

HALWILL PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON October 14th 2021 At 7.30pm – At the Parish Hall

	<p>The meeting started at 19:30</p> <p>Present: Cllrs J Hardman (Chair), J Wilson (JW),, R Cristofoli(RC), C Langston(CL), R Livermore(RL), R Grocock(RG), Ward Councillor P Hackett</p> <p>In Attendance: Three members of the public & clerk</p>	
2021/Oct/1	<p>To receive apologies for absence - Apologies were received from Ward Councillor P Watson</p>	
2021/Oct/2	<p>Declarations of Interest - None</p> <p>Standing Orders were suspended to allow the public to speak. The chair passed on an update from the “Planting for Nature” group. They have had some planters donated and have started work on the verge they were asked to help with. A parishioner complained that the mini roundabout is a problem if you are trying to egress from Manor Gardens. Vehicles are not expecting traffic from the access road and ignore priorities. Standing orders were reinstated</p> <p>Clerk’s & Councillors’ announcements Ward Councillor Hackett will bring up the issue of speeding through Halwill Junction with the police superintendent.</p>	
2021/Oct/3	<p>To confirm minutes for the September 2021 Ordinary Meeting and the September Extraordinary Meeting. The minutes were signed as a correct record by Cllr J Hardman</p>	
2021/Oct/4	<p>Action List / Matters arising for the Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work at the end of the car park Some frank views were expressed at the lack of progress. • Memorial bench for Marjory Wonnocott – The family are aware of the site for the bench and the conditions to install a memorial bench but have not yet acted or communicated their intentions to the parish council. 	
2021/Oct/5	<p>Finance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bills for payment The following payments were approved 	

Date	Company	Amount inc VAT	For what
14/10/20	D C Osborne	£379.16	Pay 1 month

2021/Oct/6

Radar controlled speed sign to agree specifications and budget

The prices and specification of the 4 companies that have provided details of their products was discussed. The Elan City sign is the cheapest and met the parish council's wish to have programmable wording and colour. The size of the Elan City one was not specified [It is 750mm by 750mm].

It was **resolved** to purchase the Elan City Vehicle Activated Speed Sign.

2021/Oct/7

Coöption of a parish councillor

As no one eligible has come forward. Carried over to the next meeting.

2021/Oct/8

Does the Parish Council wish to start a printed Parish Newsletter

The Hall Committee Chair informed the meeting that the parish hall is creating a newsletter which will be circulated throughout the parish to inform people of events and activities in the hall post pandemic. The parish council is welcome to contribute.

The clerk informed the meeting that Black Torrington's parish newsletter costs about £1,500 a year to print and distribute but those costs are covered by advertising.

RL was concerned we might be treading on people's toes if the hall are publishing a newsletter.

It was agreed to keep the idea under review.

2021/Oct/9

Maintenance: Grass and hedge cutting in the parish, play area inspection and maintenance

The clerk informed the meeting that the play area inspection has been booked. The safety matting has not yet been patched.

The chair was concerned that the cost of having the parish warden maintain the areas which the parish council and the parishioners would like kept tidy could grow to an unacceptable level. Many of the areas were formerly maintained by the District or County Councils but now only they will only respond where they think there is a safety concern.

The clerk was asked to circulate the maps of the areas maintained by the various councils.

JW used to trim the grass along the path at Henderbarrow but no longer has the equipment to do so. JW would like the parish warden to trim this area.

2021/Oct/10

Remembrance Sunday preparations and who will do the wreath laying

The chair will lay the wreath is no one else is willing to. It is uncertain what happened to the wreath from last year. If the wreath can be located the parish council will re-use it and subject to agreement send a donation to the Royal British Legion (RBL), if the wreath cannot be located the parish council will obtain a new one and subject to agreement send a donation to the RBL.

2021/Oct/11	<p>Queen's Platinum Jubilee events. The government is encouraging communities to celebrate the Queen's platinum jubilee in 2022. The chair will contact groups in the parish to see if they have anything planned. Carried over.</p>	
2021/Oct/12	<p>Planning Torrige District Council, the determining authority, has asked for comments on the following application:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Reference: 1/1076/2021/AGMB Proposal: Prior notification for the change of use of agricultural building to 1 no. dwellinghouse and associated building operations under Class Q Location: Agricultural Building At Beech House, Halwill, Devon, The Parish Council has no opinion on this matter.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Reference: 1/1098/2021/AGMB Proposal: Prior notification for the change of use of agricultural building to 2 no. dwellinghouses and associated building operations under Class Q Location: Agricultural Building At Beech House, Halwill, Devon, The Parish Council has no opinion on this matter.</p> <p>Torrige District Council, the determining authority, has approved the following application:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Reference: 1/1184/2020/FUL Proposal: Proposed agricultural storage shed Location: Land at Winsford Lane, Halwill Junction, Beaworthy, Devon</p>	
2021/Oct/13	<p>Correspondence The clerk has received correspondence from the Right Honourable Sir Geoffrey Cox QC MP regarding the state of the path from Torrige District Council's car park to the A 3079. It needs sweeping. Devon County Council has sent a circular on ash dieback which states trees that have more than 50% crown die back should be considered dangerous and liable to sudden collapse. There is 1 such tree on the pump track.</p>	
2021/Oct/14	<p>Matters to be raised for information only None</p>	
2021/Oct/15	<p>To confirm the date of the next meeting The next meeting will be on November 11th 2021 at 19:30 in the Parish Hall</p>	

The meeting ended at 20:40