TIMBERSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 26th October 2026

at Timberscombe Village Hall at 7.30pm

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

Questions/Comments from the public: None

Item	Minutes	Action
26/127	**Apologies for Absence.** R.Jeffrey (RJ)	
26/128	**Declarations of Notifiable Interests.** No new interests declared.	
26/129	**Approval of the Minutes** of the last meetings held on 28th September. Proposed by SC and seconded by JD. Accepted as a true record and signed by the chair.	
26/130	**Matters Arising.** (i) It was resolved to appoint Ms Singleton (SS) as the new clerk, as from 30th November. LW would work with SS both before and after that date to hand over the reins. (ii) A letter had been received from Mr Bliss of Magna. Magna have agreed to install a defibrillator in Orchard Way, using the landlords electricity supply.	LW
26/131	**Report by Somerset County Councillors**. (i) The proposed rise in car parking charges has been postponed until at least October 2027. There will instead be a 10% increase on all charges. (ii) 10th November has been booked by the Housing Association for a public consultation re the proposed new housing in Timberscombe. The Council are yet to receive any details of the meeting. LW to chase. (iii) Councillors were incensed by the total lack of information regarding the Dunster road closure, with no notification and no updates sent to the Council until Monday, two days after the work had started. FN to speak to the contractors. (iv) The Community Payback scheme is asking for jobs that need doing in the village. LW has already contacted them re works at the village hall. (v) Next LCN meeting 5th November.	LW FN
26/132	**Highways** (i) IW brought along corrected figures for the SID . 99.14 % of vehicles were now below 40mph coming into the village and 99.54 % going out of the village. This is a massive improvements on pre SID speeds. (ii) IW has spoken to the owner of Garden Cottage re the drop curb. She now needs to contact C.J.Lynch to get new plans drawn up so that the vehicles exit the drive way from the slip road and not on the main highway.	
26/133	**Bridleways and Footpaths** (i) A temporary light was installed in Orchard Way. SC to check if this issue is now resolved. (ii) KA has contacted ENPA re the Timberscombe Oak , which is showing signs of distress. She will follow this up.	SC KA

26/134	**Finance Report** (i) Total funds currently stand at £17,025.52 (ii) It was resolved to pay the clerk's salary of £432.76, the HMRC bill of £100.00 and the Idverde invoice for the year of £1342.68 (iii) We have had no invoices for grass cutting this year, so a large bill is expected shortly. It was resolved to pay this on receipt, as the work done this year has been excellent. (iv) It was resolved to add RR, RJ and SS to the bank signatories and remove KA , as she is likely to be leaving the village in the new year. (v) It was agreed not to renew the green bin subscription , as IW was happy to take dumpy bags to the recycling centre, when necessary.	LW LW LW
26/135	**Planning Applications and Decision.** No new applications.	
26/136	**Village Maintenance and Environmental Issues** (i) Mr Dunford has some clearance jobs to complete around the village. (ii) RR reported that there were several dead trees along the roadside near Bickham which needed to be removed , as they are likely to become a danger to traffic if left. LW to report.	CG LW
26/137	**Correspondence.** (i) A letter has been received from Highways regarding the works to be carried out in Great House Street. It was agreed that RR, LW, RJ and IW would meet with Highways. LW to arrange meeting.	LW
26/138	**Report from representatives of other groups**. None	
26/139	**Chair's and Councillors' Notices.** It was proposed, given the lack of grants currently available for a second SID, that the council provided the funds to purchase one. The majority felt, however, that we should wait until a grant was available.	
26/140	**Items for next agenda**. Precept for 2027/8	

Meeting finished at 8.30pm

Next meeting 30th November 2026