

Combe Florey Parish Council

Date of Meeting: Tuesday 11th July 2023 7:00 pm At Combe Florey Village Hall	Written by: Gemma Coombes (Parish Clerk)
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Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Councillor's Present

Cllr Robin Cleverly (Chair)
 Cllr John Passingham
 Cllr Jacquey Newton
 Cllr Adriana Truby

In attendance

Gemma Coombes – Parish Clerk
 Andy Sully - Somerset Council
 Parishioners x 1

2023/67) Welcome by Chairman

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

2023/68) Apologies for absence

Cllr Simon Hawes (RFO)
 Cllr Mike Rigby – Somerset councillor (apologies given via Andy Sully)

2023/69) Declarations of Interest

None declared.

2023/70) Approval of last meetings minutes

The minutes from the 23rd May 2023 were taken as read.
 Proposed acceptance by Cllr Newton and Seconded by Cllr Passingham.
 All others in favour to adopt the minutes. Signed by Chairman.

2023/71) Public participation

Nothing raised.

2023/72) Matters Arising / Matters brought forward from Annual Parish Meeting

1. Defibrillator project - Update

CIL money has now been received by the defibrillator group and the electric install is planned for 24th of July.
 Defibrillators should be here next month and a mounting board is being arranged to put them on.

2. Dog waste bins

Following the last PC meeting, the Village Hall Committee were asked at their last meeting if a new dog waste bin could be located on village hall property: this request was refused without discussion. After that meeting Cllr Newton raised concerns with the Committee Chairman over the way this request had been handled
 Cllr Sully has offered to do a land registry search to see who owns any ground we may wish to consider to put a dog waste bin on in order for us to understand if this is Council ground or privately owned. The original bin was a general purpose bin not just a dog waste bin. It was removed from ground owned by the Village Hall at the request of the Committee.

We are not getting anywhere with this currently as we cannot find a suitable place to put the bin, if indeed one is required at all.
 Remove from agenda for the moment.

2023/73) Somerset Council report (Cllr Rigby / Cllr Sully)

Cllr Sully was in attendance and gave a few updates.

Waste collections

Suez, the outsourced waste collection company, and the council have been talking to Unite the union and the strike has been delayed for two weeks while a ballot takes place.

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Local Community Networks (LCN).

This is not something we have had any communications about. LCNs are designed to bring together the police, business and trade groups etc to solve any issues. Combe Florey has been provisionally put into Minehead and Watchet LCN though the Parish Council feels we have a closer association with the Bishop's Lydeard which is in the Taunton area. The first meeting is 13/07/23 and for Taunton LCN 12/07/23. Combe Florey need to send a representative. Cllr Passingham offered to represent Combe Florey in the first meeting at Crowcombe Village Hall.

EV charging

Points are being added in different places and grants are being provided for on-street charging to help those who do not have access to driveways, and visitors.

Road improvement schemes are underway as there has been a 50% increase in reports of pot holes and blocked drains

The Exmoor coast festival (23 Sept–1 October) will attract people to the area. This will include a walking festival and a series of guided coastal walks.

2023/74) Policing Report
Nothing received.

2023/75) Planning

1. Current planning applications

Nothing new has come through.

At Greenacres Farm an application to convert two small barns have been accepted under class Q, but the second application for another three has been rejected. They are going to appeal this.

2. Other planning matters

Nothing raised.

2023/76) Finance

1. Account balances

I. Current account - £12621.00 this is before the current payments are taken out.

II. We have plenty of CIL money now to spend on projects. Cllr Hawes submitted a report in his absence that Cllr Cleverly read out to those in attendance.

2. CIL funding

The CIL money of £5082.42 has now been received from Somerset Council. We have used some of this money to give money to the defibrillator project.

3. Bank Reconciliation and Cash Days Books

Payment schedule is circulated and signed by chairperson, daybook and cashbook also signed.

4. Remittances

I. £5082.42 CIL money received from Somerset Council.

5. Invoices for payment

Cllr Cleverly read out the invoices for payment. The below are items that were know of at the time of the agenda.

a. Parish Clerk wages and expenses (June - July inclusive) £239.80 (before deductions)
- Proposed by Cllr Truby, seconded by Cllr Newton. All in favour.

b. HMRC (Clerks PAYE) - £46.60

- Proposed by Cllr Truby, seconded by Cllr Newton All in favour.

2023/77) Highways and Footpaths

1. Condition of roads in Parish.

Tower Lane's large pot hole has been filled in.

Cars are coming too fast down the straight by East Combe and this is causing accidents under Tribble bridge. East Combe is one of the few overtaking places between here and Minehead and short of reducing the speed limit it is an issue. The speed limit of the road is 50mph. The PC will contact Cllr Mike Rigby to see if anything can be done. The council are reluctant to do anything as there has not been a fatality yet.

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Who cuts the hedges and verges? This is done by the Council annually though landowners also have responsibility.

2023/78) Village Maintenance / Garden

1. Plans for next phase in Garden project.

I. Planting requirements / Landscaping works / Maintenance gardeners

The new bench has been engraved and is in the garden now.

Cllr Cleverly has spoken to Ashley who is keen to do some maintenance of the garden but concerned about any 'red-tape' involved. Cllr Passingham has offered to set up a meeting with Ashley to look at what he is happy to do and the costs. We have failed so far to get a paid gardener.

2023/79) Village Hall - Status report

Cllr Newton is formally a trustee on the Village Hall committee. The Annual meeting was on the 30th of May 2023. Accounts are £29000 as of the 31st of March 2023. There has been £7500 spent on maintenance with the wall being approx £2500.

There have been various activities being put on.

The hall rates have been increased, if you want to book you need to telephone Lynda Flitton.

One future project is to install an extra fire exit.

There was a look at cost of car park topping.

2023/80) Topics for future meetings

Nothing raised

2023/81) Correspondence / General updates

The Vicar is leaving the Parish.

2023/82) NEXT MEETING:

Parish Council Meeting: 12th September 2023 at 7.00pm at Combe Florey Village Hall
Meeting closed at 20.06

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