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| Combe Florey Parish Council | | |
| **Date of Meeting:**  Wednesday 20th March 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

5 Parishioners

Mike Rigby – Somerset county councillor

Cllr Robin Cleverly (Chairman)

Cllr Adriana Truby

Cllr Simon Hawes

Cllr Geoffrey Eggleston

1. **Welcome by Chairman**

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

1. **Apologies**

Cllr Peter Tayler sent his apologies. Taunton Deane borough councillors Peter Watson and Jane Warmington also tend their apologies

1. **Declarations of Interest**

None declared

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

The minutes from the 09th January 2019 were taken as read.

Proposed by Cllr Geoffrey Eggleston, Seconded Cllr Adriana Truby.

All in favour to adopt the minutes. Signed by Chairman.

1. **Public participation**

Mike Davis introduced himself and gave an overview of his businesses. Mike has said he is standing as Conservative District Councillor as he wishes to help change Taunton and make it a better place and help make it environmentally friendly.

Anthony Trollope-Bellew also introduced himself as a prospective Conservative District Councillor. He is an ex parish councillor and has served on the county council. He was lead member of highways in Taunton which is why he left the county council. In 2011 he stood to become a district councillor in 2015 he became a leader of West Somerset Council.

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

Moved into a different garage and is now hoping to be looked at for repair. Cllr Mike Rigby said he will see if the County Council can help to fix this or replace this sign.

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

Budget has been a cause for concern for a while the £12 million loss has been mostly recovered now but mostly through one of grants.

The gritting review is taking place in May and they are hoping to replace the routes that were cut and hence cut off villages for a few days in bad weather.

Next year there will be no help from government and it will be just what is raised locally and through one off grants. There is a demand for more and more child services and adult social services but that is looking in danger as the funding does not seem to match it.

Small improvement schemes: the feasibility study to improve the entrance to the Farmers’ Arms is ongoing but the funding in the scheme has been cut.

Sandhill Park is on the edge of the parish and the company restoring it went bust but there was a bond to protect against that but the bond was not water tight and TDBC did not call upon a bond in time so the building continues to be derelict.

Cllr Rigby is also standing for the district council for similar reasons to Mike Davis, he wants to look to help improve Taunton and make it a more up and coming place.

1. **Taunton Deane district report (Cllr J Warmington)**

No report sent.

Cllr Simon Howes reminds people in attendance that Cllr Jane Warmington has stood as the chair of this council in our time of need and that was very much appreciated.

1. **Policing Report**

There is an incident in Wellington where they stole an all-terrain buggy. There have been a few break in to cars and an obscene gesture

Cllr Rigby warned that a white sprinter van has been stealing things.

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

11/19/002/CP Sandhill Park reservoir building change of use.

In 2017 they looked to make this a business unit that was accepted but there has been nothing done with this. The parish council did not give a response to this.

In 2015 they applied for a holiday let but this was denied. The parish council gave no comment on this.

Cllr AT and RC have been to have a look. The PC resolved to support this application. At the moment the existing building is an eyesore, and the Parish Council believes that a reasonable house in keeping with the local area would be acceptable.

Will call an extraordinary meeting for planning 11/19/0001 this is proposed for 08/04/2019

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

Yarde Farm conversion of lambing barns is waiting for a decision. The owner is in despair that this has not been done yet, but the Parish council was in full support to convert the lambing shed to a residential dwelling.

1. **Finance** 
   1. ***Account balances***
2. Current account - £6750.00
   1. ***Remittances*** 
      * None
   2. ***Invoices for payment***

Parish clerk read out the invoices and asked if we can seek approval at the end for all. All in favour of doing this. All invoices were proposed by Cllr Adriana Truby and Seconded by Cllr Geoffrey Eggleston. Vote and all in favour

Bank reconciliation is given to the chairman by the RFO and this is signed.

* + - Parish Clerk wages and expenses £209.48
    - PAYE to inland revenue. £38.80

1. **May 2019 parish council elections**

The election will be in May and the council will be reformed. GE is not re-standing to the council and PT is potentially looking to leave. Any people looking to stand please contact the clerk who will give you details on how to get an election pack.

1. **Confirm the invitees for the Annual Parish Meeting in May**

Our Annual Parish meeting is on the 8th of May at 6pm. We are going to look at trying to get someone from the Quantocks area who offers courses and to talk about how the Quantocks are a huge part of the area. We would like to invite representatives from the Church and the Village hall as well.

There will be a leaflet drop for this and we will do wine.

Robin to invite the Village Hall.

Gemma/ Jana to invite Bill Jenkins to come and give an update.

1. **Highways & Footpaths**

A358 is closed towards Sandford Brett and this is meaning villages from there to Bishop Lydeard have lost their bus service as it is going on a lengthy bypass. There is no alternative to the bus service and this has not been sorted.

FP T7/2 Potential to move the stile due to a dangerous offset where it crosses the B3224. It would be good to go and see the owner and have a chat before it is taken any further so as to keep good relations.

1. **Village Maintenance**

Need to find out any other projects that can be under taken.

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

Has come to a stand still as the architect who is drawing the plans has passed away last week. This will be ongoing.

1. **Other Parish Matters/ Topics for next agenda**

None raised

1. **Correspondence**

Letter from a concerned person about the stables that are on A358 and the pull in/ out directly on the A358. It would appear someone is living in the stables as there are signs of smoke at times.

1. **NEXT MEETING:**

Annual Parish Meeting 8th May 6.00pm

Annual Parish Council Meeting 14th May 7.00pm

Location: Combe Florey Village Hall

Meeting closes at 20.13