

4th - 12th January 2022 - Road from Fernlea to Auction Way. Works to excavate and lay new U/G electricity cable to supply new works to include network reinforcement.

7th - 11th February 2022 - Road from Cranford Bridge to Farmers Arms. Closed to allow excavate of trench from electric pole.

28th February - 4th March 2022 - Stroxworthy Cross to Alminstone Cross. Kier on behalf of SWW to disconnect the supply.

11. Update: Bucks Mills First Time Sewerage Application

TDC Chief Executive has written a letter of complaint to SWW.

12. Affordable Housing & Parish Plan 2021

Cllr Hill has made contact with the new Housing Enabling Officer at TDC as well as Sam Novak (Westward Housing) who will be moving this forward in the New Year.

The Parish Plan is to be carried forward to the New Year.

13. Update from MXB Sub-Committee

Met prior to the Parish Council, main points raised:

- Whilst the planning application for the Bakery has been approved, MXB are in discussions with TDC regarding the opening hours.
- Discussed the planning application and the need to submit a Scail assessment for Natural England.
- The drilling rig is required to do the ground source heat pumps, and will be delivered next week. It will be onsite for approximately 6 weeks starting in January 2022.
- The scaffolding has been taken down on the Old Smithy.
- Still waiting for a date for the ship refit.
- At the farm the potting shed continues with interiors, with the machinery shed near completion. The works on the gates and lights, etc, will start until Spring 2022.
- In terms of lighting on the fencing by the Manor, Highways have stated that only reflectors can be used, not lighting.
- Rather than charity boxes in the shop, MXB has decided to have a charity per month, agreeing to match fund any donations. December is in memory of Clive Leonard, with funds going to Devon Air Ambulance, January 1st Woolsery Scouts and February will be the Samaritans. If there is a charity that operates in or benefits the Parish, they can contact Emily Harmon at MXB.

14. Projects

- a. Planting of Wildflowers (Cllr Raffe & Cllr Harding) - Update on sponsorship and Highways response re signs. **ACTION: To progress in the New Year.**

Woolsery

- a. BT Payphone and Installation of a Defib / Electricity for Bus Shelter - The response on Facebook was for a defib. Stats from BT highlighted that the payphone has been used 8 times in the last 12 months. Following discussion it was agreed to obtain further data from BT, in terms of when it was last used, and of those calls were any emergencies. **ACTION: The Clerk to write to BT.**
- b. Pre-Planning Fee £100 & Quote for Bus Shelter & Installation Work - Copper Hill - Cllr Rafe has visited the site, stating that footings are in the bank, therefore potential for a bus shelter. **ACTION: To take measurements of the area.**

Bucks Cross

- a. Quote for Slats and a Bench by the Bus Stop - Unfortunately the Parish Council does not have the budget to support the quote submitted. **ACTION: Parish Cllrs to look at options regarding the slats, but agreed to put the bench on hold.**

15. Parking

Copper Hill - **ACTION: Cllr Harding to liaise with Mr Boundy.**

16. Queens Platinum Jubilee

ACTION: Agenda item for next meeting.

17. Policies

To review

- Equal Opportunities
- Filming
- Gritting Procedures
- Privacy Policy

ACTION: Agenda item for next meeting.

18. FINANCES

Payments to be authorised

- a) Lisa Hutchings - November 2021 - £439.68
- b) HMRC 20% Tax - November 2021 - £109.92
- c) Cllr S Hill - £59.53
- d) Stacey Christmas Tree Farm - £80.00

Cllr L Spittles proposed to authorise the above items a,b and d, seconded by Cllr Harding. All in agreement.

Cllr L Spittles proposed to authorise item c, seconded by Cllr Heywood. All in agreement. Cllr S Hill declared an interest and did not vote.

Annual Parish Grants to be authorised - Paid in May 2022

Cllr S Harding proposed to authorise the grants detailed below, seconded by Cllr L Spittles. All in agreement.

<u>Local Organisations</u>	
Woolsery Primary School	£150.00
1st Woolsery Scout Group	£150.00
The Good Companions	£100.00
Woolsery Tiny Tots	not applying
Woolsery Junior Football Club	not applying
Woolsery Sports & Community Hall - Badminton Club	
All Hallows Church	£150.00
Friends of Woolsery School (FOWS)	£150.00
Woolsery Youth Club	£150.00
Bucks Cross Village Hall	£150.00
Project Linus	£150.00
<u>External Organisations</u>	
Torridge, North, Mid and West Devon CAB	£150.00
South West Heritage Trust - ND Record Office	£50.00
Torridge Volunteer Cars	£150.00

Income received & Bank Account Balance

Current account - £2786.55 Reserve account - £20,530.03

19. Correspondence

Freedom of Information Act 2002 - Request from Mr B Hayden
Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service - Virtual events
Rainbows End Animal Sanctuary - Email circulated to Cllrs.

20. Date and Time of Next Meeting

18th January 2022, 7.30pm at Woolsery Sports & Community Hall