

LUCCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Wednesday 14th August 2024 in Luccombe Village Hall at 7:30pm

Present: Cllr H Harington (Chair) (HH) Cllr R Gande (RG) Cllr J Stapleford (JS) Cllr J Dascombe (JD), Cllr M Harding (MH) and Somerset Cllr S Pugsley (SP), Mrs R Clements (Clerk) (RC) Dr A Flind (member of public)

SP Left at 20:14

The meeting commenced at 19:39. HH welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

1. Apologies	Somerset Cllr F Nicholson, Cllr L Tisbury, Cllr B Parker	
2. Minutes	The minutes of the meeting held on 28 th Feb 2024, having been previously circulated were signed as correct following a minor amendment.	
3. Somerset Council Report	SP said that the Cllrs should inspect salt bins and see what might be needed ahead of the LCN meeting on Thursday 5th September (Cutcombe village hall, 6:30pm) where the Highway Warden will be in attendance with a winter maintenance update. Cllrs JD and JS to attend this meeting. Connecting Devon and Somerset are offering residents a £1300 grant towards the cost of a mobile signal booster. Cllrs discussed the mast erected for emergency communications at Chapel Cross. HH has been told that it is live - but there does not appear to be a mobile signal. SP noted that similar masts in Winsford and Withypool were gradually switched on with no information provided but he will contact Joe White and Exmoor planning to find out what is happening HH has been unable to contact Matt Barrow of Connecting Devon and Somerset to determine whether it would be possible to connect the mast at Chapel Cross to the village with a fibre optic broadband connection to provide a decent terrestrial Internet service. Being unable to contact CDS also means that Cllrs do not know what schemes are in place for delivering broadband to 'not spots' like Luccombe. SP to contact Matt Barrow to find out what can be done. The roadworks in Stoney Street are becoming increasingly urgent. Barriers are still in place where the road has been undermined and risks collapsing into the coombe. The road damage and barriers are making navigating the road difficult. Metal rod road barriers are hanging loose and have not been repaired. The road at the top of Stoney Street is in such a state of collapse that it risks falling into the coombe with the stanchions supporting the metal rod barriers leaning at a precarious angle. Heavy vehicles, including local farm vehicles, are unable to access the upper part of Stoney Street because it is too dangerous. SP to contact Kali Martin at Somerset Council for an update. JD raised the issue of large vehicles blindly following their satellite navigation directions and causing accidents such as a motorhome that rolled recently near Horner, blocking the road. HH suggested that a coordinated approach to organisations like Google Maps could be made by Somerset Council to give greater authority to the complaints. Local signage may have to be adjusted to warn people not to follow their satellite navigation blindly. SP suggested that the Council contact Kate Brown at Somerset Council to request additional	JS JD SP SP SP

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	signage and he will find out what can be done in regard to contacting SatNav companies. JD to raise issue at Highways meeting	SP JD RC
4. Matters Arising	Nothing to report	
5. Members Reports	RG expressed concern about the condition of Stoney Street. Hedgerows are overgrown, trees are not being maintained and it has never looked worse. HH reported that the concrete stanchions and metal barriers on the side of the road next to the Church in the village are collapsing into the coombe and the 'Give Way' road markings at Chapel Cross have worn away which means that drivers from Dunkery Beacon are given insufficient warning of the junction. Since the road was dressed between Luccombe and Huntscott, the road paintings have not been replaced so there is no longer a 'SLOW' sign painted on the road at the entrance to Luccombe from the Huntscott direction. JS to mention these issues at the forthcoming Highways meeting	JS
6. Finance	Statements signed and dated by JD	
7. Planning	None	
AOB	None. Meeting Closed at 20:42	

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