

**A Parish Council Meeting of
Woolfardisworthy Parish Council is to be held on
Tuesday, 18 June 2024 in
Woolsery Sports and Community Hall
at 7.30pm.**

**All Councillors are hereby summoned to attend for the purposes
of the following business.**

Members of the press and public are also invited to attend.

**The Clerk will be on leave from 20 – 30 June 2024 inclusive and also
on 4 & 5 July 2024 to assist North Devon Council Election's Team in connection with
the General Election.**

Sue Squire

Sue Squire, Parish Clerk for the Parish Council

Date: 13 June 2024

**Members of the public wishing to speak on any item on the
Agenda may do so under 'Representations from the Public'. The
time limit for speaking is limited to 3 minutes.
The public are not permitted, under Standing Orders, to speak or
take part in the meeting before or after this item.**

1. Public Comment Session

1.1 Net Zero Campaign. Councillors have been forwarded details for studying ahead of the meeting.

1.2 The following comments have been received from a resident:

With reference to item 14.2 on the May 2024 agenda of the Woolsery Parish Council meeting - specifically R Heywood - (2) Disputed landownership bordering Woolsery's Manor House, which has been an agenda item for some considerable months.

I refer you to the minutes of Woolsery Parish Council meeting held on 19th December 2017 and specifically item 14.0 Traffic Calming Crossings in Woolsery therein. This item was discussed by the Councillors at length and, as noted, the proposal and plans put before them were fully supported by the Parish Council, no dispute of land ownership was raised then, therefore no further time should be wasted on this matter.

2. Apologies. Councillor B Beech.

3. Declaration of Personal / Prejudicial Interest for items on the Agenda

All Members are reminded that all interests must be declared prior to the item being discussed or, if it is realised during the meeting that an interest has arisen, it must be declared at that time.

4. Minutes.

4.1 Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 21 May 2024 to be approved and signed as a true and accurate record.

5. Clerk's Report:

5.1 Stagecoach – no reply has been received regarding a bus mounting the verge at Manor Park causing damage. A copy of the original email and a follow up has been sent by post to Stagecoach requesting a reply.

5.2 Fence at South Park. Westward Housing Association has returned enquiries made to advise that a job has been raised for a contractor to give a price to renew the fence. It is not known when the work will be done, but an assurance was given that this was in hand.

- 5.3 **Alleged unauthorised building at Cranford.** A reply has been received from TDC's Enforcement Officer and circulated to Councillors for information. As a result of this, a reply has been sent.
- 5.4 **Payments made.** Confirmation has been received from Community First that the insurance has been renewed.
- 5.5 **Woolser Road Issues.** A reply has been received from DCC Highways and circulated to Councillors.
- 5.6 **County Councillor Wilton-Love.** The Parish Council's good wishes have been sent to DCC for passing on.
- 5.7 **Airband.** A reply has been sent as directed.
- 5.8 **SWW First Time Sewerage Application.** The Parish Council has reminded TDC that SWW had advised a Public Consultation would take place before a decision was made, for passing on to the relevant officer.
- 5.9 **Has been in communication with a resident regarding potholes outside their property as a result of volume of water / flooding outside their reply which they reported and where Highways have said no works are to be done.** As a result the Clerk has contacted the Neighbourhood Highways Officer asking for a site visit and explanation, rather than the standard reply, is given. This has been received and relayed to the parishioner.
- 5.10 **Westcountry Rivers Trust.** The Clerk has been given the contact details of the Bucks Mills volunteer for future pollution incidents to be reported.
Enquiries were made about the frequency of monitoring and the reply is that once a month is the usual monitoring requirement and if problems occur, then more are done. The volunteer monitors one spot after all the streams have joined together and this is done in different weather conditions.
The volunteer feels that their contact details are known by the Clerk who can then report any concerns about the stream.
- 5.11 **Sent response to Councillor Hardings letter with input from Parish Councillors.** The letter was also sent to TDC Monitoring Officer from whom a reply has been received.
6. **Reports from District Councillors and Parish Councillors**
- 6.1 **County Councillor J Wilton-Love.**
- 6.2 **District Councillors.**
- 6.3 **Parish Councillors**
- M Hill**
- B Beech** (1) **Community Speed Watch.**
(2) **Parking problems in Manor Park.**
- D Hancock** **Dog bins**
- S Harding**
- R Heywood** (1) **Bus Shelter at East Park**
(2) **Disputed landownership bordering Woolser's Manor House**
(3) **Occupation of field next to the Potting Shed**
(4) **MXB telegraph pole**
(5) **Water leak**
- S Hill** **Village Planters**
Defibrillator at Woolser Sports and Community Hall
- S Salvidant** **Received representations regarding overgrown vegetation.** The resident has been advised of how this can be reported direct to DCC Highways.
- L Spittles** **Enforcement at Rainbow's End Rescue Centre.**
7. **Planning.** To consider the following Applications:
- 7.1 **1/0438/2024/FUL – Demolition of agricultural buildings and erection of 1 dwelling house with associated works in lieu of Class Q permission (1/0545/2022/AGMB & 1/0540/2022/AGMB) – agricultural buildings and land at Grid Reference 233576 119938, Woolsery.**

The deadline date for the Parish Council's response is 14/6/24 and the planning officer has agreed grant an extension to allow the application to be considered at this meeting.

<https://publicaccess.torridge.gov.uk/online-applications/simpleSearchResults.do?action=firstPage>

1/0395/2024/FUL – Erection of vehicle storage building (resubmission of 1/0059/2024/FUL) – Land at Cross Farm, Woolery.

[The deadline date for the Parish Council's response is 21/6/24.](#)

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**7.2 Planning Correspondence: Decisions, Enforcement & Appeals.
None at the time of preparing the Agenda.**

8. Finances.

8.1 Payments to be authorised:

a. Sue Squire:			
June 2024 salary	£511.13		
Expenses (broadband/photocopying/mileage)	£ 24.50		£535.63
b. HMRC PAYE			£127.60
c. Community Heartbeat. Replacement pads and battery for Defibrillator at Woolery Sports and Community Hall			£426.60
d. <u>Income and Bank Account Balances</u> – to be tabled			

8.2 2023/24 Audit. The Clerk will give an update. The file is due to be collected on 17/6/24.

**9. To consider a response to items raised under the Public Session.
Net Zero.**

10. Correspondence received. Emails from various agencies have been forwarded to Councillors.

10.1 DCC Transportation Planning Officer. Email – Public Engagement regarding enhancements to bus-rail integration at Barnstaple Railway Station. A consultation is running until 26/6/24. The proposals involve changes to the bus stop arrangements, so that all buses would stop directly outside the main station entrance and provision of a new bus-only access onto Sticklepath Terrace, enabling buses to avoid queues on Station Road.

10.2 Safety of Lithium ion Batteries and e-bikes and scooters. Email from Ron Bailey, researcher for Lord (Don) Foster who has been campaigning on this issue in the House of Lords. Mr Bailey is also the parliamentary advisor to Electrical Safety First, a UK Charity dedicated to reducing the deaths and injuries caused by electricity. The email was forwarded to Councillors on 24/5/24 which asked for support of the campaign.

10.3 Winkleigh Parish Council - Collaborative Working with other Councils. The Councillor who originally contacted Parishes is moving from the area and another Councillor will be taking the initiative forward and plans to be in contact in due course.

10.4 North Devon Record Office (South West Heritage Trust). Letter of thanks for the annual grant of £50.00.

10.5 State of the Road Petition. Sir Geoffrey Cox MP KC presented this to the House of Commons on 8/5/24.

10.6 Devon and Torbay Devolution Deal update. Email received and circulated to Councillors on 4/6/24 which advised that any decision about the establishment of the Devon and Torbay Combined County Authority (CCA) which is legally required to assume responsibility for new funds and powers transferred by Government from Whitehall to Devon and Torbay, has been deferred until after the General Election as there is now insufficient time before the Election to submit for Parliamentary approval the Statutory Instrument required to set up the Devon and Torbay CCA.

10.7 Village Schools Partnership. Letter regarding the School Field, circulated to Councillors on 13/6/24.

11. Date and time of next meeting: Tuesday, 16 July 2024 at Bucks Cross Village Hall at 7.30pm.