

MINUTES of the COMBE ST. NICHOLAS PARISH COUNCIL meeting
Held Virtually via Zoom on Thursday 28th May 2020,

Due to CORONAVIRUS ALL PHYSICAL COUNCIL MEETINGS CANCELLED AS GATHERINGS TOO CONTAGIOUS. Views given and obtained via Zoom to enable Public to take part as well as Parish Councillors

PARISH COUNCILLORS Mr. Rob Grimmond -
Miss Sue Pargeter, Rev. Deborah Perreau, Mrs. Di Hine,
Messrs. John Gilbert, Ian Croucher, Tony Sauer, Ian Stonex, Ian Whitehead. Dr. Colin Ryall

Also, Jenny Kenton, (District Councillor), Martin Wale (District Councillor) and Anne Hunt – Clerk, and 5 members of the public

Apologies – Mrs. Amanda Broom (County Councillor)

Current Chairman, Rob Grimmond, welcomed everyone to this first meeting carried out in this manner. He explained that hands should be raised when anyone wished to speak, and vote. As he is standing down as Chairman and Parish Councillor, he said the last 4 years had been an eventful time and challenges remain ahead and he would like to continue with the Parish Support Group in future. He thanked all for support.

Reports from District Councillors – Plastic recycling from home bins will now be delayed in parts of Somerset until the end of June. Training session via Zoom screens was held. New forms which are clearer and easier for Planning Enforcement policy now in place. Some concern going forward re financial concerns as no income coming in currently from carparks, theatres, etc. Various services being checked in a few months' time.

A question was asked about when playgrounds would be open again. Martin Wale will investigate.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - Jenny Kenton, District Councillor, declared an interest re planning application 20/01219 as the land adjoined The Haymaker inn. Councillors Ian Whitehead and Tony Sauer, and Martin Wale, D.C. also declared a Personal Interest in the same application. Councillor Tony Sauer also declared a personal interest in application 20/01290 re School wall repair.

The Zoom meeting was stopped at 8pm for 5 minutes, for the public 'clap for key-workers during this pandemic'. The Zoom virtual meeting was resumed at 8.05pm with the same attendees as before.

1/2020 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN and VICE CHAIRMAN

- a) John Gilbert, Vice Chair, took over the meeting for this item. Tony Sauer proposed John Gilbert for Chairman, seconded by Ian Croucher. 8 votes in favour for this were given by show of hands.
- b) Tony Sauer was proposed by Ian Stonex, seconded by Di Hine and was elected by 7 votes in favour by show of hands.

2/20 RESIGNATION OF PARISH COUNCILLORS

Rosemary Yarrow gave notice on 1st May 2020 of her resignation from the Parish Council. Letter of thanks will be sent to her and Rob Grimmond for all their time and work on behalf of the Parish.

S.S.D.C Election Dept has been notified of the vacancies and notice will be placed on the notice board and website until 19th June. If no person is put forward, co-option will start from the June meeting.

3/20 MINUTES

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting with information and views given via emails on 27th April 2020 were approved as a true record. Matters Arising – Still concern re slurry leaking down to the ponds at the start of the river Isle from Combe Hill buildings. Environment Agency has been contacted recently, but a further follow up will be sent.

4/20 PLANNING

- App.20/01290 Combe St. Nicholas School and Church. Repair of boundary wall, removal of hedge and installation of a 1.8m high bow topped railing on the church side of the wall. Following various letters and information given at this meeting it was voted in favour but indicate the information give with the application was lacking.
- App. 20/01219 Land Adjoining Peartree, Wadeford. Application for reserved matters following approval of 18/00746/OUT – erection of 4 bed. dwelling house (including annexe accommodation) and detached two storey triple garage/carport. The meeting was opened to allow the applicant and neighbours to give their views. Any emails received had already been circulated to Councillors. With regard to the Covid-19 restrictions and social distancing, it was agreed to hold a site meeting with pegged proposed building areas, for 4 Councillors, plus the architect and owner to enable better understanding of the site. A further Zoom meeting will be held for a decision to be made. New drawings are in the pipeline.

5-20 NEW PARISH WEBSITE

Information on various websites have been circulated prior to the meeting. Councillor Ian Croucher has volunteered to take on the role of Webmaster and set up the new website with the help of current webmaster Rob Grimmond. Councillor Sue Pargeter has also volunteered to be the back-up helper if necessary. Information will be transferred to the new site. It was voted unanimously to use NetWise UK as the new provider at a cost of £599 + £300 Support and Maintenance = £889. Name of site still to be decided. It has been confirmed that `CIL money` (payments received from new builds in the Parish) can be used for this.

The Zoom meeting closed down but was re-instated again. Members of the public and Councillors Ian Whitehead and Dr. Colin Ryall did not attend this last session.

6/20 FINANCE

- a) End of year accounts for 4/2019 – 3/2020 had been circulated. Approved unanimously by show of hands.
- b) Risk assessment report approved
- c) Approve Annual Governance Statement 2019/2020 which has been circulated. All questions unanimously answered as `Yes` by show of hands, except Trust funds question which is Not applicable. Chairman will now sign when possible.

7/20 FINANCE

- a) Approve Accounting Statement 2019/2020 which has been circulated. All boxes agreed unanimously by show of hands, Chairman will now sign when possible.

Approve payments - Came and Co. (annual Parish Council insurance)	£848.25 due 1.6.2020
Mr. R. Grimmond (repay Domain website renewal)	£28.78
Mrs. A. Hunt (expenses x 3 months, repay Cloverleaf Magazine Insertion + repay Cork tiles for Notice Board)	£82.60.

Grant forms received to cover a new possible Laptop up to £1,000 for Parish Clerk.