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| Combe Florey Parish Council | | |
| **Date of Meeting:**  Tuesday 07th January 2020 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

Parishioners none

Cllr A Trollop-Bellow - SWAT

Cllr M Rigby - SWAT & SCC

Cllr Robin Cleverly (Chairman)

Cllr Simon Hawes

Cllr Nick Weeks

Cllr Adriana Truby

1. **Welcome by Chairman**
2. **Apologies**

Cllr Peter Tayler

1. **Declarations of Interest**

None declared

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

The minutes from the 03rd September 2019 were taken as read.

Proposed by Cllr Robin Cleverly, Seconded by Cllr Adriana Truby. All in favour to adopt the minutes. Signed by Chairman.

1. **Public participation**

None

1. **Matters Arising**
   1. ***Consider the cemetery being nearly full.***

Local vicar and PCC have expressed no interest in resolving this. After 100 years headstones can be removed and the ground reused again. There are unlimited spaces for cremation. This is difficult to resolve without the church support. This was raised at PCC and but was not deemed as important. Maybe worth speaking to Gary Rumbold or the church warden before we remove from agenda.

Action: Robin to speak to Gary or the church warden

* 1. ***Can we get a village defibrillator?***

This has been raised by a parishioner but there are concerns about the number of people living within four minutes, and the general feasibility.

Remove from agenda

* 1. ***A letter to Chairman complaining of someone living in the stables***

Cllr Trollop-Bellow will have a look into this. This was reported to SWAT who have issued an enforcement reference number.

Action: Robin to provide ref to Cllr Trollop-Bellow for further review.

* 1. ***Letter ref Coggans Lane***

None of the official maps show any name for the lane. We have made enquires of highways but are waiting for a response.

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

Purdah pre-election was in place before Christmas and that delayed the local plan; this can now proceed. The local plan will cover us until 2040. The last plan included the current large-scale building projects in the region. One of the key things is that the housing allocation was over planned and there are still 10000 houses short of the original target. The new plan will concentrate more on infrastructure, and particularly to increase the space allocated for employment.

What does it mean for this Parish Council? Probably not very much. There will be a paper issued next week for consultation with inputs from us by the 19th of March.

There is a scheme for the Farmers Arms exit. The plan is not available as of today; this will be removal of vegetation, new surfacing, and new signs.

There was an email today for the improving lives grant; this is for 4 bids totalling £2000 to tackle loneliness and health improving.

**Somerset West and Taunton district report (Cllr A Trollop-Bellow / Cllr M Rigby)**

The Quantock scheme has been awarded 1.8 million from the lottery fund to make recreational improvements such as moving the car park, cutting beach hedge banks, and improving recreational access.

From 1st of April waste disposal is changing, with a new provider dealing with our waste. Eventually this will mean 3-weekly collections for black bins and more recycling. The 3 weekly collections will not be until next year.

1. **Policing Report**

None

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

None to discuss at this meeting. All applications have been covered by extraordinary meetings.

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

None

1. **Finance** 
   1. ***Set the Parish Precept for 2020/2021***

The RFO proposes that we keep the precept at £4000. He produced a set of accounts with 2019 spends and what we are planning to spend in 2020/2021. We are trying to be prudent and not increase in line with inflation.

Proposed by Cllr Simon Hawes, Seconded by Cllr Robin Cleverly all in favour.

* 1. ***Account balances***
     + Current account - £8900.00
  2. ***Remittances*** 
     + None
  3. ***Invoices for payment***
     + Parish Clerk wages and expenses £332.20
     + Inland revenue £81.60

The Clerk seeks approval to for payment of invoices. All invoices were read out by the RFO and one set of approvals sort. Proposed by Cllr Adriana Truby and seconded by Cllr Robin Cleverly

1. **Highways & Footpaths**
   1. **Moving footpath so there is no need to walk along the main road. As an official change could take 30 years, we need to speak to land owner.**

Carry forward as no update has been provided.

* 1. **Update on Farmers Arms / A358 road junction and result of discussion with Highways Officer.**

This has been covered by 2020/7

1. **Village Maintenance** 
   1. **Update on upkeep and renewal of Village Garden**

They have done one day’s work and are waiting for the ground to dry before bringing in a shredder.

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

There is now a notice from department of transport to stop up the highway and this will be up on the notice board.

1. **Other Parish Matters/ Topics for next agenda**
   1. The road towards the tower is very poor and needs to be resurfaced. Cllr Rigby is going to look into this.
2. **Correspondence**

None

1. **NEXT MEETING:**

Parish Council Meeting 24th March 2019 7.00pm

Location: Combe Florey Village Hall

Meeting closes at 8.00pm