

Combe Raleigh Parish Meeting

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 16 May 2024

Present:-

Mr T Dezell - Chair

Mr B. Churchill – Past Chairman

Cllr C. Brown – EDDC

Cllr Y Levine - EDDC

Together with 30 local government electors of the Parish:-

Mr M Moran	Mrs V Moran	Mrs M Rickson	Mr D Staff
Mrs J Horne	Mr T Dezell	Mr I Downs	Mrs E Downs
Mrs R Mapleston	Mrs C Thompson	Mr SW Thompson	Mr D Rosewell
Mr L Clarke	Mrs L Clarke	Mrs H Williams	Mr J Palmer
Mrs A Groombridge	Mrs J Wardle	Mrs J Edwards	Mrs H Trim
Mrs S Sexton	Mr R Sexton	Mr C Padget	Mr J Twaddle
Mr A Joules	Mrs M Joules	Mrs G Jackson	Mr D Jackson
Mr J Brabrook	Mr A Slade	Mrs K Churchill	

Also present :- Mr Garry Wakeham – Open Arms East Devon

1/2025 Apologies for Absence

Mrs C Lazarus	Mr E Lazarus	Mrs V Brabrook	Mr B Trim
Mrs C Padget	Ms N Salter	Mrs A Bylander	

2/2025 Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 23 April 2024

Minutes of the Meeting held on 23 April 2024, which had previously been circulated, were approved by the Meeting.

3/2025 Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

4/2025 Election of Parish Meeting Chair

It was proposed that Tony Dezell should be appointed as Chair for the current municipal year, no further nominations were received and therefore Tony Dezell was appointed for the year 2024/2025. The Meeting expressed its grateful thanks to Brian Churchill for acting as Chairman to the Parish Meeting over the past many years.

5/2025 Election of Parish Meeting Vice Chair

It was proposed that Serena Sexton should be appointed as Vice Chair for the current municipal year, no further nominations were received and therefore Serena Sexton was appointed for the year 2024/2025.

6/2025 Election of Parish Meeting Clerk

It was proposed that Jill Wardle should be appointed as Parish Clerk and responsible financial officer for the year 2024/2025, there being no other nominations, Jill Wardle was so appointed.

7/2025 Election of Parish Meeting Auditor

Ian Downs, the Meetings current internal auditor, was re- appointed as auditor for the year 2024/2025. He was thanked for continuing to act in this role.

8/2025 Other Appointments

The following were appointed:

[a] David Rosewell - Emergency Officer

[b] Chirs Padget – Tree Warden

Thanks were expressed to Lawrence Clarke for his past service, over a number of years, as the Parish's tree warden.

9/2025 Report of the Village Hall Committee

The Chairman reported that three members of the Committee had stood down and thanks were expressed for their involvement with the activities held at the village hall. Painting of the exterior of the village hall had been carried out at a cost of in excess of £3000 and a new sign had been prepared by Sue Farrell. Thanks were expressed to the Edwards family for provision of the car parking area at the rear of the hall. A number of successful events had been carried out during the year and it was hoped that volunteers would come forward with a view to organising future events.

10/2025 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.

11/2025 Councillor's Report

Cllr Yehudi Levine was thanked for his detailed report which had previously been circulated to the Meeting.

12/2025 Newsletter "Raleigh Rag"

Val Moran submitted the 'Rag' accounts for the year 2023/2024. It was reported that financial assistance would be required in order for the Newsletter to continue publication in the coming year. It was proposed by Jamie Palmer, seconded by Rob Sexton and agreed by the Meeting that a sum of £600 be provided to meet the costs of the "Raleigh Rag" during the year 2024/2025.

13/2025 Grants to local organisations

The Meeting received presentations from three organisations – St Nicholas Church PCC, The Den and Open Arms East Devon. After lengthy discussion it was decided to defer decisions on the applications to a future Meeting in order for the above organisations to submit accounts and for the Parish Clerk to seek clarification on the scope of S137 of the Local Government Act 1972 and whether other statutory powers where available to enable the Parish Meeting to award grant aid.

14/2025 Finance

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

Brian Churchill - Reimbursement of Parish Meeting refreshments. – £65.29

15/2025 Parish Meeting Accounts 2023/2024

John Brabrook submitted the accounts for the year 2023/2024 which had been examined by Ian Downs the Parish's internal auditor. The accounts showed a balance in hand of £18,837.40, although of this sum an amount of £3,820.42 was attributable to the Community Infrastructure Levy Fund. The balance on this CIL 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 2023/2024 accounts, as circulated, and governance statement were recommended for approval by Val Moran, seconded by Davis Rosewell and agreed by the Meeting for submission to the Parish Meeting's external auditor.

[b] The 2023/2024 Community Infrastructure Levy report, as circulated, was recommended for approval by Val Moran, seconded by David Rosewell and agreed by the Meeting for publication.

16/2025 Community Infrastructure Levy Proposed Expenditure

Brian Churchill reported on the difficulties he was having in obtaining quotations for the highway works opposite Edwards Close. Contractors had expressed concern at the insufficient

depth at which the Gigaclear fibre cable had been laid and the impact that this may have upon any road improvement works. It was hoped that a further report would be considered at the next meeting

17/2025 Any Other Business

[a] David Jackson reminded the Meeting that the Parish's quadrennial boundary walk was to take place on Saturday 15 June 2024. Further details would be circulated nearer the time.

[b] The Chair proposed that a planning sub-committee should be established, to examine planning applications as they were received, with recommendations to be made to the Parish Meeting. It was agreed that such a sub-committee should be established initially comprising the Chair, Serena Sexton and Brian Churchill.

18/2025 There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.30 pm

Tony Dezell - Chair