

# Combe Florey Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting held at Combe Florey Village Hall  
On Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2016 at 7.00pm

**Present:** Mr Simon Frost (Chairman/Councillor)  
Mrs Lorraine Boulton (Councillor)  
Ms Hilary Vaughan-Thomas (Councillor)  
Mr Nick Darlow (Councillor)  
Mr Peter Tayler (Councillor)

**Observers:** None

**Apologies for Absence:** Councillor Mike Rigby  
Councillor Peter Watson  
Councillor Jane Warmington

## **1. Minutes of Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> August 2015 and any matters arising**

The minutes of the meeting had been circulated and agreed. These have been accepted and signed by the Chairman Cllr Frost as a true record.

## **2. Matters Arising not included in the Agenda**

Cllr Frost explained that he will be standing down as Chairman immediately after the 8<sup>th</sup> June 2016 meetings. To support the new Chairperson he will continue as a CFPC councillor until the end of 2016.

## **3. Planning Matters Update**

Pixford Farm solar panels application - Cllr Boulton had received a strongly worded request from an Ash Priors resident that we reconsider the Combe Florey Parish Council's input on this application. After considerable discussion it was again agreed that no additional input from CFPC would be appropriate as the majority view of the councillors remained unchanged that CFPC still held no objection to this application. Indeed some councillors strongly supported the application in the interests of a more sustainable local power supply. It was also noted that TDBC planning committee had initially rejected the application and this decision is believed to now be being appealed by the applicants.

A revised application for Fern Cottage has been responded to with, once again, no objections raised by CFPC.

There are no other planning issues at this time.

Action - HV-T

## **4. Financial matters & payments update.**

Latest accounts still show a modest surplus for the year is possible.

Recent receipts, no new receipts.

Payments approved,  
Combe Florey PCC, burial grant £380.00  
Combe Florey PCC, Xmas decorations £412.56  
M. Perry village tidiness contractor £480.00  
Strimmer safety training £156.00  
Taunton Deane BC, waste bin installation £420.00

Payments outstanding, AON insurance renewal in May.

The next significant task will be the annual audit in April/May and Sue Greenway has once again kindly agreed to act as internal auditor.

Action - PT

#### **5. A358 Farmer's Arms road junction**

The parish council formally registered the road safety issue with Somerset County Council Highways in December immediately after the last accident.

The case number with the Traffic Management Group at SCC is 378329 and the case is being addressed by Mr Garry Warren.

Cllr Rigby's very interesting suggestion that an automatic warning system might be installed to flash a warning sign to A358 traffic by sensing whenever a vehicle is trying to turn on to the A358 at this junction will now be explored with SCC.

As agreed in January the parish council again confirmed it will be prepared to contribute several thousand pounds towards SCC costs for this if this helps.

Action - SF to progress

#### **6. Village Tidiness, Garden, Footpaths update.**

**Tidiness and strimming etc.** - Strimmer training is being undertaken by two village volunteers in the next few days to enable detailed tidying work in addition to the annually contracted tasks. Once complete this will enable the assisted purchase of a second strimmer to allow quicker work by the volunteers but now benefitting from the approved safety training.

Action - LB

**Village Garden sign** - now installed.

**Coggins Lane run-off.** - The case reference at SCC is 378330. It is now hoped that more regular cleaning of Coggins Lane by TDBC will help prevent further mud build up.

Action all - monitor situation

#### **7. Future Meeting Dates - village hall, all at 7.00pm.**

- 8<sup>th</sup> June 2016 followed by Annual Village Meeting at 7.30pm
- 21<sup>st</sup> September 2016
- 30<sup>th</sup> November 2016
- 8<sup>th</sup> March 2017

#### **8. AOB**

**Post meeting note** - A notice of closure of the A358 at Bishops Lydeard has just been received. This will be temporary evening closures at Grendon House Lane from sometime after April 11<sup>th</sup> for 3 evenings only.

**Date of next full meeting is on 8<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm in the Village Hall. Followed by the Annual Village Meeting at 7.30pm**

Councillors' informal project meetings will continue as necessary in the interim.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.

Signed as a true record:

Chairman

Date