

## Combe Florey Parish Council

<b>Date of Meeting:</b> Tuesday 01 <sup>st</sup> October 2024 7:00 pm At Combe Florey Village Hall	<b>Written by:</b> Gemma Coombes (Parish Clerk)
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### Parish Council Meeting Minutes

**Councillor's Present**

Cllr Jacquey Newton (Vice Chair)  
 Cllr Simon Hawes (RFO)  
 Cllr Adriana Truby  
 Cllr John Passingham

**In attendance**

Gemma Coombes – Parish Clerk  
 Parishioners x1  
 Cllr Mike Rigby – Somerset Councillor

**2024/82) Welcome by Chairman**

The Vice Chairperson opens the meeting and welcomed everyone.

**2024/83) Apologies for absence**

Cllr Robin Cleverly (Chairman)

**2024/84) Declarations of Interest**

Nothing declared.

**2024/85) Approval of last meetings minutes**

The minutes from the 23<sup>rd</sup> July Parish Council Meeting were taken as read.  
 Proposed acceptance by Cllr Newton Seconded by Cllr Passingham. All in favour to adopt the minutes. Signed by vice chairperson.

**2024/86) Public participation**

Nothing raised at this time.

**2024/87) Matters Arising / Matters brought forward from other meetings**
**1. Salt bin damaged by car.**

The question was raised as to who is responsible for removal of the old Salt bin? Cllr Mike Rigby is going to contact the appropriate people to have the old bin removed.  
 Replacement bin cost £239.95

**2024/88) Somerset Council report (Cllr Rigby/ Cllr Sully)**

A year ago there was a financial crisis declared, this situation has now stabilised and this makes the Council in a better place than it was meaning they can meet the statutory obligations. 75% of the revenue budget is now being spent on adult social care and child services. There is a lot of outsourced parts such as children's homes that are running for profit making, this is trying to be brought back in house along with parts of adult social care.  
 The other services such as cleaning streets and potholes are getting less and less money and attention and the way things are set up people feel they get less and less for their money.  
 Firepool has made some real progress, they are hoping to finish sometime next year.  
 Cllr Rigby is now the Cllr for planning, assets and economic development. Planning at Somerset Council is a massive issue due to lack of staff and lack of funding, Cllr Rigby hopes to help sort this out in a year.  
 In the press there are talks of a large combined authority, we would be with Wiltshire or Bournemouth if they were willing to enter talks with us. As this is messy they could go back to something else. There has to be a point where this stops as you cannot keep making things bigger and bigger.

**2024/89) Policing Report**

Blog post was forwarded to the Councillors but there is nothing of interest to Combe Florey.

**2024/90) Planning**
**1. Current planning applications**

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- I. Please see under other planning matters, application 11/24/0005/CQ came in too late to make this agenda so a formal meeting to discuss will take place on a future date to be announced.

## 2. Other planning matters

Planning number 11/24/0005/CQ Hawkins Barton, this a class Q application and providing this is an agriculture building and all the rules covering Q class planning applications are adhered to, planning consent will be given. You can only challenge the fact this was not in agriculture use. There is an agency appointed to deal with this.

The councillors will have a meeting with the land owner and then an extraordinary meeting will be held to consult the parishioners. The parishioner in attendance here today only had a concern over density: this build would be a large percentage of the population of the parish; if there were only 3 houses this would also ease access.

Date for responses is 19 of November.

Application at Yard Farm and still no results since 4<sup>th</sup> of April. 11/24/0003. Cllr Rigby has asked for an update.

## 2024/91) Finance

### 1. Replacement RFO required

There is a party interested in doing this role.

### 2. Account balances

- I. Current account - £13476.18 this is before the current payments are taken out. This includes the CIL money of approx. £5500.

### 3. CIL funding

No answer yet on whether projects can be back-dated for the purposes of CIL funding. These are the projects undertaken before the PC received the CIL money, but after the CIL money was paid to the Council.

Money needs to be spent five years from date the CIL money was paid by the developer.

ACTION One a reply has been obtained from Somerset Council, Cllr Hawes will update on when qualifying expenditure needs to be incurred if CFPC are to avoid a repayment liability.

### 4. Bank Reconciliation and Cash Days Books

Payment schedule was circulated and signed by chairman, as was the Bank Reconciliation, daybook and cashbook.

### 5. Remittances

- I. None

### 6. Invoices for payment

Cllr Hawes read out the invoices for payment. The below are items that were known at the time of the agenda.

- a. Parish Clerk wages and expenses (August - September inclusive) £239.80 (minus amount payable to HMRC for PAYE)

- Proposed by Cllr Newton, seconded by Cllr Truby. All in favour.

- b. HMRC (Clerks PAYE) - £46.40

- Proposed by Cllr Newton, seconded by Cllr Truby. All in favour.

- c. Payment to Chris Johns for Village Garden services - £105.00

- Proposed by Cllr Newton, seconded by Cllr Truby. All in favour.

- d. Cllr R Cleverly Replacement salt bin reimbursement - £239.95

- Proposed by Cllr Newton, seconded by Cllr Truby. All in favour.

#### **Invoices arriving for payment after the agenda was published.**

- e. SALC yearly subscription for 2024/25. This is in addition to the 2022/23 subscription which was also just paid recently. £78.12

- Proposed by Cllr Newton, seconded by Cllr Truby. All in favour.

## 2024/92) Highways and Footpaths

### 1. Footpath maintenance in Parish

Foot path behind the cemetery still has issues but it is not obstructed in any way. The council contact has now left and no one seems to reply now.

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**2024/93) Village Maintenance / Garden****1. Village Garden – Update after visit**

Jill and Martin Jones came to look at the garden and give some advice and ideas on what needs to be done and what needs to be planted.

Cllr Passingham stated he is dissatisfied with state of the village garden, as the gardener has cost £240 so far this year and it is not obvious what work has been completed. .

Various possible ways forward were discussed,

Further discussions to be had all together when Cllr Cleverly returns. .

**2024/94) Enhanced highway maintenance scheme.**

Cllr Passingham and Cllr Newton are interested in the volunteer training. To be discussed again at the next meeting. We need to understand how this works fully and if we just buy in a service or if this is a yearly service. We also need to understand what services we will be losing from Somerset Council.

**2024/95) LCN update on last meeting**

No meeting has been held.

**2024/96) Village Hall - Status report**

No update to report.

**2024/97) Topics for future meetings**

Nothing raised

**2024/98) Correspondence / General updates**

Nothing raised.

**2024/99) NEXT MEETING:**

1. Parish Council Meeting 26<sup>th</sup> November 2024 @ Combe Florey Village Hall. Time 7.00 pm

Meeting closed at 20.00

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**Signed:** ..... **[Chairman]**