

MINUTES of the COMBE ST. NICHOLAS PARISH COUNCIL Meeting
Held Virtually via Zoom on Monday 23rd November 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 (although unable to join in verbally) Ian Whitehead.

Also, Jenny Kenton and Martin Wale (District Councillors), Anne Hunt – Clerk, Dave Crossman, Amanda Acland and 2 members of the public.

Apologies – Amanda Broom (County Councillor)

Mrs. Amanda Acland gave information regarding the **Environmental Champion** post that she has volunteered for.

Public time – Information was given re a forthcoming planning application re barn for storage, etc. off of Whiteway,

Green Dragon – Mr. Crossman gave an update on the progress re the Community Bid. The Right to Bid for Community Asset has been approved by SSDC and is now added to the Register. A Zoom meeting was held with a Rep. from the Plunket Foundation who are helping specifically with buy out of pubs and shops. £3300 was raised (90 donations) for business valuations, etc. Nominations are now being taken for the election of officers, and residents are being kept informed via Cloverleaf and Facebook.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Tony Sauer re Minute 54/2020 School carpark.

51/2020 Report from District Councillors – Jenny Kenton and Martin Wale

Jenny Kenton – 2 new reports have been circulated regarding Phosphates, particularly in connection with the Planning applications, as the water catchment area (including this Parish) is seeping too high a level down to the Somerset Levels.

Martin Wale – Quite a number of planning applications have been caught up in the Phosphate discussions, Meaning that they are well overdue for a decision. No Govt. decision made yet re the future of the Unitary Authorities SCC want the County Council elections due in 2021 to be delayed. Business grants are now available again during this 2nd Covid lock-down. Martin is available if help needed for licensing rules, etc. re the Green Dragon.

52/2020 MINUTES of the Zoom meeting held on the 26th October 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.

53/2020 SLURRY PROBLEM ON COMBE HILL

The Sub-Committee report was circulated earlier. The Environmental Officer has been unable to visit this week. A bund has been erected recently When Env. Agency update is received, the sub-committee will take any action as necessary. A watch is being kept on the condition of the ponds further down the Lane.

54/2020 SCHOOL CARPARK

The School carpark has been extended and resurfaced. The overall cost is £3000 and the Head has requested a donation towards this cost. Various voluntary help has been made to reduce the costs. After discussion it was resolved to donate £500 towards the costs.

55/2020 PLANNING

App.20/02890. Land adjoining Three Corners, Church Path. Vary condition of approved plans (18/00467) to include a basement area, covered canopy to main entrance, and minor amendments to window and door arrangement. After a long discussion it was objected to on the grounds that the basement and bedroom etc was very large to be classed as an amendment, also, the change of roof materials from tiles to metal was not mentioned.

56/2020 VILLAGE HALL

In view of the current lock-down arrangements due to Covid-19 the Village Hall is not able to be used for possible Parish Council meetings. Zoom meetings to continue at this time. Review again in January.

57/2020 FINANCE

- a) It was resolved to donate £800 for this year for the upkeep of the churchyard (section S.137)
- b) It was resolved to donate £150 for this year for the upkeep of the Methodist Churchyard (S.137)
- c) It was agreed that any invoices can be paid, after agreement with the Chairman, before the January meeting.
- d) Allotments rent received (£220.50)
- e) Precept figures have been circulated. Decision to be made at January meeting.
- f) The following payments were approved

Mrs.Hunt – Broadband and tel. expenses	£37.00
Combe St. Nicholas C. E. V. A. School (carpark)	£500.00
Combe St. Nicholas P.C.C. (upkeep of churchyard (Section S.137)	£800.00
Combe St. Nicholas Methodist Church “ “	£150.00
Mrs. L. Purcell (Allotments rent due 1.1.2021)	£220.50

58/2020 GENERAL MATTERS

- a) Ramblers Assoc -. giving notice that time will expire soon for adding any footpaths that are not included on the Definitive Map.
- b) A few problems occurred re the website recently, but should be solved shortly (no cost to PC)
- c) Item for Next Agenda – play equipment.

Meeting ended at 9.30

Next meeting 23rd November