

## Combe Raleigh Parish Meeting

### Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 20 December 2023

Present:-

Mr B. Churchill – Chairman

Councillor I Chubb – Devon County Council

Councillor C Brown – East Devon District Council

Councillor Y Lovine – East Devon District Council

Together with 8 local government electors of the Parish:-

Mr T Dezell

Mrs J Wardle

Mr D Rosewell

Mrs S Sexton

Mr C Padget

Mrs K Churchill

Mrs M Hall

Mr J Brabrook

Also in attendance : Mrs J Brown

#### **25/2024 Apologies for Absence**

Mrs C Lazarus

Mr E Lazarus

Mr D Jackson

Mrs G Jackson

Mrs C Padget

Mr D Goldring

Mrs C Goldring

M J Palmer

Ms A Bylander

Mr R Sexton

Mrs C Padget

Mr D Staff

Mrs G Compton

Mrs V Brabrook

#### **26/2024 Minutes of the last Parish Meeting**

Minutes of the Meeting held on 2 August 2023, which had previously been circulated, were approved by the Meeting.

#### **27/2024 Matters arising**

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

#### **28/2024 Estimates and Parish Precept year 2024/2025**

The Treasurer presented the revised estimates for 2023/2024 and estimates 2024/2025. The revised estimates showed a likely surplus of £575 for the year with a possible deficit of £1160 for the year 2024/2025. The estimates 2024/2025, in particular, provided for the employment of a Parish Clerk and financial support for the Parish Newsletter. It was proposed by Tony Dezell, seconded by Serena Sexton and agreed by the Meeting that the estimates for 2024/2025 be approved and that a Parish precept of £2222 be set for the financial year 2024/2025.

### **29/2024 Banking Arrangements**

It was reported that the deposit account held by the Parish Meeting with Scottish Widows Bank was receiving interest based on a rate of 1.55%. This interest rate was considered unsatisfactory and it was recommended by Serena Sexton, seconded by Jill Wardle and approved by the Meeting that the Treasurer be authorised to seek a higher interest rate with an alternative deposit taker.

### **30/2024 Councillors' reports**

Both Councillor Chubb and Councillor Brown submitted reports to the Parish Meeting, on the respective activities of Devon County Council and East Devon District Council, since the Parish Meeting had last met. The Councillors responded to various points arising from their reports which had been circulated to residents by email.

### **31/2024 Any Other business**

[1] Concern was expressed at the possibility of Devon County Council installing parking meters in Honiton High street. A public consultation was currently taking place and it was recommended that the Parish's objections to the parking meter proposals should be registered with Devon County Council.

[2] It was reported that the village sewer pipe which crossed the land at Coryhill was in danger of collapse. The South West Water had inspected the site and the Company's action was awaited. In the absence of repairs being undertaken it was suggested that the Environment Agency should be advised of the possible pollution to the River Otter.

[3] Chris and Caroline Padget advised the Meeting that, in the New Year, they had in mind submitting a planning application for the construction of a bungalow within the grounds of Coryhill. This would enable them to sell Coryhill and move into the new bungalow. It was expected that the new building would only be seen from the road and Coryhill itself. Chris and Caroline would be available at Coryhill on 30 December 2023 between 10am and midday to enable residents to see the proposed site.

**There being no other business the Meeting closed at 8.10 pm**

Brian Churchill - Chairman