

Public Time – a) A presentation was given by Ian Cullen, **Hydrogeologist with Wessex Water** re the catchment area of the river Isle and details of a 3 year **study looking at the water table, extraction, etc.** The study starts officially on 1st April 2020. The area has good ecology status, but the Isle is flagged up as moderate. Funding has been arranged to carry out the study. Various graphs were shown (copies on file) and particular interest in places if residents have a well that can be monitored. The main supply of water will be started again at Pole Rue in the 1st week in February. The figures were given for abstraction licence at Pole Rue, which is 85% of maximum. The boreholes are 60m. deep. Mr.Cullen was thanked for a most interesting presentation.

**MINUTES of the COMBE ST.NICHOLAS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held on Monday 27th January 2020, at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.**

PARISH COUNCILLORS PRESENT ;

Mr.Rob Grimmond - Chairman
Miss Sue Pargeter, Rev.Deborah Perreau, Mrs.Di Hine, Mrs.Rosemary Yarrow,
Messrs.John Gilbert, Ian Croucher, Tony Sauer, Ian Stonex,
Ian Whitehead.

Also Martin Wale, (District Councillor), Mrs.Amanda Broom (County Councillor)
5 members of the public and Mrs.Anne Hunt (Clerk)

Apologies –Dr.C.Ryall, Mrs.Jenny Kenton (District Councillor) P.C.S.O.Gareth Allington

86/19-20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

87/19-20 MINUTES

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 25th November 2019 were approved as a true record and signed

88/19-20 DISTRICT/COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

County Councillor – Amanda Broom – a) Scrutiny for Policies and Places Committee at SCC will consider their works programme for 5G on the 11th March A telecom industry representative and a public health expert will report. Residents are able to attend Monthly report available – re possible change of Unitary authorities.

District Councillor - Martin Wale – a) Meeting with Highways re new springs rising in Knightshute presumably due to current high water table. Action should be taken to prevent this water freezing on the road. Another spring has started in Court Mill Lane. **b)** SSDC do not wish to change the Unitary authority to combine all Councils but have more co-operation between them. **c)** The Regulation Committee meeting at Yeovil, re the planning applications for 295 homes/Chard Football Club near Cuttifords Door, plus 142 homes with Barratts at Crimchard, will now take place on 18th February at 10am. Report from Parish Council and residents can be given.

89/19-20 PLANNING

- App.19/3485 Wessex Water, Pole Rue Water Treatment Centre, Pole Ruse. Revisions and alterations to permitted approval. No objections
- App.19/3423/LBC Wadeford House. Internal alterations, mainly to plumbing matters/bathrooms and attic stairs. No objections

89/19-20 Planning Cont'd

• App.20/00114/DPO Combe Dingle Farm, Street Ash. Application to discharge Sec.106 agreement between SSDC and occupants, attached to planning application 03/02178/OUT re non-defragmentation of holding. No objections.

90/19-20 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/PARISH PLAN

Some of the points made in the Parish Plan have been achieved, but other things not covered need to be checked into. An informal meeting suggested to discuss ideas – i.e. environmental champion, snow patrol, etc. Some may not be practical, and then have a public meeting to discuss more fully. Clerk to co-ordinate dates, and location..

91/19-20 COMBE WOOD RECREATION FIELD

District Councillor, Chairman and Clerk to get together to complete the application form to present to SCC. Amanda Broom, County Councillor, also will investigate. SCC need to have a good case to refuse the request.

92/19-20 THE LAWNS PLAY AREA

Hedging works, removal of dead tree and shrub and stump grinding on The Lawns has been completed. New senior swing seats and new cradle swing seats to be ordered.

93/19-20 SSDC PARISH TREE GIVEAWAY

50 trees could be supplied from SSDC for planting within the Parish, (with landowners permission) An Environment Champion would also need to be nominated. A few trees could be planted in the Sunday School Wood, John Gilbert and The Lawns. Interest to be registered with SSDC.

94/19-20 PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

In order to comply with public accessibility for any disability a more up to date website is required. Councillor Grimmond (current webmaster) will investigate various providers and costs.

95/19-20 HIGHWAYS

- a) The layby built at the bottom of Combe Hill for the `speed bike` has become overgrown with weeds and needs clearing so it could be used again
- b) Letter of thanks for past help to be sent to Speed Watch Volunteers
- c) Lots of gravel is washing down Catchgate Lane to the Cuttifords Door crossroads
- d) Drains in Court Mill Lane are flooding over the road
- e) Horses were seen using incorrect footpath in Wadeford. Horses are not permitted on public footpaths.

Meeting to be held with headteacher at Combe School to discuss parking issues

96/19-20 CORRESPONDENCE -

Allotments – Lease between the Parish Council and the landowner, and Lease between the Parish Council and Combe Parish Allotment Assoc. have been renewed and revised.

97/19-20 **Police** – More incidents re, scammers phoning some residents. Police have left some booklets to help residents

98/19-20 **FINANCE**

- a) Quote received for grass cutting in village centre for 2020 season £100 per cut – Accepted
- b) Request from P.C.C. for donation re extra grasscutting and essential tree trimming recently carried out. It was resolved to pay 50% of the costs = £560
- c) After discussion it was resolved to increase the Precept by 2.5% to £17800 for the year 4/2020 – 3/2021.

The following payments were checked and agreed.

Mrs.A.Hunt (Exp, tel. and computer exp.)	£14.20
B.Powell & Sons (grass cutting for 2019-2020 season)	£1528.80
Combe St.Nicholas P.C.C. (grass cutting and tree felling S.137)	£560.00

99/19-20 **GENERAL MATTERS -.**

Items for next Agenda – Website – School carpark – Village Hall Broadband – Community Engagement

Environment Agency have visited Combe Hill re slurry waste.

Somerset Village Halls – Photo competition – anyone with any photos to contact Clerk