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| Combe Florey Parish Council | | |
| **Date of Meeting:**  Tuesday 05th January 2021 7.00 pm  Via Zoom due to Covid-19 restrictions | | **Written by:**  Gemma Coombes (Parish Clerk) |

# Annual Parish Council Meeting Minutes

**Councillors Present**

**In attendance**

Parishioners none

Cllr Robin Cleverly (Chair)

Cllr Adriana Truby (Vice-chair)

Cllr Simon Hawes (RFO)

Cllr Nick Weeks

Cllr Peter Tayler

1. **Welcome by Councillor**

Cllr Robin Cleverly welcomed the other councillors to the meeting and thanked them for attending.

1. **Apologies**

None

1. **Declarations of Interest**

None declared

1. **Approval of minutes of last meeting**

The minutes from the last meetings on 22nd of September and the extraordinary finance meeting on the 2nd of December 2020 were taken as read.

Proposed by Cllr Robin Cleverly Seconded Cllr Simon Hawes.

All in favour to adopt the minutes.

1. **Public participation**

None

1. **Matters Arising**

None

1. **Somerset County councillor’s report (Cllr Rigby)**

None received.

1. **Taunton Deane district report**

None received.

1. **Policing Report**

Only thing affecting Combe Florey is reports of a homeless male living in pub while it was closed, he has now been moved on.

1. **Planning**
   1. ***Current planning applications***

Nothing new

* 1. ***Other planning matters***

None

1. **Finance** 
   1. ***Account balances***
      1. Current account - £9853.00
   2. **Remittances** 
      1. None
   3. **Invoices for payment**

The RFO Cllr Simon Hawes reads out the invoices for payment and seeks approval for all. Proposed by Cllr Adriana Truby, seconded by Cllr Robin Cleverly. All in favour.

* + 1. Parish Clerk wages (October 2020 – January 2021inclusive) £417.60 (before deductions)
    2. Parish Clerk expenses for website domain £39.78
    3. HMRC - £83.60
  1. **Other Finance issues.**

Cllr Simon Hawes reported that Lloyds bank have issued a banking card in the name of Simon Frost, Simon left the Parish Council some time ago. Cllr Hawes has checked with Lloyds that he is not on the list of signatories and they confirmed he is not. They have cancelled the card that has been sent.

Cllr Peter Tayler is currently nominated as the person to deal with the account online, Cllr Simon Hawes has asked for the forms to be sent so this activity can be transferred to him as RFO rather than Peter. Cllr Peter Tayler gives his approval to do this.

Lloyds have also stopped sending statements and Cllr Simon Hawes has asked for this to be reinstated even if there was no transactions carried out in this time.

1. **Highways & Footpaths**
   1. **Moving footpath so there is no need to walk along the main B3224 for about 50m. As an official change could take 30 years we need to speak to land owner.**

The land owner has agreed in principle to the new style being fitted but there is no approval from landowner.

A new hole in hedge would need to be made and a new style will need to be added. This needs to be discussed with bishop Lydard and there will be a financial cost to this project.

Cllr Simon Hawes stated that we need something in writing from the land owner then we can carry out the work. We will need to go through legal steps in the council however this could take too much time to get an official change made.

Cllr Robin Cleverly to speak to John Passingham and the County Council. We could look to make an informal footpath. We need to do the following things:

Get farmers consent

Get quote

Get new style installed.

* 1. **Update on Farmers’ Arms / A358 road junction and result of discussion with Highways Officer.**

We need an update from Mike Rigby.

* 1. **Status of tower lane**

This has been patched but it is not great, SWAT say they cant sweep until SCC have scraped the road however they have said they have no money for this at the time and we need to wait for the new financial year.

1. **Village Maintenance** 
   1. **Update on upkeep and renewal of Village Garden**

Tomisina was there before Christmas doing some tidying and in Spring 2021 we are looking to set out a programme of planting. There is more light being let in now for plants to grow.

* 1. **Repair to bridge**

This work is complete now and cheque the has been issued. This can be removed from future agenda

* 1. **Repair to pump**

Work to repair the pump should be carried out mid Jan. Currently there is no water supply at the site the pump will be located when the repair has been made.

1. **Village Hall Status Report**
   1. **Moving of rubbish bin**

The village hall have asked for the bin to be re-located away from the village hall as the part of ground it is situated on currently now belongs to them. They have suggested for it to be re-located by the cemetery. It may be a good idea to talk with Phil Greenway and have full understanding of the potential issues. Cllr Robin Cleverly will try and speak to TDBC to gain their approval.

1. **State of the road between Hawkins Barton and the woodyard, and Combe Down Lane connecting with the B3224.**

Covered in earlier topic

1. **Topics for next agenda**

Upgraded broadband for the area, investigate grants to get better speeds.

1. **Correspondence**

None

1. **NEXT MEETING:**

Parish Council Meeting 23rd March 2021 7.00pm

Location: Combe Florey Village Hall (covid-19 restrictions permitting)

Meeting closes at 19.57