

Minutes of Yarnscombe Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 27 March 2024

Present: Cllrs. Brice (chair), Cooke, Farr, Ellison, Jeffery, Newberry, Pengilley, Cllr. Elliott (Torrige District Council / TDC), M. Dymond (clerk) and two members of the public

24.21 Apologies, Declarations of Interests and Dispensations

Apologies were received and accepted from PCSO Brown, Cllr. Lock (Torrige District Council / TDC) and Cllr. Saywell (Devon County Council / DCC)

There were no declarations of interest and no requests for dispensations had been received.

24.22 Public Participation and Feedback — Faulty street lights

Clerk had reported faulty street light to DCC and at time of meeting it had been fixed.

Over the past month there had been reports of dogs in the playing field and also off the lead in fields and the churchyard. It is suspected that the dogs in question are being exercised by a paid dog walker. In order to involve the dog warden evidence is needed, therefore should a dog be spotted in an out of bounds area, where possible pictures or detailed descriptions are needed.

Actions taken: Clerk to include issue in next Eagle article.

24.23 Representatives Reports

1) County/District Councillors

County — None (Cllr. Saywell back in office on 8 April 2024)

District — Two representatives of DCC (Devon County Council) attended last Full Council Meeting to talk about devolution. Councillors of TDC remain sceptical as devolution offers district no extra powers. South West Water (SWW) attended meeting, Cllr. Elliott is waiting for minutes. He invited councillors to forward any questions regarding sewage plants. Councillors mentioned issue of water running down road between Woodlands and Newlyn Farm(?). Cllr. Elliott will inspect.

Clerk had received grant application forms from district councillors Lock and Elliott, application deadline is 5 April 2024.

Actions taken: Clerk to fill out and send in grant applications.

2) Village Hall / Social Club — £200 towards path lighting

No representative present today, clerk had received email that Village Hall / Social Club will meet next week and make decision on grant then.

Actions taken: Item to be put on agenda next month.

3) Youth Club — None

4) PCSO/Police Report — None

5) Playing Field

Acceptance of quote for metal fencing by WM Ironworks

Payment of £6,291.60 (50% of final amount)

Quote and first instalment of payment was agreed in writing by Cllrs. Brice, Cooke, Pengilley, Farr and Newberry.

Actions taken: Cheque had been written out and countersigned. Cllr. Brice had delivered cheque in person. An agreement regarding metal fence bordering Cllr. Ellison's field will be drawn up. Cllrs. Pengilley and Ellison will put together draft agreement.

Actions taken: Agreement to be presented at next meeting.

6) Snow Warden — None

24.24 Minutes of Meeting from 28 February 2024

Minutes were approved and signed off as a true record.

24.25 Matters arising from last Meeting

Funding sources towards cost of metal fence

Clerk had put in application for funding from Persimmon Homes. Applications for grants from TDC and DCC (Devon County Council) and Lottery funding to be completed.

Actions taken: Clerk to fill in forms and look into further funding sources.

24.26 New Matters

Laser Printer Toner Magenta £121.99

Laser Printer Toner Yellow £89.99

Cllr. Brice proposed, Cllr. Pengilly seconded. All agreed to purchase toner cartridges.

Actions taken: Clerk to order cartridges online and pay by debit card.

Date of Annual Parish Meeting and Annual & Ordinary Council Meeting

To ensure that as many councillors as possible attend meeting, clerk put forward 22 May 2024 as date of Annual Parish Meeting, Annual Council Meeting and Ordinary Council Meeting.

Actions taken: Clerk to put date in next article for Eagle to encourage parishioners to attend Annual Parish Meeting.

24.27 PROW Monthly Report

Repairs on footpath near Cleave Farm are ongoing.

24.28 Planning

1/0243/2024/FUL — Demolition of agricultural building and erection of new dwelling and associated works (Variation of conditions 2 (Plans and 3 (Permitted Development) of planning approval 1/0066/2023/FUL) — Buildings At Grid Reference 255410 123805 Yarnscombe, Devon

Councillors had concerns, as once Condition Q is removed the sales value could improve by building extensions etc.

Actions taken: Clerk to forward comments to planning department.

1/0155/2024/AGMB — Prior approval for the change of use of agricultural building to one dwelling and associated building operations under Class Q, Barn at West Greylake, Yarnscombe, Barnstaple, Devon
Application refers to two empty barns, shape and design not altered.

Actions taken: No comments.

24.29 Additional Planning

None

24.30 Accounts

Acceptance of quote for metal fencing and payment of £6291.60 (50% of final cost)

Council will be able to claim back VAT — see item 24.23/5

Printer toner Magenta £121.99 and Yellow £89.99 — see item 24.26

Meeting closed 8.00pm.

8th April 2024