

## Combe Raleigh Parish Meeting

### Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 24 February 2017 in the Village Hall

**Present:** Mr B Churchill – Chairman Penny Bond – Parish Clerk

#### Together with 17 local government electors of the Parish:-

Mrs K Churchill	Mrs J Sherwood	Mr C Sherwood	Mr R Sexton	Mr P Miller
Mr J Brabrook	Ms G Compton	Mr J Blackburn	Mr J Bond	Ms E Miller
Mrs E. Smith	Mr. P. Smith	Mrs V Brabrook	Ms C Percy	Mrs H Trim
Cllr P Diviani	Cllr C Brown			

#### Apologies for Absence

Mrs C. Lazarus	Mr. E. Lazarus	Mr. C. Padget	Mrs C. Padget	Mrs M Joules	
Mrs G Hatch	Mr A Joules	Mr P Bates	Mr J Hatch	Mr I Downs	Mrs E Downs
Mr T Dezell	Mrs J Dezell	Mr M Moran	Mrs V Moran	Ms R Mapleston	Mr J Mapleston

## 2. Minutes of the Last Meeting

Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 12 December 2016 were circulated, approved and the Minutes signed by the Chairman

## 3 Matters Arising

- i. The Parish Clerk, Penny Bond, reported that EDDC have confirmed receipt of the precept for 2017-18
- ii. First Aid – only two responses have been received to date from Parishioners registering their interest to attend First Aid training.  
**ACTION:** The Parish Clerk will circulate an email request before the next Parish Meeting to allow a decision to be made whether to proceed, or not.
- iii. There were no other matters arising from the Minutes of the Last Meeting.

## 4 Planning Application 17/0276/FUL – Windgate Farm

The meeting was in full agreement to approve the above planning application. There were no objections received.

**ACTION:** The Parish Clerk will submit these comments to EDDC.

Colin Sherwood raised his concern over the small font size on the paperwork available relating to the planning application.

**ACTION:** The Parish Clerk offered to contact David Jackson to utilise the printer on his business premises which it is understood was 50% funded by Combe Raleigh Parish Meeting and also to include a URL link on the Agenda to signpost Parishioners to the online versions of Planning Applications submitted to EDDC.

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#### **5 Payments Approved**

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

#### **6. Change of Bank Account**

John Brabrook reported to the meeting that the transfer of signatures from former to present Parish Clerk had been unavoidably delayed. The reason for this has been incurred due to the amalgamation between TSB and Lloyds. Lloyds have advised John Brabrook that a new online account must be created at which time it will be possible to transfer funds from the existing Personal Account held by Combe Raleigh Parish Meeting.

The Meeting was in full agreement to create a new online bank account and that this should be set up with three signatures.

##### **ACTION:**

- i. The Parish Clerk will proceed to register with Lloyds Bank for an online account.
- ii. The signatures on the existing Bank Account (John Brabrook and Brian Churchill), will visit Lloyds Bank to arrange the transfer of funds from the existing bank account to the new online bank account, once it has been created.

#### **6.1 Bank Account Signatures**

The meeting agreed that Rob Sexton be included with Brian Churchill (Chairman) and Penny Bond (Parish Clerk) as signatures on the new online bank account.

#### **7. Precept & Budget**

The meeting approved the budget figures for 2017 – 18 circulated in Enclosure A.

**ACTION:** no further action is required.

#### **8. Potholes in the Lanes around Combe Raleigh**

The Chairman explained that the Parish had received several requests from residents in Luppitt asking the Parish to consider what could be done to the poor and dangerous condition of the lanes between Uxford Bridge and Stonehayes. Having visited this site, he has found that the situation might be improved by diverting the water escaping from the adjoining field.

**ACTION:** The Parish Clerk has reported the matter to DCC Highways Dept and is waiting for 10 days to pass before calling again to find out what the Council proposes to do about the potholes on this lane.

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#### **9. Any Other Business:**

##### **9a. Broadband service to the Parish**

Rob Sexton reported that Chris Padget has invested a great deal of time to research the installation of superfast Broadband service to the village. It was agreed that clarity must be sought to understand whether existing works to the junction box adjacent to Oak Tree Cottage involves the installation of fibre that would support a superfast broadband service to the village.

**ACTION:** Peter Smith will report to The Chairman whether these works are going to provide a further option via any other communications company as soon as he receives details from Voneus who are investigating the matter.

Several questions were presented to the meeting to help improve understanding of the pros and cons of each option. Anyone wishing to know more about the options being presented to the five parishes of Monkton, Combe Raleigh, Wick, Beacon and Luppitt is welcome to contact either Rob Sexton, Chris Padget or Colin Sherwood.

Options for Parishioners of Combe Raleigh to consider which superfast Broadband service is most suited to them include:

- a.) Contact Exmoor Technologies for further information;
- b.) Register interest with Voneus – a separate email will be circulated to Parishioners reporting back from the meeting held at Luppitt Village Hall;
- c.) Remain with existing provider.

Other options may be available and it is the responsibility of every individual member of the Parish to seek information on the alternatives.

Footnote: Should 100 premises or more from the five villages register an interest with Voneus, a survey will be circulated to those residents to establish whether it is feasible to install a service to the localities.

##### **9b. Rubbish on local roads**

Gill Compton asked the meeting to raise concerns with EDDC regarding the rubbish littering the local roads.

**ACTION:** Councillor Diviani offered to raise this matter with the Environment Committee.

**ACTION:** The Parish Clerk will revisit organising a litter picking party, preferably before the herbage starts to grow.

##### **9c. Road Closures**

Councillor Brown and Councillor Diviani explained that works are being undertaken by contractors working on the communication services to the area. These works are close to being finished near Lymers Cross. There is one further week of work to be completed.

The Chairman offered his thanks to Councillors Diviani and Brown for joining the meeting.

**There being no other business the Meeting was closed at 8:40pm**

Brian Churchill  
Chairman