

Combe Florey Parish Council

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**An Extraordinary Meeting of Combe Florey Parish Council
was held in the village garden on Tuesday 13th July 2021
at 7.00pm**

Minutes

To consider the future of the village garden

Present: Cllr Adriana Truby, Cllr Peter Tayler, Cllr Simon Hawes, Cllr Nick Weeks and 32 Parishioners.

Apologies: Cllr Robin Cleverly, Mrs S Osborne, Mr and Mrs N Darlow

The acting Chairman, Cllr Adriana Truby welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained the purpose for holding it. Printouts of the history of the garden were available.

Item 1: To agree to retain the village garden as a community asset

After some discussion, those present were asked to indicate by a show of hands whether they wished to retain the Village Garden as a community asset or to sell it. The result was 4 for selling it and 28 to retain it.

Cllr Truby proposed that the Parish Council retain the Garden, and Cllr Hawes seconded this. All in favour. The motion was carried by the Parish Council.

Item 2: To agree a simplification of the design of the village garden to increase usability and reduce maintenance

Cllr Truby outlined possible work to be done on the garden and invited comments on this. There was general support for opening up the garden, adding seating and making a larger grassy area. One concern raised was the privacy of neighbouring gardens, and this will be considered.

The Parish Council will give further thought to the future plans for the garden and produce costings for various alternatives. Another public meeting will be held in late August/early September.