

Minutes of Woolsery Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 20 August 2024 in Woolsery Sports and Community Hall at 7.30pm.

Chaired by: Councillor M Hill	Clerked by: Mrs S Squire
Present: Councillors D Hancock R Heywood M Hill S Hill County Councillor J Wilton-Love 4 Members of the public	Agenda: - Public Comment Session Apologies Declaration of Personal / Prejudicial Interest for items on the Agenda Approval of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16 July 2024 Clerk's Report Reports from County, District & Parish Councillors Items to be raised by the Chairman Planning Finances To consider a response to items raised under the Public Session Correspondence received Date and time of next meeting
	Action:
24/25. 43 24/25. 43.1 24/25. 43.2 24/25. 43.3 24/25. 43.4	<p>Public Comment Session.</p> <p>Net Zero. A report was given of the Public Meeting held in Clovelly Parish Hall on 31 July 2024. Approximately 120 people attended including 12 Councillors. It was a successful evening despite being challenging and no time to have a debate as per the full Agenda. The Seven Concerned Citizens felt the evening went through a good strategic plan and an independent audit is being sought from TDC.</p> <p>Councillor Heywood asked if the aim is to push answers upwards rather than downwards and a full response was given.</p> <p>A request was made for the draft Minutes of the previous meeting to be available earlier. The parishioner was advised that the draft Minutes have always been ratified at the next meeting. The item is to be on the next Agenda for Councillors to discuss whether to remain with the same arrangement or that the draft Minutes are circulated earlier. The Clerk advised that the legal requirement is that Minutes, whether draft or approved, have to be in the public domain thirty days after the meeting.</p> <p>A parishioner once again complained about potholes. They were told as on other occasions that residents are encouraged to report any issues direct to DCC Highways as there is nothing that the Parish Council can do.</p> <p>A resident shared details of a map issued by TDC about the area suitable for wind turbines and solar farms. The government's last announcement stated that no one can stop them and it was considered by the resident that they are a threat to the area, community and environment. There was experience of this when the Fullabrook Wind Farm was</p>

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	<p>created. If no objections are made, the same situation could happen in the TDC area and it was understood that a developer is interested in siting a wind farm close to Woolserly.</p> <p>The resident lobbied the Parish Council to make representations to TDC and would like this to be a joint presentation from Woolserly, Clovelly and Hartland Parish Councils to express concern that TDC is losing out from the levelling up programme. £2 million had been committed to a Maritime Centre but the funding was not available.</p> <p>The resident had presented an idea which they had developed but no interest has been shown. They spoke about the Great South West Pan-Regional Partnership for Cornwall, Isles of Scilly, Devon, Dorset and Somerset and neither North Devon Council or TDC were mentioned.</p> <p>Councillor M Hill considered that the net zero handling was poor and specifically mentioned the Bristol Channel where there is the highest rise and fall of tide which could be utilized.</p> <p>Councillor Heywood advised that District Councillor Dart is working on the economic problems of the area in the way the resident was suggesting.</p>	Sept Agenda
24/25. 43.5	Email from a member of the public regarding the last meeting, circulated to Councillors who were present at the meeting, on 22/7/24.	
24/25. 43.6	The Clerk has been in email correspondence with a parishioner who attended the Net Zero debate in Clovelly Parish Hall on 31/7/24. This item had been covered under Minute No. 24/25.	
24/25. 44	Apologies. Councillors B Beech, S Harding (District), S Salvidant, L Spittles.	
24/25. 45	Declaration of Personal / Prejudicial Interest for items on the Agenda. None.	
24/25. 46	Minutes.	
24/25. 46.1	Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16 July 2024 to be approved and signed as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Councillor Hancock. Seconded by Councillor Heywood and unanimously agreed.	
24/25. 47	Clerk's Report.	
24/25. 47.1	Representations from a member of the public regarding disputed land ownership at The Manor. A reply had been sent as directed.	
24/25. 47.2	Woolserly Road Issues. A reply to the enquiry as to where Woolserly stands as regards moving up the priority list had been received and was forwarded to Councillors on 2/8/24. It advised that Woolserly was not on the list for work to be carried out in this financial year or the next.	
24/25. 47.3	TDC Enforcement Department has been asked for an update regarding Rainbows End Animal Rescue Centre.	
24/25. 47.4	Submitted planning application responses.	
24/25. 47.5	Made payments.	

24/25. 47.6	Alleged unauthorized building at Cranford. A reply from TDC Enforcement Department had been received and circulated to Councillors. The details, which advised that there was no case to follow up, with the reasons given, were read to the meeting for the information of all present.	
24/25. 47.7	Airband. The Installs Team are dealing with the Parish Council's enquiry with a view to giving a reply.	
24/25. 47.8	FOI. A response has been sent as directed. A reply has been received which has been circulated to Councillors. Councillor Heywood will draft a response, to be circulated to Councillors for approval, so that the Clerk can send a reply.	MH / Clerk
24/25. 47.9	Relocation of dog bins. TDC had been requested to deal with this.	
24/25. 47.10	Junction of The Manor / Farmers Arms. A reply had been sent as directed regarding representations relating to vegetation.	
24/25. 47.11	Letter sent to County Councillor S Hughes, Portfolio Holder for DCC Highways regarding the state of the roads in the area and the contract with Milestone coming to an end.	
24/25. 48	Reports from County, District & Parish Councillors.	
24/25. 48.1	County Councillor J Wilton-Love. There had not been any meetings during August. The road to Bradworthy was due for resurfacing and he will advise the section involved. He was willing to fund a grit bin at Cranford. Councillor Hancock spoke about large agricultural vehicles using narrow roads resulting in the edges crumbling.	Clerk to submit application
24/25. 48.2	District Councillors. Not present.	
24/25. 48.3	Parish Councillors.	
	M Hill Beach Huts at Bucks Mills. Deferred to the September Agenda.	
	B Beech. Deferred. (1) Community Speed Watch. (2) Parking Problems in Manor Park.	
	D Hancock. Home Guard Huts. These structures at Woolsery and Bucks Mills had fallen into a state of disrepair and there is the suggestion of the Parish Council refurbishing them as a commemoration of the 80 th Anniversary of World War II ending in May 2025. Overgrown hedge at Manor Park. This had started to be trimmed back making it easier for pedestrians to remain on the pavement. Parish Paths Partnership (P3) – the gate at Moorhead Bridleway entrance has been replaced. Regarding the recent diversion for road works, the notice said no HGVs but this was ignored, and also by buses. One articulated lorry could not get through due to a parked car, so it reversed and went out onto the Clovelly Road. It was noted that Councillor M Hill had spoken to Stagecoach, mentioned under Minute No.	DH to speak to owner of field in Woolsery

	<p>R Heywood.</p> <p>1) Bus Shelter at East Park. Reply awaited from the Neighbourhood Highway Officer as to whether a structure at this location would be permitted. Councillor Heywood had provided a map to be sent by the Clerk for ease of identification.</p> <p>(2) Disputed landownership bordering Woolsery’s Manor House. Councillor Heywood will send details of the reply to be sent in connection with this Freedom of Information Act request.</p> <p>(3) Water leak. It was thought that this was the work necessitating the road closure. This to be clarified.</p> <p>Next Agenda. Discuss Parish Councillor allowances.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>RH / Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
	<p>S Hill.</p> <p>Future Agenda – to consider an August recess.</p>	<p>Sept Agenda</p>
	<p>S Salvidant. The following items had been circulated to Councillors. When sending her apologies, information was provided regarding works to be undertaken in Bucks Mills woods following the recent mudslide.</p> <p>Email from the office of Sir Geoffrey Cox MP KC regarding South West Water’s First Time Sewerage application.</p>	
24/25. 49	<p>Items to be raised by the Chairman.</p>	
24/25. 49.1	<p>Housing Needs Survey. The last one was done in 2018 and it was felt important that affordable housing information was update. Councillor Hill had spoken to TDC regarding the planned six affordable homes in the village and Councillors were in agreement that the matter should be discussed again. Councillor Hill has templates and before circulating the details, he will speak to Devon Communities Together for up to date information.</p>	
24/25’ 49.2	<p>Attendance at a Collaborative Meeting held in Winkleigh. The Chairman of Winkleigh Parish Council invited Chairs of local Parish Councils. The majority of those present were dissatisfied with the service from TDC, with no answers being received and difficulty in speaking to an officer. The biggest complaint was about the Planning Department with lack of information being provided, and potholes. The meeting was interesting and a further one was planned.</p>	
24/25. 49.3	<p>Outstanding items still to be resolved. Absentee Councillors. The Clerk to send them a note, wishing them well and asking when they hope to return but not to feel under any pressure to do so. It was noted that there was a vacant seat on the Parish Council and the vacancy to be advertised.</p> <p>Standing Orders were lifted to enable a member of the public to ask a question. What is the procedure for a Councillor to be disqualified? The Clerk explained the ‘six month rule’: If a Councillor does not attend or send apologies, after six months they are automatically disqualified. If a Councillor sends apologies and they are sanctioned / accepted, the six month rule would not apply, unless the apologies were not accepted, and then the clock would start ticking from the date of the last meeting they attended.</p> <p>Standing Orders were reinstated.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

24/25. 49.4	Road Closure. Councillor M Hill had spoken to Stagecoach regarding buses using Manor Park.	
24/25. 50	Planning. The following applications were considered:	
24/25. 50.1	<p>1/0623/2024/FUL – Erection of agricultural building to cover an existing dung store – land at Grid Reference 232966 118021, Woolserly. The deadline date for the Parish Council’s response is 15 August 2024 and the planning officer has agreed to extend the deadline so that the application can be considered at this meeting. Proposed by Councillor S Hill to respond ‘no comment’. Seconded by Councillor Hancock and unanimously agreed.</p> <p>1/0661/2024/FUL – Construction of 1 no. dwelling (self build) – Land at Higher Ashmansworthy, Woolserly. Grid Ref: 234102 118034 The deadline date for the Parish Council’s response is 23 August 2024. Proposed by Councillor Heywood to respond ‘no objections with support to a local family living and working in the area. Seconded by Councillor S Hill and unanimously agreed.</p>	Clerk
24/25. 50.2	<p>Planning Correspondence: Decisions, Enforcement & Appeals. The following TDC Decision Notice was noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Refusal for Application 1/0395/2024/FUL – erection of vehicle storage building (resubmission of 1/0059/2024/FUL) – land at Cross Farm, Woolserly. ▪ Planning Appeal APP/W1145/W/23/3333137 – The Log House, Higher Town Farm, Woolserly, EX39 5QS. It was noted that the Planning Inspectorate had dismissed the Appeal. 	
24/25. 51	Finances.	
24/25. 51.1	<p>Payments to be authorised: Proposed by Councillor M Hill. Seconded by Councillor S Hill and unanimously agreed.</p> <p>a. Sue Squire: August 2024 salary £510.93 Expenses (broadband/photocopying/mileage) £ 15.75 £526.68 <i>Salary and expenses are lower than that shown on the Agenda</i></p> <p>b. HMRC PAYE £127.90 <i>A difference of 20p due to HMRC software calculations</i></p> <p>c. Woolserly Sports and Community Hall. Invoice for May & June Meetings £ 32.00</p> <p>d. 2024 Remembrance Day Wreath. £27.50 Wording to be: From the Parish of Woolserly.</p> <p>e. Income and Bank Account Balances: NatWest Current Account as at 20 August 2024: £311.45 NatWest Savings Account as at 20 August 2024: £19,837.01 Interest of £27.96 was earned in July 2024.</p>	Clerk
24/25. 51.2	Email of thanks from the Citizens Advice for a donation of £150.00 received in May.	
24/25. 52	To consider a response to items raised under the Public Session. This was an oversight from the July meeting. The Clerk to check the details and circulate to Councillors for approval.	

24/25. 53	Correspondence. Emails from various agencies have been forwarded to Councillors.	
24/25. 53.1	Village Schools Partnership. This item was deferred to the September meeting.	
24/25. 53.2	<p>Safety of Lithium ion Batteries and e-bikes and scooters. Further email from the sender of the original email dated 22/5/24. To consider further support and a follow up letter to the MP. Councillors were given more details.</p> <p>Proposed by Councillor S Hill to send a letter of support and ask Sir Geoffrey Cox MP KC, to raise this item if his name is chosen from the 20 whose name will be drawn on 5 September to debate a Bill. Seconded by Councillor M Hill and unanimously agreed.</p>	Clerk
24/25. 53.3	<p>Holsworthy Motor Club will be holding its 'Roger Pole Taw & Torridge' Classic Reliability Trial on Sunday, 15 September.</p> <p>It will start in the car park of Clovelly Visitors Centre at 9am, finishing back at the Visitors Centre at approximately 4pm. This event is a round of a national competition and it is expected that 50 cars and 40 motor cycles taking part. The route passes through Woolserly and all those who need to be consulted will be contacted.</p>	
24/25. 54	<p>Date and time of next meeting: Tuesday, 17 September 2024 at Woolserly Sports and Community Hall at 7.30pm. The meeting ended at 8.56pm.</p>	
<p>Summary of Decisions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16 July 2024 ➤ Planning ➤ Payments ➤ Letter of support relating to safety of Lithium ion batteries 		
<p>These Minutes are agreed by those present as being a true record.</p>		
Signed: Chair of Woolserly Parish Council.	Date:	