

MINUTES of the COMBE ST. NICHOLAS PARISH COUNCIL Meeting
Held Virtually via Zoom on Monday 22nd June 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. John Gilbert - Chairman
Miss Sue Pargeter, Mrs. Di Hine, Rev. Deborah Perreau
Messrs. Ian Croucher, Dr. Colin Ryall, Tony Sauer, Ian Stonex, Ian Whitehead.

Also, Jenny Kenton (District Councillor)
Anne Hunt – Clerk, and 1 member of the public

Apologies – Martin Wale (District Councillor)

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST -

9/2020 Report from District Councillor – Jenny Kenton

A new community grant for local environmental initiatives. 50% of the purchase price, and must have support of the Parish. The Regeneration plans in Chard are still going ahead, but time scale slipped back to October 2021 due to current Covid-19 problems re obtaining materials etc. A review is taking place re making Planning Dept. more accessible on line. A meeting re the future of the Unitary Authority involving SCC and all the District Councils takes place on 15th July
A question re the opening of public toilets was raised now that more people are travelling around, and also playgrounds. Information awaited from Govt.

10/2020 MINUTES

Minutes of the Zoom meeting held on 28th May and 9th June were approved by show of hands, with the amendment that Di Hine attended the meeting on the 9th June and not Sue Pargeter.

11/2020 PLANNING

- App. 20/01290 and 20/01129/LBC Combe St. Nicholas School and Church. Amended plans for finial topped railings, instead of bow-topped railings, No objections.
- App.20/01486 Barnes House, Combe Wood Lane. Extend existing garage and convert into habitable space. No objections
- App.20/01460 Raisey Cottage, Raisey Lane, Ham. Erection of a first-floor extension to side of dwelling. No objections.
- App.20/01561 Bumble Cottage, Nimmer. Demolition of agric./equestrian buildings and erection of a single storey dwelling with garage/store. garden curtilage, and siting of temporary mobile home for duration of the construction period. No objections.
- App.20/01405 Barn 1 at Roseleigh, land OS6251 par, New England. Conversion of existing barn to residential plus erection of extension. Conversion of existing agricultural store to open fronted garage/store and change of use of land from agricultural to residential. No objections

12/2020 HIGHWAYS

- a) A request to remove the old stone step adjacent to the highway at The Old Post Office, Wadeford due to a vehicle being damaged when passing. After discussion which included erecting a bollard, it was resolved, by 8 votes (show of hands) not to remove the step but to suggest to the owner a reflector strip be added to the step to warn vehicles.
- b) The verges at the top of Stoopers Hill have grown so much that visibility, especially coming out of the Sticklepath road, is impaired. Highways to be contacted, or if time limit too long, contact Mervyn Powell to trim back. Clerk to arrange.
- c) Street name signs for Taylor's Meade and Bench Lane need some repair as the names not legible.
- d) The willow tree at the Willhayne junction needs trimming back.
- e) The bridge on public footpath CH7/12 at Pudleigh has completely rotted and needs replacing. ROW dept. already contacted.

Zoom meeting ended, and resumed for 2nd session at 8.10pm Councillor Ryall did not re-join.

13/2020 FINANCE

- a) Councillors Perreau agreed to check the bank statements against the accounts book regularly.
- b) Payment for rent from the Allotments Assoc. received (£220.50)
- c) New strimmer purchased by Dr. Freeston for the footpath volunteers' group. Re-imbusement applied for from SCC, ROW dept.
- d) It was resolved to purchase a new laptop for Parish Council/Clerks use. Councillor Croucher has looked into models and a possible suitable one could cost £700. Claim forms for a 50% grant from SSDC also received.
- e) The following payments were approved

Mrs. L. Purcell (allotments rent)	£220.50
Dr. W. Freeston (repay for new strimmer for Footpath vol.	£325.00

14/2020 GENERAL MATTERS

- a) New website nearly completed, and will hopefully `Go Live` soon. Various organisations will need to make an update/refresh for their news. Councillor Croucher, and Councillor Sauer offered to help.
- b) Letter will be sent to Rob Grimmond when ready, to thank him for all his past work in this respect.
- c) A query when the Village Hall maybe open – ACRE advise it cannot be opened yet, 20page document received with guidelines and risk assessment taken before opening.
- d) The Lawns Play area – Similar actions Both c) and d) awaiting further info. from Govt.
- e) Users will have to take responsibility themselves. Notice is in place stating equipment not cleaned or safety checks carried out.

Next meeting scheduled for Monday 27th July. Item to add to agenda – Covid-19 – lessons learned and suggestions if possible new outbreak should happen.

Meeting ended at 8.45pm