

TIMBERSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 27th July 2026

at Timberscombe Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors: - I. Ware (IW)- Chair, J. Daniel (JD), S. Campbell (SC), C. Gibbard (CG), R. Blomfield Richards (RR) , K. Attwater (KA) L. Webb (LW)- Clerk. County Councillors S. Pugsley (SP) and F. Nicholson (FN) (arrived 8pm) .

Item	Minutes	Action
26/95	Apologies for Absence. R.Jeffrey (RJ)	
26/96	Declarations of Notifiable Interests. No new interests declared.	
26/97	Approval of the Minutes of the last meeting held on 29 th June 2026. Proposed by SC and seconded by JD. Accepted as a true record and signed by the chair.	
26/98	Matters Arising. (i) The dog waste bin from Great House Street/ Willow Bank has been mended and returned. (ii) Salt bins are all full. (iii) Great House Street vegetation has been cut back. (iv) ENPA have spoken to the land owners regarding the blocking of the footpath at Hebber Vale. (v) No response yet from Magna re a possible Defib in Orchard Way.	
26/99	Report by Somerset County Councillors. (held at the end of the meeting on arrival of SP and FN) SP reported that: (i) Somerset Council have been issued with a Best Value Notice by the government re their financial problems. (ii) Luxbrough Council have written a letter to Highways re the road damage at Nutcombe Bottom, which is causing severe problems to its residents and additional traffic through Timberscombe. Timberscombe PC have added their support to the letter. (iii) Garden Cottage and Brook Cottage have had no response to their drop curb application. JD to send detail to SP and FN for them to follow up.	
26/100	Finance Report (i) Total funds currently stand at £13,858.32 with around £5000 to come from the second half of the precept in September. IW agreed and signed the bank statements. (ii) Invoices- Invoices paid since last meeting £30 to Mr Dunford for village maintenance agreed at the last meeting (cleaning of phone box, wood clearance Bemerry Bank, postcrete of village green posts). No new invoices received. (iii) It was resolved to transfer £1000 to the JAPF account to fund ongoing maintenance and insurance for the year.	LW
26/101	Highways (i) IW reported that the SID needed to be reset due to the heat. Figures indicate an average speeds of 28mph from Cutcombe and 25mph	

	towards Cutcombe, which is a massive improvement on pre SID figures. (ii) The clerk reported that there were no grants available at the moment for another SID.	
26/102	Bridleways and Footpaths (i) CG reported a tree leaning near Wanneroo Farm. CG to monitor and send photos to the clerk if the tree becomes dangerous to the public.	
26/103	Planning Applications and Decision. Providence Methodist Chapel Church Street Timberscombe TA24 7TR Ref: EXM/26/157/FULL Proposed Change of use from Use Class F1 & F2 to Residential Annexe under Use Class C3. This application was supported by the Parish Council.	LW
26/104	Village Maintenance and Environmental Issues KA expressed concern re the Environment Agency's decision to stop maintaining local waterways, with the exception of structures such as gravel traps. KA to write to the local flood group to express the council's support for their objection.	KA
26/105	Correspondence. Letter receive from Mr Macdonald re proposed new housing. His figures excluded Orchard Way, making it look as if the village was below the national average for open to all social housing.	
26/106	Report from representatives of other groups. LW reported that she had attended the required Data Protection course. Councillors were reminded of the Data Protection requirements for their own equipment.	
26/107	Chair's and Councillors' Notices. Seats have been replaced on the playing field.	
26/108	Items for next agenda. None	

Meeting finished at 8.05pm

Next meeting 28th September 2026