

**Combe Florey Parish Council**

<b>Date of Meeting:</b> Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> January 2026 6:00 pm At Combe Florey Village Hall	<b>Written by:</b> Robin Cleverly (Chairman)
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**Parish Council Meeting Minutes****Councillors Present**

Cllr Robin Cleverly (Chairman)  
Cllr Neil Truby (RFO)  
Cllr John Passingham  
Cllr Jan Collino (co-opted)  
Cllr Jacquey Newton (co-opted)

**In attendance**

Parishioners: 1 member of PCC

- 2026/1) Welcome by Chairman**  
The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.
- 2026/2) Apologies for absence**  
Parish Clerk gave her apologies, she was unable to attend due to flooding in her area.
- 2026/3) Declarations of Interest**  
None.
- 2026/4) Approval of last meetings minutes**  
Approval and signing of the minutes of the 25<sup>th</sup> November 2025.  
The minutes have been previously circulated to all councillors for signing at this meeting.  
Proposed by Cllr Passingham and seconded by Cllr Truby. All in favour to adopt the minutes, signed by the chairman.
- 2026/5) Co-option of applicants for 2x vacancies**  
Following the resignation of two councillors in November and the advertisement of casual vacancies during December, Jacquey Newton and Jan Collino were co-opted as councillors.  
Proposed by Cllr Cleverly, seconded by Cllr Truby. All in favour.
- 2026/6) Public participation**  
As usual the chairman allowed public participation throughout the meeting.
- 2026/7) Matters Arising / Matters brought forward from other meetings**  
No subjects under this section.
- 2026/8) Somerset Council report (Cllr Rigby/ Cllr Sully)**  
Nothing relevant.
- 2026/9) Policing Report**  
Nothing relevant.
- 2026/10) Planning**
- 1. Current planning applications**  
Post meeting comment: there is one retrospective application for changes to the road access to Leeson House for work already completed (11/25/0006).
  - 2. Other planning matters**  
None.
- 2026/11) Finance**
- 1. Setting and agreeing the parish precept for 2026/27**  
As the precept had not been raised since 2017, to consider the RFO's proposal to submit a request for a precept of £4,136, an increase of 3.4% on 2025/26, this being the Consumer Price

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**Signed:** ..... [Chairman]

Index value for the 12 months to 31st December 2025. This level is considered sufficient to meet expected increased expenditure while maintaining prudent reserves.

Proposed by Cllr Cleverly, seconded by Cllr Newton

**2. Bank Reconciliation**

The RFO read out a bank reconciliation list. The Council's current account has £382.90 and there is £18,775.17 in the savings account of which £4651.71 is unallocated CIL funds.

**3. To consider receipts and payments arising since last meeting**

I. Invoices for payment:

- I. Parish Clerk wages, expenses (Dec 2025 – Jan 2026 inclusive) £298.19 (before deductions).
- II. HMRC - £57.80 for Clerks earnings due
- III. Village Hall rental charges for 2025 - £96
- IV. Quickfile accounting software £15 pa.

Proposed by Cllr Passingham and seconded by Cllr Collino. All in favour of payment.

**4. Other finance business**

None

**2026/12) Topics raised at the Annual Parish Meeting**

**1. CIL funding, consider the suggestions raised at the annual parish meeting.**

**I. Replacement of railings around village burial ground.**

After discussion it was agreed to donate £4,000 to the PCC as a contribution towards the replacement of the 100-year old iron railings along the eastern side of the burial ground (total cost £12-15k). This would come partly from CIL money. The debate concerned the responsibility for remembrance of the dead of the parish and maintenance of the burial ground versus the desire to look after the living. There are many complimentary comments about the appearance of the burial ground from the visitors and relatives paying their respects.

Proposed by Cllr Passingham, Cllr Newton voted against.

**2026/13) Highways and Footpaths**

**1. Any relevant updates**

None

**2026/14) Village Maintenance / Garden**

**1. Village Garden – Update**

None

**2026/15) LCN update on last meeting**

None

**2026/16) Village Hall - Status report**

None

**2026/17) Topics for future meetings**

None raised

**2026/18) Correspondence / General updates**

None

**2026/19) NEXT MEETING:**

1. Parish Meeting 24<sup>th</sup> March 2026 @ Combe Florey Village Hall. Time 6.00 pm

**Meeting closed at 19.25**

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**Signed: ..... [Chairman]**