

# Combe Florey Parish Council

## Minutes of Meeting held at Combe Florey Village Hall On Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at 7.00pm

**Present:** Mr Simon Frost (Chairman/Councillor)  
Ms Hilary Vaughan-Thomas (Councillor)  
Mr Nick Darlow (Councillor)  
Mr Peter Tayler (Councillor)

**Observers:** Mr Mike Rigby (County Councillor)

**Apologies for Absence:** Mrs Lorraine Boulton (Councillor)  
Councillor Peter Watson (Bishops Lydeard Borough Councillor)

### 1. Minutes of Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> August 2015 and any matters arising

The minutes of the meeting had been circulated and agreed. These have been accepted and signed by the Chairman Councillor Frost as a true record.

### 2. Matters Arising not included in the Agenda

The Waugh graves (Evelyn, his wife and daughter). Further dialogue continues between the Waugh family and the PCC. The parish council has offered support and assistance to the PCC should any be required.

### 3. Planning Matters Update - No outstanding actions or new applications.

### 4. Financial matters & payments update.

Latest accounts show a modest surplus for the year is possible.  
Accounts were presented by Cllr Tayler for information and checking.

Recent receipts,  
£450.00 burials and footpaths grant.

Payments made,  
Village Garden Sign £203.70

Payments outstanding, Action - PT  
To the PCC, £380.00 2015 grant and c.£400 towards the new energy efficient Christmas illuminations  
To Cllr Boulton c.£300 for the waste bin installation costs.  
Insurance premium 2016 £387.97  
Tidiness work, M.Perry invoice awaited for summer 2015 work.  
Cllr Tayler in having taken over the role of Responsible Financial Officer from the chairman has updated the bank signatory list to include all current councillors as previously agreed. He is also in the process of updating the internet banking login details as agreed.

### 5. A358 Farmer's Arms road junction

The parish council has formally registered the road safety issue with Somerset County Council Highways in December immediately after the latest accident.

The new case number now officially raised by the Traffic Management Group at SCC is 378329 and the case is being addressed by Mr Garry Warren.

Cllr Rigby made a very useful suggestion that an automatic warning system might be installed to flash a warning sign to A358 traffic by sensing whenever a vehicle is trying to turn on to the A358 at this junction. There are apparently precedents for this in Somerset.

All agreed that this, perhaps reinforced by permanent 'dangerous junction' signs, could help to make the junction a little less dangerous, and hopefully be affordable in the shorter term.

If it helps the parish council will offer to contribute towards SCC costs for this.

Action all - ongoing

## **6. Village Tidiness, Garden, Footpaths update.**

**Tidiness and strimming etc.** - Strimmer training is to be undertaken by several village volunteers in the next few months to enable detailed tidying work in addition to the annually contracted tasks.

**Village Garden sign** - now received to be installed soon.

Action - SF

**Coggins Lane run-off.** - The parish council has also registered this continuing problem with SCC and a new visit was made to the landowners. The case reference at SCC is 378330. Enforcement notices have been issued to the landowners.

Cllr Boulton also chased this in the past few days by e-mail and a major clean-up has just taken place, although no permanent solution has yet been implemented by the landowners.

Action all - monitor situation

**Waste Bin** - The new bin has been installed on the Somerset County Council (SCC) adopted parking area immediately below the village hall land.

The bin is being regularly used and is being emptied by Taunton Deane Borough Council (TDBC) as agreed. Both TDBC and SCC have now reviewed the installation and are happy with the bin's position on council adopted land.

A number of very positive comments have already been received from villagers.

It is unfortunate that communications with the village hall committee (VHC) apparently became somewhat confused over the waste bin. Several months' notice about the forthcoming installation had in fact been provided by the parish council to the VHC. Apart from an acknowledgement of this notice, no further comment had been received from the village hall committee prior to the bin's installation.

Action - closed

## **7. Future Meeting Dates - village hall**

- 9<sup>th</sup> March 2016
- 8<sup>th</sup> June 2016 followed by Annual Village Meeting at 7.30pm
- 21<sup>st</sup> September 2016
- 30<sup>th</sup> November 2016
- 8<sup>th</sup> March 2017

## **8. AOB**

Crime Report - Received, read and noted

Street naming procedure - An update has been received from Taunton Deane and is being reviewed and filed.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 8.05pm.

**Date of next full meeting is on 9th March at 7pm in the Village Hall.**

Councillors' project meetings will continue as necessary in the interim.

Signed as a true record:

Chairman

Date