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| Combe Florey Parish Council | | |
| **Date of Meeting:**  Tuesday 03rd September 2019 7.00 pm  At Combe Florey Village Hall | | **Written by:**  Gemma Coombes (Parish Clerk) |

# Parish Council Meeting Minutes

**Councillors Present**

**In attendance**

Gemma Coombes – Parish Clerk

Parishioners x 2

Cllr Robin Cleverly (Chairman)

Cllr Simon Hawes

Cllr Peter Tayler

Cllr Nick Weeks

Cllr Adriana Truby

1. **Welcome by Chairman**

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

1. **Apologies**

Cllrs Mike Rigby and A Trollop-Bellow sent their apologies.

1. **Declarations of Interest**

None declared

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

The minutes from the 09th July 2019 were taken as read.

Proposed by Cllr Nick Weeks, Seconded by Cllr Peter Tayler. All in favour to adopt the minutes. Signed by Chairman.

1. **Public participation**

A parishioner raised the fact that the road toward the tower is getting in poor condition with pot holes. It was advised that there is a reporting method on the County Council’s website

1. **Matters Arising**
   1. ***Consider the cemetery being nearly full.***

We have passed this on to the PCC who have confirmed the burial ground belongs to the church and there are 3 spaces unreserved. There will be no problem with burial of ashes. The church has no plans to expand the burial ground. Once the ground is full burials will have to be sought elsewhere. In future there could be potential of extending the ground, but this would need to be donated or purchased.

This should be actioned by the church but it may need to be facilitated by the Parish Council. The Parish Council will be happy to facilitate and approach the farmer to see if sale of land is possible.

Action: Brian Walsh to ask the farmer if he would be happy to sell some of the ground in principle.

* 1. ***Can we get a village defibrillator?***

This matter was raised with the village hall but there is no interest from them to acquire one. There is a large area of the parish that would not be able to get to the defibrillator in two minutes.

In order to get one there would need to be a specific fund raising project and possibly match-funding from government initiatives. Annette Holwill could be approached to see how she feels about organising fundraising.

* 1. ***A letter to Chairman complaining of someone living in the stables***

There were some stables put up a while ago next to the A358 past the Farmers’ Arms and now it seems that someone is living in it. It has been raised with SWAT and we await a response.

* 1. ***Letter ref Coggans Lane***

A letter has been received from David Coggan advising the Parish Council that in his opinion the lane is not being called Coggans lane, but not indicating where he had seen this; he also stated that Nethercott Lane was being called Coggans Lane. All local people call the lane Coggans Lane but there seems to be no official naming of the lane. Clarification will be needed from Highways.

Action: Chairman to contact Highways to confirm the official name.

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

Farmers Arms junction improvement. This location remains within the auspices of the Small Improvement Scheme. I am pleased to say that significant additional funding has been found to speed up delivery of the SIS. I expect to have details of the proposal for this location in the next month or so.

**Somerset West and Taunton district report (Cllr A Trollop-Bellow / Cllr M Rigby via email)**

Planning. After a rocky start to the transformation programme that we inherited, we are now approaching a full complement of planning staff so I hope that we will be able to offer a speedier and more efficient planning service. I remain concerned that our enforcement service remains below par with just 1.6FTE staffing. I am looking to move this up to 3 or 4 in due course.

Adult social care continues to absorb a vast proportion of the County Council’s budget. We continue to campaign for a proper national settlement to this issue, which has a particularly heavy impact on this part of Somerset, with its top-heavy age profile.

1. **Policing Report**

Nothing that is relevant to Combe Florey.

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

No new planning applications.

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

Higher Combe is still awaiting decision. [This was approved on 2/9/19]

The plan to convert the lambing shed at Yarde Farm (G Barons) has been refused.

1. **Finance** 
   1. ***Account balances***
      * Current account - £9314.17
   2. ***Remittances*** 
      * Burial ground/footpath Grant from SWAT £450.00
   3. ***Invoices for payment***
      * Parish Clerk wages and expenses £169.80
      * Inland revenue £40.60
      * Information Commissioner’s Office (GDPR) £40
      * £350 to combe Florey parish council that will be passed to the PCC
      * £100 to John Passingham for clearing footpaths; both of these are from the SWAT grant as listed above.

The Clerk seeks approval to for payment of invoices. All invoices were read out by the RFO and one set of approval sort. Proposed by Cllr Peter Tayler and seconded by Cllr Adriana Truby

1. **Highways & Footpaths**
   1. **Moving footpath so there is no need to walk up the main road. As an official change could take 30 years, we need to speak to land owner.**

Cllr Nick Weeks went to see the farmer who has made some suggestions to speak to Mr Hayward about getting the hole cut in the hedge and stile added. County Council are in charge of the footpaths.

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

This has been updated by Cllr Mike Rigby report

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

Cllr Simon Hawes will have a chat and find out when work begins

1. **Village Hall** 
   1. **Village Hall car park resolution of adoption status**

There has been a subgroup formed to get a draft proposal done and the plans. This is moving along slowly. [Plans submitted on 2/10/19]

1. **Other Parish Matters/ Topics for next agenda**
   1. Trebles Holford and the sight lines along the main road. This has already been raised with Mark Perry and the work has been carried out via the council. This is for next year to keep clear.
   2. They sent a road sweeping lorry through the when there are no leaves and they are not getting close enough to the edges, especially next to walls. There is a problem with surface drains getting blocked causing water to divert.
   3. Meeting dates for next year Parish Council meetings:
      * March 24th
      * May 5th Annual Parish Meeting
      * May 26th Annual Parish Council meeting
      * July 7th
      * Sep 8th
2. **Correspondence**

None

1. **NEXT MEETING:**

Parish Council Meeting 07th Jan 2019 7.00pm

Location: Combe Florey Village Hall

Meeting closes at 19.58