

MINUTES of the COMBE ST. NICHOLAS PARISH COUNCIL Meeting
Held Virtually via Zoom on Monday 28th September 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) Martin Wale (District Councillor)
Anne Hunt – Clerk, and 2 members of the public.
Apologies – Amanda Broom (County Councillor)

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Martin Wale re Minute 37/2020 Personal interest
Jenny Kenton re minute 36/2020 Personal interest.

34/2020 Report from District Councillors – Jenny Kenton and Martin Wale

Jenny Kenton – SSDC Green issues include supplying `Free trees giveaway` as in 2019, also a litter picking campaign for members of the public (equipment could be borrowed from SSDC. The SCC community grant scheme is now open for initiatives. In October the `walk to school` scheme suggested.

Martin Wale has contacted Planning Dept. re possible non-compliance with planning permission at Clayhanger, but no reply to date. Proposed new Unitary Authorities – 2 campaigns currently running. Final decision by Government. If Right to Bid scheme re Green Dragon is proposed will help if needed.

35/2020 MINUTES of the Zoom meeting held on the 24th August were approved by show of hands, after the alteration to Minute 30/2020 to state 23 people limited to attend Village Hall. Minutes to be signed at a later date when allowable.
Councillor Ed Cockburn was welcomed to the Parish Council and Acceptance of Office form signed.

36/2020 THE GREEN DRAGON

The meeting was opened in order that resident Dave Crossman could give a presentation regarding the closure of the Green Dragon and possible future plans to re-open it as a Community Asset. A report that has been circulated around the Parish is attached to these minutes. Investigations have already been held with SSDC to get information of procedures. After a long discussion and questions it was resolved unanimously to request a Nomination of an Asset of Community Value and Community Right to Bid to support possible future Community Pub. Mr. Crossman was thanked for all his work.

37/2020 PLANNING

•App.20/02338 Foxdon House, Foxdon Hill. Wadeford. Removal of existing conservatory and erection of a 2-storey extension to rear of dwelling. The application was supported.

38/2020 VILLAGE HALL

Due to further new regulations, the maximum numbers to be able to use the Village Hall is now 23. In personal households the maximum is now 6 people, but as the Village Hall is `covid secure` the numbers are able to increase to 23, providing all the necessary cleaning is carried out before and after sessions. Anything including exercise means a limit of 10 people. School have said they wish to use the hall, but as they are already in a `bubble` their numbers can be higher but cleaning still needed. Some other organisations may wish to use the hall but definite bookings still awaited. QR code mandatory for everyone re track and trace. Thanks to Councillors Pargeter and Croucher for all their work.

38/2020 THE LAWNS PLAY AREA

New litter bins maybe required for the 2 spaces in the wall at a cost of £47 each ex vat Request received for a new litter bin behind the notice board as liners do not fit the current one. Possible cost £76 ex vat.

39/2020 UNITARY AUTHORITY UPDATE

See Minute 34/2020 above

40/2020 FINANCE

- a) New laptop for the Clerk now working. Thanks, extended to Councillor Ian Croucher for his help.
- b) As payment by cheque not always acceptable due to Covid-19 regulations, Clerk is investigating possibility of On-line Banking, although this is not possible for 2 signatories at the moment.
- c) The following payments were approved

Mrs. Hunt Expenses/tel. costs	£17.28
Mr. M. Willis (replacing rotting planter on The Green + plants	£76.70
Mr. I. Croucher (repay for cost of laptop + accessories	£636.51
Somerset West and Taunton Council (2018 grass cutting CWF)	£440.40

41/2020 GENERAL MATTERS

- a) Environment Agency has contacted landowner again. Work will be carried out before winter
- b) Successful Take Art party in the School field/CWF recently.
- c) 2 new metal gates have been fitted by SCC ROW on footpath CH7/43
- d) State of road surface at bottom of Stantway. Clerk to report.
- e) Next meeting – a) White paper re new Planning regulations – report received from Somerset Wildlife Group re loss of power for future decisions, etc.
b) Use the Village Hall for PC meetings

Meeting ended at 9.20

Next meeting 26th October