

**MINUTES of the COMBE ST. NICHOLAS PARISH COUNCIL Meeting**  
**Held Virtually via Zoom on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April 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, Dr. Colin Ryall, Ian Stonex, Tony Sauer & Ian Whitehead.

Also, Martin Wale and Jenny Kenton (District Councillors), Anne Hunt – Clerk,

Apologies – Amanda Broom (County Councillor)

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – Councillor Ian Stonex and Councillor Tony Sauer re Minute 94/2020-21 Old Mill House.

**91/2020-21      Report from District Councillors – Jenny Kenton and Martin Wale**

‘**Recycle More**’ starts in June for South Somerset – new blue bags for plastic, etc. and the black wheelie bin will be emptied every 3 weeks. Assisted collections can be arranged for people not able to take their bins out. Election takes place on 6<sup>th</sup> May for Police Commissioner.

The Mount Hindrance/Cuttifords Door site is still advertised for sale for the highest bidder (Planning permission obtained in 2019) A District Council meeting will be held shortly discussing the decision to have a poll re Unitary Authorities, which could cost £310,000. JK and MW visited the site of the proposed change of barn building in Scampton to a 5-bedroomed house. No consultation will come to the Parish Council.

There is no date set yet for a Planning training/information meeting for Councillors.

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**92/2020-21**

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2021 were approved as a true record after some additions. Minutes re-typed as approved.

**93/2020-21      GREEN DRAGON**

No further meetings of this group held at this time. More details awaited re the Govt’s grant for Public Houses during the Pandemic. A programme of events throughout the year being organised. Permission granted to use The Green on 23<sup>rd</sup> May for cake sale.

**94/2020-21      PLANNING**

- App.21/00731 Shute House, Knightshute. Removal of existing garage and erection of replacement. All PCs support this application.
- App. 21/01170 Old Mill House, Court Mill Lane, Wadeford. Installation of dormer window to front elevation. (slightly reduced in size) 5 Councillors supported this application and 3 Councillors against it.
- App.21/00892 Bryles, Cuttifords Door. Erection of 2 single storey side extensions and front porch. All PCs support this application

**94/2020-21 PLANNING (CONT'D)**

- App.20/02890/S73 Land at Three Corners Reply received from Kirsty Larkins, SSDC clarifying points raised - circulated to all Parish Councillors

**95/2020-21 THE LAWNS PLAY AREA**

a) Meeting arranged at The Lawns at 2pm on Tues.4<sup>th</sup> May to discuss the various concerns re-equipment. Councillor Sauer has agreed to replace broken fitting part of the Agility Trial.

Thanks to Councillor Ian Croucher for fitting New self-closing spring for the pedestrian gate.

b) Request to supply a football goal to stop balls being kicked into nearby gardens. – discuss on 4<sup>th</sup> May

c) SSDC provisionally arranging PlayDay in August. Permission given, plus a donation of £100 agreed.

d) Annual Play Inspection with PI Company agreed, plus Underway Meade Play area.

**96/2020-21 Environment**

An article will be put in the next edition of Cloverleaf magazine to suggest verges not cut so often.

**97/2020 FUTURE PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS – VILLAGE HALL**

As Govt. regulations re Zoom meetings ends on 17<sup>th</sup> May, future meetings to be held in the Village Hall, but only 23 people would be allowed, and need to wipe equipment before and after the meeting, everyone to be 2 metres apart, and facemasks to be worn., although they suggested the public could still join by Zoom. As **Wi-fi** was installed in the Village Hall on 1/4/2021, a laptop will be brought to be meeting, in case it is required. Except for 1 table for the Clerk, possibly no others needed. Microphone to be checked in case it is needed.

**98/2020-21 COMBE WOOD RECREATION FIELD**

Grass cutting cost for 2021 season will be £457.04 (arrangement via SCC) and as 2019 and 2020 seasons have not been paid due to being incorporated with the School Field, in error, It was agreed to pay 2 x £457.04 = £914.08 to repay this cost. New quotes being obtained for 2022 season with other operators

**99/2020-21 FINANCE**

The following payments were approved –

Mrs. A. Hunt (postage expenses and broadband costs)	£30.00
Wicksteed Leisure Ltd. (spare parts for Agility Trial on The Lawns	£16.20
Combe St. Nicholas C.E.V.A. School (grass cutting costs Combe Wood Field)	£914.08

**100/2020 GENERAL MATTERS**

- Councillor Sue Pargeter attended the seminar re New Recycle More campaign.
- Various road surface problems in lower part of Stantway, although others marked for filling.
- Sign warning drivers to be careful re `moorhens crossing road` from Underway Meade
- Direction sign to Northay from the `Pretty Oak Main` now missing. Highways will not replace.
- Somerset Day 11<sup>th</sup> May
- Meeting ended at 08.50pm