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| Combe Florey Parish Council | | |
| **Date of Meeting:**  Tuesday 09th July 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 Anthony Trollop-Bellow (arrived late)

Cllr Robin Cleverly

Cllr Simon Hawes

Cllr Peter Tayler

Cllr Nick Weeks

1. **Welcome by Chairman**

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

1. **Apologies**

Cllr Adriana Truby sent her apologies as she is away.

Cllr Mike Rigby was not in attendance but did not send his apologies

1. **Declarations of Interest**

None declared

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

The minutes from the 14th May 2019 were taken as read.

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

1. **Public participation**

Nothing brought forward

1. **Matters Arising**
   1. ***Broken signposts***

This has now been fixed and has been installed next to the nursery. The council would like to offer their thanks to Gavin Cox and John Passingham for their help in fixing and installing the signpost. All the work was done through good will so cost the parish council nothing. Matter now closed.

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

This was raised at the annual parish meeting as something to consider: what happens when the cemetery is full? There have been questions asked about who owns the area: is it village or church? The PC felt it was a matter for the Parochial Church Council to consider.

Action: The secretary of the PCC was asked to add to the agenda of their next meeting.

* 1. ***Placement of war memorial if Church should ever close***

This was raised at the annual parish meeting. This is the cross in front of the church. It was discussed and decided that this is rather a hypothetical question and can be readdressed if we have notice that the church is closing. Remove from the agenda for now.

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

This matter has been raised before and as the village is spread out with no high population areas it is thought that the village does not qualify. If at any point one was purchased the only regular gathering place is the village hall. If it is to be located in the Village Hall then this needs to be owned and installed by the village hall.

Action: To be raised with the village hall

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

None given

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

Liberal Dems are now in control at Somerset West and Taunton, Independent and Greens are second group and are Conservatives are third. The hotel is not being built at Firepool now. The delay could have been beneficial as there have been several changes. There is now a mixed development planned. There has been more spending in transformation but it is within budget. Long term there will be improvements when new councils as Somerset West and Taunton have settled in.

The Junction by the Farmer’s Arms is very dangerous and we are looking to both councils to help us move this forward. We are asking for advice on this. This was discussed 10 plus years ago with the council and there was no obvious solution. It is up to Cllr Mike Rigby to raise it and the update will need to come from him. Once work starts there will need to be a safety audit and there is a risk is it will not pass the audit for a new junction.

Planning applications, we are asked to make a comment on every one even if it is ‘no comment’ from the council. There is a suggestion to have planning training for parish councils.

Somerset waste partnership has a committee to support the new waste collections which will move to every 3 weeks from a date to be confirmed in the New Year. Everything that is currently collected for recycled in Somerset can be recycled. This new scheme should be rolled out in stages.

1. **Policing Report**

None given

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

No new planning applications.

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

None

1. **Finance** 
   1. ***Account balances***
      1. Current account - £9164.00
   2. ***Remittances*** 
      1. None
   3. ***Invoices for payment***
      1. Parish Clerk wages £169.80
      2. Parish Clerk expenses £7.20
      3. Inland revenue £40.60
      4. Insurance Premium renewal £308.12
      5. SALC affiliation fee £67.36

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 Robin Cleverly

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.**

As it is now you need walk approx. 20 metres down the road to pick up the footpath to Ash Priors. Traffic is very fast along that road and the road has bends; this makes it dangerous to walk. We need to decide where the stile needs moving to.

Action: Cllr Nick Weeks to speak to the land owner

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

Without Cllr Rigby we do not know the status of his small improvement scheme on this junction. This is a dangerous junction and needs to continue to be persuaded. Cllr Weeks has emailed Dennis Quick highways officer but has had no response

Action: Gemma to ask what to do next and try and obtain a phone number for the highways officer.

1. **Village Maintenance** 
   1. **Lengthsman doing extra outside church wall, Nethercott Lane & Trebles Holford to clear site lines.**

Cllr Peter Taylor has asked Mark Perry to do Trebles Holford as part of his duties and Mark will now carry this out. He has also spoken to Mark about keeping clear the ground by the bridge next to the pub. We want to offer a positive vibe to Combe Florey when people are coming to the pub so this area is important as giving that first impression.

Remove from agenda

* 1. **Overflowing bins in the village**

It is decide that this is about people’s household black bins overflowing primarily. Unfortunately this is out of the Parish Councils remit so we are unable to take any direct action, as the bins only go out once every two weeks it is hoped that this is not too much of an issue. There is a lot of rubbish at the back of the Farmers’ Arms that is unsightly.

To be removed from agenda and reviewed in future if topic re-arises.

* 1. **Proposal for upkeep and renewal of Village Garden**

The village garden is overgrown and needs a tidy up, this was mentioned before and parishioners were asked to help tidy up as they walked past, this has not happened and the area now need a professional tidy up. Cllr Simon Hawes has asked a local horticulturalist/arborist how much they would charge to tidy it up. The quote provided is for two days work for two people totalling £550, this includes the hire of chipper and fuel for the machines. This will be considered for spend by an extraordinary meeting to be held on Tuesday 16th of July at 6pm.

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

There is a new architect to carry out this work but nothing has happened yet.

1. **Other Parish Matters/ Topics for next agenda**
   1. A letter to chairman complaining of someone living in the stables. We need to contact the enforcement officer. This issue has been raised with Cllr Trollop-Bellow
2. **Correspondence**

None

1. **NEXT MEETING:**

Parish Council Meeting 03rd Sep 2019 7.00pm

Location: Combe Florey Village Hall

Meeting closes at 20.31