

## **Combe Raleigh Parish Meeting**

### **Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 12 December 2016 in the Village Hall**

**Present: Mr B Churchill – Chairman**

**Penny Bond – Parish Clerk**

**Together with 11 local government electors of the Parish:-**

**Mrs K Churchill**

**Mrs J Sherwood**

**Mr D Rosewell**

**Mr J Brabrook**

**Ms G Compton**

**Mr I Downs**

**Mrs E Downs**

**Mr J Blackburn**

**Mr A Groombridge**

#### **Apologies for Absence**

**Mrs C. Lazarus**

**Mr. E. Lazarus**

**Mr. C. Padget**

**Mrs C. Padget**

**Mrs E. Smith**

**Mr. P. smith**

**SO PC P Anning**

**Mr M Moran**

**Mrs V Moran**

**Mrs G Hatch**

**Mr J Hatch**

**Mrs E Smith**

**Mr P Smith**

**Mr C Sherwood**

**Mrs V Brabrook**

#### **2. Minutes of the Last Meeting**

Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 11 October 2016 were circulated, approved and the Minutes signed by the Chairman

#### **3 Matters Arising**

- i. The Parish Clerk, Penny Bond, reported that EDDC Planning Officer has advised her that the Parish' objections to the removal of the telephone kiosk had been passed to BT and that at this stage it wasn't necessary for Combe Raleigh Parish Meeting to submit a request to adopt the kiosk. However, other Parishes have submitted requests to adopt the kiosk in their villages.
- ii. Sand has been purchased by D Jackson on behalf of the Parish, as previously reported.
- iii. First Aid – a survey will be circulated around the Parish by email and with notices to be posted requesting Parishioners to advise the Parish Meeting on their preferred choice of course.

There were no other matters arising from the Minutes of the Last Meeting.

#### **4 Planning Application 16/2701/FUL – Higher Wadhayes Farm, Combe Raleigh, Honiton EX14 4SQ Agricultural dwelling.**

The meeting asked that their concerns be raised over the possible growth of the pheasant rearing business and the potential detrimental effect this might have on the neighbourhood from both a nuisance of unacceptable noise levels, as well as a threat to public health from increased population of rodents and other pests. As such the meeting proposed a limit be applied to the size of pheasant rearing taking place on this agricultural site.

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Concerns were also raised by the Meeting over the possible future expansion of the pheasantry to develop private shooting business in the locality and the detrimental impact this might have on the peaceful nature of the AONB and unacceptable disturbance this might cause to local wildlife and also the residents around the valley. It was agreed in the Meeting that the local geography of Combe Valley is such that it funnels noise into the residential area.

The above concerns are to be raised with the local Councillor, Mr. Brown.

The meeting was in full agreement for this application to proceed. There were no objections received.

#### **5 Payments Approved**

Payment was approved by the Meeting for the hire of the hall in December at £8.00 per evening.

Payment was approved by the Meeting for the provision of floral displays around the Parish by D. Jackson to the sum of £171.60

The Parish Clerk was asked to consult D. Jackson about the VAT amount showing on their invoice for the purchase of sand and to report back to the next Parish Meeting for payment to be considered and approved.

#### **6. Precept**

The meeting approved a figure of £1465 be presented to EDDC for the Precept for 2017-18.

This figure was agreed on the basis that the Parish Meeting anticipates receiving increased costs in the future and that this might include items such as maintaining ditches/drainage and provision of sand for sand bags/flood defence.

A full breakdown of the budget for this figure will be presented at a future Parish Meeting.

#### **7. Any Other Business:**

**7a.** Ms. Compton raised her concern over the loss of trees screening the pole barn standing opposite the Church/St Nicholas Close. She asked whether the Meeting could recall the screening forming a Condition applied when original Planning Permission was approved for the erection of the agricultural barn.

Alex was present and represented the owners of the agricultural barn in question. He asked the Meeting to suggest possible solutions to the screening.

David Rosewell explained to the Meeting that the existing trees had been reduced in size for reasons of health and safety and that this action had been unavoidable.

Brian Churchill, Chairman for the Parish Meeting, agreed to consult the owners of the barn on the matter to explore possible solutions.

**There being no other business the Meeting was closed at 8:20pm**

Brian Churchill  
Chairman