

Combe Raleigh Parish Meeting

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 24 May 2023

Present:-

Mr B. Churchill – Chairman

Together with 15 local government electors of the Parish:-

Mr D Rosewell	Mrs J Wardle	Mrs R Mapleston	Mrs V Moran
Mr M Moran	Mr C Padget	Mr D Jackson	Mrs G Jackson
Mrs C Kemp	Mr C Kemp	Mrs K Churchill	Mr I Downs
Mrs E Downs	Mr L Clarke	Mr J Brabrook	

1/2024 Apologies for Absence

Cllr I Chubb	Cllr C Brown	Mrs V Brabrook	Mrs C Padget
Mr J Palmer	Ms A Bylander	Mr T Dezell	Mrs G Compton
Mrs C Lazarus	Mr E Lazarus		

2/2024 Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 15 March 2023

Minutes of the Meeting held on 15 March 2023, which had previously been circulated, were approved by the Meeting.

3/2024 Matters arising

Val Moran reported that she had been in contact with Meg Booth of Devon County Highways concerning the poor condition of the Dunkeswell Road and that action be taken to resurface the road. It was suggested that residents contact Meg Booth [meg.booth@devon.gov.uk] to express concern at the state of the road. The Chairman had also been in touch with the Devon County Council Neighborhood Officer for the area who had advised that a resurfacing scheme was being considered for later in the year. *[after Meeting note, a number of potholes had now been filled]*

4/2024 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 2023/2024.

5/2024 Election of Parish Meeting Vice Chairman

It was proposed that Tony Dezell should be appointed as Vice Chairman for the current municipal year, no further nominations were received and therefore Tony Dezell was reappointed for the year 2023/2024.

6/2024 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 Parish Meeting's treasurer.

7/2024 Election of Parish Meeting Auditor

Ian Downs, the Meetings current internal auditor, was re- appointed as auditor for the year 2023/2024. He was thanked for continuing to act in this role.

8/2024 Other Appointments

The following were re-appointed:

[a] Tony Dezell - Parish Plan Committee Chairman

[b] David Rosewell - Emergency Officer

[c] Laurence Clarke – Tree Warden

9/2024 Report of the Village Hall Committee

A new committee was elected at the annual general meeting of 20 April 2023. Rob Sexton had decided that he must step down as secretary due to his other commitments, Jamie Palmer had agreed to be secretary. A number of events had taken place during the year including those centered around the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and the Kings Coronation. In addition to the regular events, the Committee had organized a football evening and the regular harvest celebration had been changed from an evening to a lunch time occasion, which had proved successful.

10/2024 Report of the Emergency Committee

It was reported that the grit bins had been refilled during the year although there still seemed to be some confusion by Devon County Council as to the location of the bins. It was noted that some of the water springs needed to be attended to.

11/2024 Newsletter "Raleigh Rag"

Val Moran submitted the 'Rag' accounts for the year 2022/2023. It was reported that as the Newsletter was no longer accepting advertising there would be a need for financial support to be sought during the year in order to continue printing the 'Rag'.

12/2024 Finance

It was proposed by Val Moran, seconded by Chris Padget and agreed by the Meeting that the following payments be approved :-

[a] J Brabrook – reimbursement of DALC subscription 2023/2024- £26.72

[b] Community First Insurance 2023/2024 - £122.76 – [first year of a three year agreement]

[e] Brian Churchill - Reimbursement of Parish Meeting refreshments. – £39.54

13/2024 Parish Meeting Accounts 2022/2023

John Brabrook submitted the accounts for the year 2022/2023 which had been examined by Ian Downs. The accounts showed a balance in hand of £18,245.77, although of this sum an amount of £3,820.42 was attributable to the Community Infrastructure Levy Fund. The balance on this fund needed to be spent by the Parish by April 2025 otherwise it is liable to be repaid to the East Devon District Council.

[a] The 2022/2023 accounts, as circulated, and governance statement were recommended for approval by Val Moran, seconded by Chris Padget and agreed by the Meeting for submission to the Parish Meeting's external auditor.

[b] The 2022/2023 Community Infrastructure Levy report, as circulated, was recommended for approval by Rosemary Mapleston, seconded by Claire Kemp and agreed by the Meeting for publication.

14/2024 Community Infrastructure Levy Proposed Expenditure

The Chairman reported on the difficulties which had been accounted with the previously proposed parking lay-by at Edwards Close. It was now proposed to provide vehicle passing places both to the north and south of the main street, near to Edwards Close. The Chairman was authorised to negotiate as necessary with the adjoining landowners and to proceed with the development of a scheme with a suitable and experienced contractor.

15/2024 Any Other Business

[a] Rosemary Mapleston reported on the special events undertaken at the church during the past year including the Queens Jubilee, Memorial service and the King's Coronation. It was reported that a scheme was in progress to provide a new stained glass window as a memorial to the late Queen. Donations were currently being collected and a local benefactor had generously offered to match the donations made.

[b] The Jubilee oak tree provided by East Devon District Council had failed to flourish and had been replaced by one donated by Terry Trim.

[c] The Chairman was asked to investigate the possibility of replacing the village notice board.

[d] David Jackson reported on the condition of the existing marquee cover and was asked to establish the cost of a replacement within a financial limit of £1,000.

16/2024 There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.35 pm

Brian Churchill - Chairman