

LUCCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 12th Apr 2023 in Luccombe Village Hall

Attended by Mr H Harington (Chair) (HH) Mrs R Gande (RG) Mrs J Stapleford (JS) Mr M Harding (MH) and Mrs R Clements (RC) Clerk SCC. Mrs F Nicholson (FN) and Mr S Pugsley (SP) joined later.

Member of the Public: Mrs R Haw

HH welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending.

1.Apols/DCI	Mr B Parker Mr J Dascombe DCI JS & LT re grass cutting	
2.Mins	Minutes of the meeting held on 18 th Jan 2023 having been previously circulated were agreed and signed as correct.	
3.MA	HH reported on the proposed EE mast . EE are considering a donation to the National Trust in mitigation for any disturbance to wildlife during construction. Nothing further had been heard from Matt Barrow of Connecting Devon and Somerset (CDS), therefore no progress had been made regarding bringing fibre broadband at the same time as installing the mast. Stoney Street Road slippage . More slippage had taken place this week. RC to contact Highways.	RC
4. Reports	Parking is very difficult for anyone visiting Luccombe or Luccombe residents RC to contact NT regarding the area we are hoping to have as a play area to see if a parking area could be added. JS said that her husband had left it too late to increase his price for cutting the grass, and prices had risen as a result of the Russian invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, a compromise would be to keep the price the same but leave the steep slope of grass as a "rewilding" experiment. All in favour that we would try it for this year.	RC
5.Finance	RC has replaced the defibrillator pad and requested reimbursement. AIF. The bank reconciliation was circulated. It only covered the finances to the beginning of March as the Bank statement had not arrived and was late. Bank reconciliation agreed and signed. AGAR exemption form, although the final bank statement was not available it was obvious that the Parish Council met the criteria for exemption from external audit and the certificate was signed. Payment had been made as per the schedule Clerks salary, and tax, Devon air Ambulance.	
6.SCC	Mr S Pugsley and Mr F Nicholson joined the meeting. SP advised that Matt Barrow of CDS would be attending the Exmoor Panel Meeting on April 25 th , MB had been talking to BT regarding the fibre broadband. FN advised that the Community voucher scheme would be reopened in May and the vouchers are now worth £4000. These would be available to communities not in the proposed Government Intervention areas where the broadband projects would be overseen by Government. Other items discussed were the proposed reduction in representation from Parish Councils on the ENP Planning Committee, road subsidence in Stoney Street which is getting worse. RC to ring Highways for an update. Public Footpaths discretionary upkeep by ENP , responsibility lies with the landowner, little used paths will be subject to cutbacks. As of 1 st April 2023 Somerset now has one Unitary Authority.	RC
	The meeting closed at 20:50	

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