

Combe Raleigh Parish Meeting

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 20 May 2021

Present:-

Mr B. Churchill – Chairman

Cllr Iain Chubb DCC

Cllr Colin Brown EDDC

Together with 30 local government electors of the Parish:-

Mrs L Clarke	Mr L Clarke	Mrs K Churchill	Mrs S Sexton
Mr J Hatch	Mr J Selway	Mr A Groombridge	Mr I Downs
Mrs E Downs	Mr D Rosewell	Mr T Dezell	Mr D Jackson
Mr M Moran	Mrs V Moran	Mrs K Malone	Mr M Malone
Mrs A Rickson	Mr D Rickson	Mr A Joules	Mrs M Joules
Mr S Thompson	Mrs R Mapleston	Mrs G Compton	Mrs G Jackson
Mr C Padget	Mr J Twaddle	Mrs V Brabrook	Mr J Palmer
Ms A Bylander	Mr J Brabrook		

1/2022 Apologies for Absence

Mr R Sexton	Mrs M Kennedy	Mr J Mapleston	Mrs C Lazarus
Mr E Lazarus	Mrs J Wardle		

2/2022 Minutes of previous Parish Meetings

Minutes of the Zoom Meeting held on 1 March 2021, which had previously been circulated, were approved by the Meeting. The Chairman expressed the thanks of the Meeting to James and Sara Evans for facilitating the Zoom arrangements.

3/2022 Matters arising

It was reported that, according to the East Devon Planning web site, the planning application in respect of Barn Close Kennels had still to be determined. Colin Brown offered to discuss this matter with the planning department.

4/2022 Election of Parish Meeting Chairman

It was proposed that Brian Churchill should be appointed as Chairman for the current municipal year, no further nominations were received and therefore Brian Churchill was reappointed for the year 2021/2022.

5/2022 Election of Parish Meeting Clerk

Once again, no nominations were received and therefore the position remains vacant. The Chairman was hopeful that a paid Clerk may be able to be engaged later in the year. In the absence of a Clerk, John Brabrook agreed to continue as the Meeting's treasurer.

6/2022 Election of Parish Meeting Auditor

Ian Downs, the Meetings current internal auditor, was re-appointed as auditor for the year 2021/2022. He was thanked for continuing to act in this role.

7/2022 Other Appointments

The following were re-appointed:

[a] Tony Dezell - Parish Plan Committee Chairman

[b] David Rosewell - Emergency Officer

[c] Laurence Clarke – Tree Warden

8/2022 Councillors' reports

Colin Brown reported that the covid lockdown had impacted on the activities of the District Council. Due to the need comply with the Government's covid distance rules the District Council's Annual Meeting would be held at Westpoint Exeter. He was pleased to report that the Council's parking charges were not being increased this year.

Iain Chubb advised the Meeting that he had, following the recent elections, been re-elected as a County Councillor. As with the District Council, the County Council's activities had also been impacted by the pandemic. Due to space requirements, the County Council's Annual Meeting was to be held at Sandy Park Exeter.

9/2022 Report of the Village Hall Committee

A new committee was elected at the annual general meeting of 18 May 2021. A number of the existing committee members had left the village and new members were always welcome. The hall was cleaned each week, the existing cleaner was leaving and there was a need for the post to be filled. The village "Little Critters" group had started back and it was planned to shortly hold a wine and cheese evening.

10/2022 Newsletter "Raleigh Rag"

The lockdown had caused problems in not only providing copy for the Raleigh Rag, but also in distributing the newsletter. A consultation exercise had been undertaken resulting in a questionnaire being posted to 110 addresses and from which an encouraging 40 replies were received. These replies identified those items which recipients felt should be continued and also a number of new matters were suggested, as detailed in the report to the Parish Meeting. There was general agreement that the Raleigh Rag should in future be distributed on-line although a few printed copies would also be made available. It was emphasized that the Raleigh Rag was under control of the Chairman and officers of the Parish Meeting. A vote of thanks was proposed for the work of all those involved with the Newsletter.

11/2022 Planning Applications

[a] Application 21/0867/FUL – 4 St Nicholas Drive - proposed garden building

Although a request had been made to East Devon District Council for an extension in the time allowed to the Parish Meeting to consider this application, John twaddle advised the Meeting that he had already received written approval from the Planning Department,

[b] Application 21/1135/FUL – Abbots Cottage – removal of existing shed and greenhouse and replacement with summerhouse in rear garden.

Concern was expressed at the height of the proposed structure which together with the platform it was proposed to be mounted upon, would be in the region of 10 feet. The structure would adversely impact the adjoining properties and would be out of keeping with both the applicant's and the adjoining listed buildings. It was also noted that the information submitted with the application was unclear. It was proposed by Tony Dezell, seconded by Gillian Compton and agreed by the Meeting that the planning authority be recommended to refuse the application.

12/2022 Finance

It was proposed by John Hatch, seconded by Val Brabrook and agreed by the Meeting that the following payments be approved :-

[a] Village Hall Committee - hire of hall - £33.31

[b] DALC subscription 2020/2021- £24.29

[c] 3B Designs web site annual fee 2020/2021- £83.00

[d] Community First Insurance 2020/2021 - £152.62

[e] James Evans - Zoom subscription and computer equipment - £73.76

[f] Community First Insurance 2021/2022 - £152.62

13/2022 Parish Meetings Accounts 2020/2021

[a] The 2020/2021 accounts, as circulated, and governance statement were recommended for approval by Tony Dezell, seconded by David Jackson and agreed by the Meeting for submission to the Parish Meeting's external auditor.

[c] The 2020/2021 Community Infrastructure Levy report, as circulated, was recommended for approval by Serena Sexton, seconded by Alex Groombridge and agreed by the Meeting for publication.

14/2022 There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.55 pm

Brian Churchill - Chairman