

MINUTES of the COMBE ST. NICHOLAS PARISH COUNCIL Meeting
Held Virtually via Zoom on Monday 26th October 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. Ed. Cockburn. Ian Croucher, Dr. Colin Ryall, Tony Sauer, Ian Stonex, Ian Whitehead.
Tony Glasper was unable to connect/communicate due to connection problem.

Also, Martin Wale (District Councillor), Anne Hunt – Clerk, and 1 member of the public.
Apologies – Amanda Broom (County Councillor) and Jenny Kenton (District Councillor)

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Ian Stonex re minute 45/2020 App.20/2546 Prejudicial interest and took no part.

42/2020 Report from District Councillors – Jenny Kenton and Martin Wale
Jenny Kenton – report sent.

Martin Wale attended workshops re Planning service. Over 500 cases are awaiting attention in the enforcement dept, (including the houses in Bakers Orchard, Clayhanger) but many are over the 7 years limit so will be written off. A presentation was held last week re the future of the planning system and how it will go ahead. The Local Plan process may be speeded up whereas at the moment the Plan is out-of-date before being agreed. Anyone can make a suggestion to the Govt. It was thought training for PCs would be helpful either by video or Zoom meetings.

43/2020 MINUTES of the Zoom meeting held on the 28th September 2020 were approved by show of hands, after the addition to Minute 34/2020 of Martin Wale's report re 'Bakers Orchard, Clayhanger'

Councillor Tony Glasper was welcomed to the Parish Council and Acceptance of Office form signed. Unfortunately, the computer connection at the time of the meeting meant he could not be heard or seen in part.

44/2020 THE GREEN DRAGON

Acknowledgement received from SSDC re the Community Right to Buy forms. A query was raised as to whether funds will be required for set up costs, but not known yet.

45/2020 PLANNING

•App.20/02546 Land adjoining Pekan, Court Mill Lane, Wadeford. Change of use of land and erection of new 4-bedroomed dwelling with off-road parking and single garage. Previous site meeting had been held with 4 Councillors and applicant attending. Representation was made at the meeting by a nearby resident who was against the application. After discussions, Councillors agreed that this planning application was supported.

45/2020 PLANNING (Cont'd)

- App.20/02791 Lower Burnt House Farm, Ham. Erect roof over open livestock yard. This application was supported.
- App.19/0191 + 18/01263 Bakers Orchard, Clayhanger. No update yet received from Enforcement Dept. re Advertisement selling 4 bedroomed dwellings, as opposed to 3 bedroomed dwellings approved by Planning Dept.
- Govt. White Paper re Changes to Planning Policy – Consultation. Some of the alterations would mean less consultation to Parishes for large scale developments. As no mention was made re wildlife, etc. after taking into consideration information recently circulated from Wildlife Trusts it was resolved to use the reply copied to the Council from an individual Councillor, as the response from this Parish Council.

46/2020 VILLAGE HALL

Future Parish Council Meetings to be held in the Village Hall? This was proposed now that the Hall is declared Covid Secure and a few bookings now being taken. However, 5 Parish Councillors were not happy about the conditions and would not be able to attend meetings due to `Isolation rules` After discussion it was resolved to continue with the Zoom virtual meetings but put the item on the Agenda and review each month.

47/2020 SLURRY PROBLEM COMBE HILL

Large pool now outside the pit which could contaminate the soil. One shed used by young stock. It was resolved to form a sub-committee of Councillors - Tony Sauer, Ian Whitehead, Ian Stonex and Ed Cockburn, Dr. Colin Ryall, to check into the ongoing problem. Clerk will write to the owner too.

48/2020 HIGHWAYS

- Rights of Way** – a) Clarification if an electric fence is used on a public right of way – SCC can take legal action if the fence is not safe for public to pass through and has not been made safe after consultation.
b) Some cyclists have been seen using the public footpath along the river at Pudleigh. If any seen again, warning signs will be erected

49/2020 FINANCE

- Half-yearly accounts circulated.
- It was proposed and resolved to donate £100.00 to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.
- The following payments were approved

Mrs.Hunt – repay extra costs paid to Councillor Ian Croucher for additional laptop expenses (£82.48) + £8.00 Expenses/tel. costs	£90.48
Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal (Section S.137)	£100.00

50/2020 GENERAL MATTERS

Councillor Perreau has been involved in sending out free meals to deserving residents during this Covid - 19 pandemic.

Remembrance Sunday – 8th November 10.50am service will take place in Combe Church, with covid precautions. Chairman John Gilbert will lay the wreath. (provided a new lock-down not enforced)

Meeting ended at 9.30

Next meeting 23rd November