

Combe Raleigh Parish Meeting

Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 7 November 2024

Present:

Mrs S Sexton – Vice Chair – chaired the meeting in the absence of the Chair T Dezell

Mrs J Wardle - Clerk

Together with 20 local government electors of the Parish:

Mr D Jackson	Mr D Rosewell	Mr J Brabrook	Mrs L Clarke	Mr M Edwards
Mrs R Mapleston	Mrs M Joules	Mr D Staff	Mrs C Kemp	Mr S Dunne
Mr J Palmer	Mr C Kemp	Mr A Joules	Mr B Churchill	Mrs K Churchill
Mr M Moran	Mrs V Moran	Mr M Horne	Mrs J Edwards	Mrs R Lynn

48/2025 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Y Levine - EDDC	Mr C Padget	Mrs C Padget	Mr G Belben	Mrs K Belben
Mrs G Compton	Mr A Slade	Mrs G Jackson	Mrs E Downs	Mr I Downs
Mr R Sexton	Mrs V Brabrook	Mrs Å Bylander	N Slater	Mr T Dezell
Mrs C Lazarus				

Non-electors: S Holloway

49/2025 Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 3 October 2024

Minutes of the Meeting held on 3 October 2024, which had previously been circulated, were proposed by J Palmer and seconded by V Moran to be an accurate record of the meeting. They were approved by the majority of those present.

50/2025 Matters arising

- a) Edwards Close – it was reported that discussions had taken place between B Churchill; the owner of the adjacent field; and S Dunne the owner of one of the Edwards Close properties. A solution is yet to be agreed despite the imperative to ideally fund work with CIL funds before their end March 2025 deadline. *Action: Chair to meet with B Churchill and S Dunne to identify options for road widening by Edwards Close.*
- b) Additional Powers – the Clerk reported that the request for Additional Powers is planned for consideration by EDDC on 4 December 2024. This would be ideal timing prior to consideration of the 2025/26 Precept at the next Parish Meeting on 9 January 2025.
- c) Village Flower Troughs – the Chair expressed her thanks to Cllr Chubb for providing £150 from the Locality Budget to enable purchase of wood for replacement flower troughs. Costs for the materials have only been £107.19 (claim submitted by D Jackson); the additional funds will be used to purchase plants for the troughs.

51/2025 Reports by County Councillor and District Councillors

- a) Nil as Councillors were not in attendance.

52/2025 Financial Report

- a) **Resolution: to approve the Financial Report.** Proposed by B Churchill seconded by D Jackson; approved unanimously by those present.

53/2025 Parish Meeting Standing Orders

- a) The Clerk explained the changes found in newly lettered paras 3a, b, f, l, k and p which address the concerns raised at the previous meeting. There were no questions or comments. **Resolution: To**

approve the revised draft Standing Orders. Proposed by V Moran; seconded by Mrs C Kemp; approved unanimously by those present.

54/2025 Planning

- a) Appeal APP/U1105/W/24/3352696: Cory Hill, EX14 4TQ. The Chair explained the background to the planning application and reminded the meeting that it had previously been supported by the Parish Meeting. It was agreed that a further endorsement of the application should be sent to the Planning Inspectorate. **Resolution: To send a further endorsement of the Cory Hill planning application to the Planning Inspectorate.** Proposed by D Jackson; seconded by Mrs R Mapleston; approved by those present with 1 abstention.

Action: Clerk to send further endorsement of Cory Hill planning application to the Planning Inspectorate.

- b) It was noted that the Chair will attend an EDDC planning briefing on 18 Nov 2024 and report back to the next Parish Meeting. The location/limits of the 'settlement boundary' mentioned in the appeal in para a) above was questioned; the Chair was asked to seek guidance at the briefing.

55/2025 Speeding in the village

- a) Concerns about vehicles speeding through the village have again been raised. To get any action taken by the authorities, evidence of incidents is usually required. Various options were discussed including Community Speed Watch; a Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) (a permanent or temporary sign that flashes a message if a vehicle is travelling at speed); a Speed Indicator Device (SID) (a type of VAS that displays the speed a driver is travelling at); and engineering solutions such as gateway features/signage to the village, road humps, rumble strips or lining and signing. The Clerk was asked to obtain more details of VAS usage and report back to the next meeting – proposed by D Jackson and seconded by A Joules; approved by the majority of those present.

Action: Clerk to get advice on use of a Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS).

56/2025 Village website

- a) C Kemp reported that he has taken over the updating and maintenance of the Combe Raleigh Village website from M Kennedy who was thanked for her services. The Clerk will also have admin access to the site. C Kemp explained the website had been updated and he would be grateful for further suggestions for improvement. He asked whether the purpose of the website was just to reflect village activity/meetings or whether it should also provide more information for visitors? He also suggested that content from the Raleigh Rag might be selected for inclusion. Everyone is invited to send comments to kc@christopherkemp.com.
- b) C Kemp also reported that there are two Facebook pages for the village. It was confirmed that one was for the now completed church bell project. The administrator of the other page is unknown.

57/2024 Logo for Combe Raleigh

- a) The Clerk explained that five suggestions had been received before the meeting in response to the request in the Oct 2024 Raleigh Rag for a logo for the Parish Meeting. A parishioner with graphic design skills has kindly offered to finalise the chosen design and artwork for inclusion on letter heads and the website. The meeting was invited to comment and vote the proposed designs. Most comments were in favour of cockerel weathervane on the church tower (also known as 'Harold') and the stone lion's head on the parish pump by the village hall. There was also a suggestion to use the initials 'CR'. A vote recorded the following votes: cockerel (17), lion's head (5), and initials 'CR' (0). **Resolution: to adopt a cockerel design as a logo for the Parish Meeting.** The Clerk advised that she would take a bottle of wine to the winners of the chosen logo – V and M Moran.

58/2025 Questions and items for the next meeting (9 January 2025)

- a) The Village Hall Committee were thanked for organising a great Bonfire Night celebration on 2 Nov 2024.
- b) For the next meeting: outcome of EDDC decision on additional Powers; make decisions on road widening by Edwards Close; make decisions on possible purchase of speeding signs; set 2025/26 Budget and Precept.

59/2025 There being no other business the meeting closed at 2000.

Serena Sexton – Vice Chair