

Combe Florey Parish Council

<p style="text-align: center;">Date of Meeting: Tuesday 29th March 2022 7.00 pm At Combe Florey Village Hall</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Written by: Gemma Coombes (Parish Clerk)</p>
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Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Councillors Present

Cllr Robin Cleverly (Chair)
Cllr Simon Hawes (RFO)
Cllr Nick Weeks
Cllr Peter Tayler

In attendance

Gemma Coombes – Parish Clerk
PCSO from Police.
Parishioners x 5
Cllr Mike Rigby – Somerset county councillor
and District Councillor

2022/20) Welcome by Chairman

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

2022/21) Apologies

Cllr Adriana Truby (Vice-chair)
Cllr Anthony Trollop-Bellow - Somerset District Councillor

2022/22) Declarations of Interest

None declared

2022/23) Approval of minutes of last meeting

The minutes from the 11th January 2022. Proposed by Cllr Simon Hawes, seconded by Peter Tayler. All in favour of adopting mins

2022/24) Public participation

No public participation.

2022/25) Matters Arising

1. Upgraded broadband for the area, investigate grants to get better speeds.
Nothing to report at this time - This is to be removed from agenda.

2022/26) Somerset County councillor's report (Cllr Rigby)

Covid is rife now and it is the highest levels ever in this area, many nurses are off sick along with the problems discharging patients.
There is an energy grant available for £150 for A-D this is automatic if you pay by Direct Debit.
There is also a hardship fund if you don't qualify for this scheme.
Connecting Devon and Somerset phase 2 broadband is now underway, there is to be work in Combe Florey in summer 2022. There are various packages available and these very depending on how fast a service you want to get. There is some discussion around what properties will and will not be included in the phase 2 service. There may be an option to pay for connection for better service even if you don't qualify due to speed to high.

2022/27) Taunton Deane district report (Cllr Anthony Trollop-Bellow)

None submitted

2022/28) Policing Report

None submitted

2022/29) Planning

1. **Current planning applications**
Nothing new
2. **Other planning matters**
None

2022/30) Finance

1. **Account balances**

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- a. Current account - £6500.00
- 2. Bank Reconciliation and Cash Days Books**
Payment schedule is circulated and signed by chairperson, daybook and cash book also signed.
- 3. Remittances**
 - a. none
- 4. Invoices for payment**
Cllr Simon Hawes (RFO) read out the invoices for payment.
 - a. Clerk's 1.75% uplift backdated to 1st April 2021 as per instruction from SALC
- Proposed by Cllr Robin Cleverly, seconded by Cllr Nick Weeks. All in favour
All in favour of paying the 1.75% increase and the clerk will put this in expenses for May.
 - b. Parish Clerk wages and expenses (February - March inclusive) £216.00 (before deductions)
- Proposed by Cllr Peter Taylor, seconded by Cllr Nick Weeks. All in favour.
 - c. HMRC (Clerks PAYE) - £41.60
- Proposed by Cllr Peter Taylor, seconded by Cllr Nick Weeks. All in favour.
 - d. Thomosina Hobhouse - Village Garden £155.00
- Proposed by Cllr Peter Taylor, seconded by Cllr Nick Weeks. All in favour.
 - e. Mark Lewis - Village Garden £284.20
- Proposed by Cllr Peter Taylor, seconded by Cllr Nick Weeks. All in favour.
 - f. Triscombe Nurseries - Village Garden £155.00
- Proposed by Cllr Peter Taylor, seconded by Cllr Nick Weeks. All in favour.
This should be granted back to us at some point.
 - g. Mark Perry - Village Lengthsman - £920.00
- Proposed by Cllr Peter Taylor, seconded by Cllr Nick Weeks. All in favour.
- ii. **Other Finance matters.**
VAT reclaim has been successful and is back of £237.02

2022/31) Highways & Footpaths

- 1. Moving footpath so there is no need to walk along the main B3224 for about 50m. As an official change could take 30 years, we need to speak to land owner.**
It may be easier to move the footpath to the side without the steep bank, there is no need for a public enquiry as this should be able to be done by agreement. The agreement would need to be signed by the land owner and the parish council. Cllr Rigby is pressing the County Council to get the paperwork drawn up. What kind of style that is put in is open to be decided closer to the time.

2022/32) Village Maintenance

- 1. Village Garden**
Waiting for ground to dry out a bit and then the ground can be levelled up etc and more work can begin. There is a plant sell 30th April in village hall and this could be a good place to get some good price plants.
There has been an offer of a swing for the village garden as a donation.
- 2. Waste bin / dog waste bin - Complaints about dog fouling**
There is some dog waste being left in the garden and other places around the village. If a waste bin is but in the garden then it needs to be emptied on a regular basis. Not having a bin will encourage people to ignore the issue. If there is places to put the dog waste in then it makes it easier for this to be used.
There has also been dog waste left by the entrance to the Combe.
Clerk to contact District council about bins, costs, placements etc.
- 3. Road signs/ Finger posts**
Nothing new, hoping for the end of June.
- 4. Overhanging trees on Coggans lane. Who owns the hedge?**
There is continued dispute who owns this area of hedge. Highways view is if its on your land or comes from your hedge it is your issue.

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5. Fly tipping

There was some on coggins lane but there does not seem to have been much this year to date.

2022/33) Village garden wall-pointing costs - discuss quotes.

There has been one written quote for £2.5K and two verbal quotes £5K.

The works could be phased to help cash flow management

The clerk points out there needs to be at least two quotes in writing to make this workable and to accept a quote. This is a party wall and may be could be shared with the other party.

This is a time consuming and needs some more quotes in writing.

2022/34) May elections - 5th May 2022

5th of April is the closing date by 4pm on that day, the forms need to be delivered by hand. There have not been any formal proposals from other interested parties. If we hold a contested election, the cost is £1500 to the parish council and this is a large chunk of money for a small council.

2022/35) Plan for Annual Meeting held on 10th May 2022.

There is going to be notices but out before hand, police will come and give a presentation and there will be talks around the jubilee plans.

2022/36) Jubilee plans

There were the three committee members present tonight. There have been some ideas suggested and they are seeking support of the parish council and input.

The Diamond Jubilee was a good event and it will be based on that. The main road will be closed on bank holiday Friday 3rd of June, the thought of the Friday was to give people extra time to relax at home with family on Saturday and give time to clear up afterwards.

They are looking to utilise the village hall for activities and have 3/4 BBQs in various places.

There are access to the scout BBQs that are half drums.

Food will be provided by the committee as well as beer, wine and soft drinks. People will be expected to provide their own salads, cutlery, and glasses.

Cllr Robin asked if it is worth approaching the brewery to get reduced prices if possible.

10 years ago there was approx. 300 tickets sold based on the amount of money taken.

Poster to advertise with cost of £5 for children, £8 per single adult and £15 for a couple.

There are Annual Parish Meetings on the 10th of May and as part of the leaflet drop for this so it could be dropped off at the same time.

What kind of entertainment is needed? Should there be quizzes on tables for the day? It is probably too late to book formal entertainment, such as music, at this stage. Should there be something in the evening such as a dance or a bingo? Or just the lunch in the daytime. Last time there was some cake competition and maybe this is something we should do again?

The parish council are happy to fund some of the cost including printing and helping with cost of outlay of food. It is proposed by Cllr Simon Hawes to get a pre-approved amount that is needed, we will pay, and this will be paid back once tickets sales have happened. There may need to be an extraordinary meeting held between now and the next meeting in May.

There will be a meeting of the Jubilee committee just before Easter so the flyers can go out just after Easter.

2022/37) Village Hall - Status report

The village hall may be able to help with some of the Jubilee funds needed.

2022/38) Topics for future meetings

Nothing raised.

2022/39) Correspondence

None.

2022/40) NEXT MEETING:

Parish Council Meetings: Annual Parish Meeting 10th May 2022. Annual Parish Council Meeting 24th May 2022. Location: Combe Florey Village Hall. 7.00 pm

Meeting closes at 20.32

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