

Combe Florey Parish Council

<p style="text-align: center;">Date of Meeting: Tuesday 11th January 2022 7.00 pm At Combe Florey Village Hall</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Written by: Gemma Coombes (Parish Clerk)</p>
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Annual Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Councillors Present

Cllr Robin Cleverly (Chair)
Cllr Adriana Truby (Vice-chair)
Cllr Simon Hawes (RFO)
Cllr Nick Weeks
Cllr Peter Tayler

In attendance

Gemma Coombes – Parish Clerk
PCSO from Police.
Parishioners x None

2022/1) Welcome by Chairman

The Chairman welcomed the parishioners to the meeting and thanked them for attending.

2022/2) Apologies

Cllr Anthony Trollop-Bellow - Somerset District Councillor
Cllr Mike Rigby – Somerset county councillor and District Councillor

2022/3) Declarations of Interest

None declared

2022/4) Approval of minutes of last meeting

The minutes from the 07th September 2021. Proposed by Cllr Simon Hawes Seconded by Robin Cleverly. All in favour of adopting mins

2022/5) Public participation

No public participation.

2022/6) Matters Arising

1. Upgraded broadband for the area, investigate grants to get better speeds.
Nothing to report at this time.

2022/7) Somerset County councillor's report (Cllr Rigby)

None given

2022/8) Taunton Deane district report (Cllr Anothony Trollop-Bellow)

None given

2022/9) Policing Report

Police reports not coming through at this point, Louise will send a test to see if emails are going to junk.

Louise gave an overview of her job role and remarks that Combe Florey is a peaceful parish at this time. She says she can attend any meetings if needed around her work schedules. Her job role covers anything from attempted murder to theft of a post box knitted topper. Covid has made the job role harder.

2022/10) Planning

1. **Current planning applications**
Tree applications are the only outstanding planning applications.
2. **Other planning matters**
None

2022/11) Finance

1. **2022/2023 precept.**
Precept has been submitted for £4000 and an acknowledgement has been received.

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2. Account balances

- a. Current account - £9208.00
- b. We will have the £4000 due in April or May due in but there are things to be done with this money.

3. Bank Reconciliation and Cash Days Books

Payment schedule is circulated and signed by chairperson, daybook and cash book also signed.

4. Remittances

- a. £450 Parish grant (received 07/10/2021)

5. Invoices for payment

Cllr Simon Hawes (RFO) read out the invoices for payment.

- a. Parish Clerk wages (October - January inclusive) £417.60 (before deductions)
 - Proposed by Cllr Adriana Truby, seconded by Cllr Robin Cleverly. All in favour.
- b. Parish Clerk travel expenses - £7.20
 - Proposed by Cllr Adriana Truby, seconded by Cllr Robin Cleverly. All in favour.
- c. HMRC (Clerks PAYE) - £
 - Proposed by Cllr Adriana Truby, seconded by Cllr Robin Cleverly. All in favour.
- d. Cllr Nick Weeks Expenses - Pump project - £39.58
 - Proposed by Cllr Adriana Truby, seconded by Cllr Robin Cleverly. All in favour.
- e. Combe Florey Parochial Church Council - £350
 - Proposed by Cllr Adriana Truby, seconded by Cllr Robin Cleverly. All in favour.
- f. John Passingham for paths - £100 (in arrears)
 - Proposed by Cllr Adriana Truby, seconded by Cllr Robin Cleverly. All in favour.
- g. Combe Florey Village Hall for past meetings held. - £50
 - Proposed by Cllr Robin Cleverly, seconded by Cllr Peter Taylor. All in favour.
- h. Finger post painting expenses - Approve estimated costs of £60 to Marika Reinholds
 - Proposed by Cllr Simon Hawes, seconded by Cllr Robin Cleverly. All in favour. - Please note this estimated cost is for materials only as there is no charge for labour as she does this as a hobby.
- i. Sand blast cost for finger posts - Costs to be finalised 07/01
 - Not approved at this meeting.

ii. **Other Finance matters.**

None

2022/12) 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.**
Nothing further to update as no Cllr Rigby

2022/13) Village Maintenance

1. Village Garden

The most ongoing issue is the hedge planting and then the membrane and gravel to go down. The hedge needs to be done as soon as possible so this month, this will be to dig the hedge in and put in ground even if it's not put in fully at this stage. If we put the hedge in it and ourselves does not take, should we ask a specialist? The Cllr's feel it can be done with those available to help over the next week or so. The next stage is to level the ground by hand, lay the membrane and then we can lay the gravel. We will need to leave heavy lifting things those with the equipment to do this. These things should take us to the spring and then we can do the next stage. 08/03 the scouts will be coming to be planting bulbs and watering from village pump at 5pm.

2. Waste bin / dog waste bin

There needs to be one in the village garden in future dog waste bin / waste bin.

3. Road signs/ Finger posts

As above, finger post to be done now someone has been identified.

4. Overhanging trees on Coggans lane. Who owns the hedge?

Looks like Combe Florey House property so this would fall under them and need to be dealt with by the land owner. We can facilitate this via conversation only but this is not something the Parish Council can deal with directly.

Combe down lane there is a small amount of land of 10meters that belong to the Parish, the tree fell from there and Parishioners have offered to take on this ground but for no cost. This could be a matter for the Annual Meeting.

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2022/14) Village Hall - Status report

They have a 20k Covid payment that are helping towards new chairs etc. They have three ash trees that need to be taken down as they are diseased and are trying to smarten the outside up. There is talks of moving the fire escape.

2022/15) Plan for Annual Parish Meeting held on 10th May 2022.

We hope to have Louise the PCSO as a guest speaker to demonstrate what she does and give examples of her job, also a meet and greet time for the Parishioners to meet her.

2022/16) Platinum Jubilee - Celebrations?

Street parties are going on to on the 5th June. This issue was raised at the village hall meeting a while ago and the village hall have booked the day free so things can go in there if it is raining, the parish council will need to organise this as a separate idea away from the council. There needs to be a committee organised with the village hall and this needs to be organised with members of both the Village Hall and the Parish Council. Thing need to be set up first to decide what kind of things will be needed such as porta-loos etc. Once this is set up we will know cost. Can now be removed as will be run as a separate committee.

2022/17) Topics for future meetings

Nothing raised.

2022/18) Correspondence

None.

2022/19) NEXT MEETING:

Parish Council Meeting 29th March 2022 7.00pm
Location: Combe Florey Village Hall
Meeting closes at 20.03

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