

Combe Florey Parish Council

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| Date of Meeting: Thursday 29th July 2025 6:00 pm At Combe Florey Village Hall | Written by: Gemma Coombes, Parish Clerk |
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Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Councillors Present

Cllr Robin Cleverly (Chairman)
 Cllr Jacquey Newton (Vice Chair)
 Cllr Neil Truby (RFO)
 Cllr John Passingham
 Cllr Giannina Lloyd-Jones

In attendance

Parishioners x 2

2025/64) Welcome by chairman

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

2025/65) Apologies for absence

Cllr Mike Rigby sent his apologies.

2025/66) Declarations of Interest

Nothing declared.

2025/67) Approval of last meetings minutes

Signing of the minutes of the 17th of April 2025, approval took place in the 27th May meeting.
 Approval and signing of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on the 27th of May 2025.
 The minutes have been circulated to all councillors and were presented for signing at this meeting.

Proposed by Cllr Newton and seconded by Cllr Passingham. All in favour to adopt the minutes, signed by the chairman.

2025/68) Co-option of applicant Giannina Lloyd-Jones to the Parish Council

Following the advertisement of a casual vacancy one application was received from Giannina Lloyd-Jones. It was proposed by Cllr Newton to accept Giannina Lloyd-Jones onto the Council and seconded by Cllr Passingham. All were in favour of this and she joins the Council.

2025/69) Public participation

Nothing raised at this point, Cllr Cleverly said anything can be raised as we go through the meeting.

2025/70) Matters Arising / Matters brought forward from other meetings

No subjects under this section.

2025/71) Somerset Council report (Cllr Rigby/ Cllr Sully)

No Somerset Councillors in attendance.

2025/72) Policing Report

No Police in attendance. Police report had nothing of relevance to Combe Florey.

2025/73) Planning
1. Current planning applications

Application no 11/25/001. Demolition of barns and erection of 5 No dwellings (replacing prior approval for 5 No dwellings) with associated works at Greenacre Lane Livery.

This was originally a Class Q application that was approved and then a betterment scheme was submitted. The new application is a modification on design and layout with minor changes to the building materials. The planners wished to have a more contemporary look.

There are not enough changes for the Parish Council to add to its comments submitted on 5th March.

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There is a potential planning application coming for a field off Coggins Lane but the Parish Council has not seen an application yet.

2. Other planning matters

None.

2025/74) Finance

1. Bank Reconciliation

The RFO read out a bank reconciliation list. The Councils current account has £58 and there is £20,000 in the savings account.

2. CIL Submission Update

We received CIL money on new builds in June 2023 and Oct 2024, and this has to be spent within 5 years of the funds received. The Council have to submit a yearly report on spending this money and what it was used for. There were minor errors in the report submitted. The RFO has supplied copies of the bank statements to prove the dates when these were funds were received. We have not heard anything further from Somerset Council yet.

3. To consider Receipts and Payments and bank reconciliations for the current financial year to date

Was read out as part of the bank reconciliation.

4. To consider receipts and payments arising since last meeting

I. Invoices for payment:

- Parish Clerk wages, expenses (June - July 2025 inclusive) and backpay for April & May £334.20 (before deductions)
Proposed by Cllr Newton and seconded by Cllr Passingham. All in favour of payment.
- HMRC - £95.20 for Clerks April and May 2025 earnings due 22/07/2025
Proposed by Cllr Newton and seconded by Cllr Passingham. All in favour of payment
- KA Garden and Home Services, garden maintenance - £90.00
Proposed by Cllr Newton and seconded by Cllr Passingham. All in favour of payment
- KA Garden and Home Services, garden maintenance - £241.00
Proposed by Cllr Newton and seconded by Cllr Passingham. All in favour of payment
- Approve regular bank charges payment for Lloyd's bank account - £4.75 per month approx. going forward.
Proposed by Cllr Newton and seconded by Cllr Passingham. All in favour of payment
- Neil Truby subscription to new email address combefloreyparish.org - £39.42 (£1 payment made from Combe Florey bank account as a test)
Proposed by Cllr Newton and seconded by Cllr Passingham. All in favour of payment
- II. Any other invoices submitted after agenda set for consideration by Council
None received.

2025/75) Topics raised at the Annual Parish Meeting

Graveyard extension: there is no land that is for sale at this time that can be purchased for this purpose. If any land did come for sale there is someone who would be happy to purchase this and then gift the land to the church for this purpose.

Cllr Passingham is going to raise the issue of re-purposing land for the old graveyard.

We are still waiting for input from Somerset Council on what the CIL money can be used for. Once we receive further information we can understand what is viable on the list generated at the annual parish meeting.

2025/76) Highways and Footpaths

1. Clear and accessible footpath on T7/2

The environment agency were informed that the footpath was blocked, they marked the footpath with white powder and the next day the farmer cut a two-meter-wide strip through the maize. This item is now resolved and can be removed from the agenda.

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2. Willow tree on entry to Village requires pruning

Cllr Cleverly and Cllr Passingham will trim the tree as needed; they will do this in the next few weeks to resolve this issue. This can then be removed from the agenda.

2025/77) Village Maintenance / Garden**1. Village Garden – Update**

Nothing new to update

2. Update on rail bridge repair

This work will be carried out soon.

3. Dog mess issues

This has been talked about multiple times, and this has been raised by a concerned parishioner. There are currently signs on the footpaths, Cllr Lloyd-Jones has asked for some of the signs to be put on Coggins Lane. Cllr Passingham will give some signs to Cllr Lloyd-Jones to put some on the path.

A parishioner raised the issue of the deer crossing, as this will be an issue again soon. They will find a way to cross somewhere. It is large number of deer totalling 50-60. It is very hard for the Parish Council to be able to resolve this issue.

2025/78) LCN update on last meeting

The report was sent to all on the Council but there is nothing relevant to Combe Florey, we have been grouped with Minehead not Taunton.

2025/79) Village Hall - Status report

Cllr Newton has passed this over the role of Village Hall representative to Cllr Lloyd-Jones. They are leaning in a positive way to a bus shelter. What needs to take place to make this happen for winter? We need Somerset Council to tell us if this is viable before we take this forward.

2025/80) Topics for future meetings

None raised

2025/81) Correspondence / General updates

None

2025/82) NEXT MEETING:

1. Parish Meeting 23rd September 2025 @ Combe Florey Village Hall. Time 6.00 pm

Meeting closed at 18.48

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Signed: [Chairman]