

MINUTES of the COMBE ST. NICHOLAS PARISH COUNCIL Meeting
Held Virtually via Zoom on Monday 22nd February 2021

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, Tony Glasper, Dr. Colin Ryall, Ian Stonex & Ian Whitehead.

Also, Martin Wale (District Councillors), Anne Hunt – Clerk and 3 members of the public.

Apologies – Amanda Broom (County Councillor) and Jenny Kenton (District Councillor)

Two Presentations were made at the start of the meeting –

1) – 2 Residents from Clayhanger have made enquiries re a scheme to supply **faster and more reliable Broadband** for the Wadeford, Clayhanger Nimmer and Cuttifords Door areas of the Parish (approx..220 dwellings). OpenReach have committed to delivering this project, and if enough residents sign up and pledge given vouchers the Scheme can be run without extra cost to the residents, as the vouchers can be claimed back from the Govt. which in turn covers the cost (unless a new socket is required at an individual's property. They have formed a Group called **Isle Valley Fibre** and delivered leaflets around the area and 50-60% of residents are needed to pledge their vouchers. Over half have already done so. If possible, they would like to start the scheme by 31st March

Combe St. Nicholas village was not included in this current scheme as reception is much better there in comparison to the Isle areas.

2) – **New Planning information now required by SSDC** Views of neighbours and Parish Councillors preferred prior to sending in applications. Pre-planning information/request to renovate an existing barn in Clayhanger. This application cannot be considered under Permitted development/Agricultural `Q` notice as it is currently structurally not sound, plus an extension for a larger residential area is proposed. The applicant outlined the scheme and showed photos of the barn in previous times plus the proposed building plans. Ecological survey has been carried out. See Minute 77/2021

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None

74/2020-21 Report from District Councillors – Jenny Kenton and Martin Wale

SSDC is now able to provide Specialist information re Phosphates, which has been holding up planning decisions.

75/2020-21 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 25th January 2021 were approved as a true record

76/2020-21 GREEN DRAGON

This subject was held over until the March meeting.

77/2020-21 PLANNING

- Pre-App.info. re Barn at Clayhanger. Following the information given in Public time re proposed application for creating a 4-bedroomed dwelling – barn conversion and extensions – No objections.
- **Pre-App.** Info. Re Barn at Scrapton. `Q` application for barn conversion at Weeks Farm buildings. Following a discussion re asbestos panels being suitable for domestic use, and also if removed could cause more environmental problems. Councillor Wale will ask SSDC for information. Slight mention made re the public footpath which adjoins the building. Needs protecting if any building work is carried out.
- App. 20/02742 Land OS 1976 Nimmer. This application has been refused. Site not suitable for 3 dwellings because of vicinity to listed building.

Councillor Tony Glasper joined the meeting and was welcomed to the Council. Acceptance of Office form and Register of Interests have been completed.

78/2020-21 THE LAWNS PLAY AREA

The timber around the safer surfacing is rotting in places. Councillors asked to visit the site before the next meeting.

79/2020-21 HIGHWAYS

- a) Now the A.30 has re-opened following drainage works, the amount of traffic through Combe and Wadeford has reduced.
- b) During the recent very cold weather, blocked drains caused dangerous ice to form at Rackstile in Wadeford Works will be carried out after April to install new pipes to alleviate the problem.

80/2020 FINANCE

- a) The cost of grass-cutting of The Green and The Lawns for the 2021 will be £100 per cut (no change from 2020 season)

The following payments were approved –

Mrs. A. Hunt (postage expenses and broadband costs)	£33.04
S.S.D.C. (quarterly play equipment checks)	£127.20

81/2020 GENERAL MATTERS

- a) As site visits are not held for planning applications Councillor Croucher offered to check the SSDC website prior to Parish Council meetings to check whether any observations have been made by nearby residents. All Councillors can also check these.

Meeting ended at 08.49pm.