

# Combe Hay Parish Council

BATHAVON WEST WARD, BATH & NORTH-EAST SOMERSET

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at 19:00 pm  
on Wednesday 13 April 2017 in Combe Hay Parish Church**

**Present:** Councillors M. Austwick (Chairman), A. Harrison, J. Long (Vice-chairman), , S. Saker, J. Young

**In attendance:** R. Campbell (Clerk)

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No members of the public was present.

### **17.30 Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillor P. Mills.

### **17.31 Interests**

There were no declarations of interests.

### **17.32 Vacancy**

Members welcomed Martin Boyce's interest in filling the vacancy on the Council caused by David Samson's resignation.

**RESOLVED** (proposed Cllr Austwick, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Long, unanimous) to co-opt Mr Boyce.

### **17.33 Minutes**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 9 February 2017 were agreed to be a true record. They were signed by the Chairman.

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### **17.34 Clerk's report**

Royal Mail had been asked if the Combe Hay postcode could be divided to help delivery problems. Other items were covered elsewhere in the agenda.

### **17.35 Planning**

(a) Councillors considered the following application:

17/01615/OUT 05/04/2017	Agricultural Storage Building Wycotte Hill Combe Hay Bath	Erection of an agricultural dwelling.
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They noted that the application related to an established business, though a large part of it was outside the parish.

Keen to support local business but considering that B & NES were better placed to assess whether or not the business case put forward was sufficient to justify the proposal, they

**RESOLVED** (proposed Cllr Long, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Young, unanimous) to leave the matter to the Planning Officer.

(b) Planning decision received:

17/00583/FUL <b>Application withdrawn</b>	Graden Farm Cottage, Wycotte Hill, Combe Hay, BA2 8RE	Demolition of existing cottage and erection of a replacement dwelling.
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**17.41 Cemetery**

This item was taken next.

(a) Cllr Harrison had obtained the burial book and had kindly made both paper and electronic copies, so that the original could be returned to safe keeping. The PCC will be asked to update the register.

(b) B & NES to be reminded to but the cemetery grass between rows only.

**17.36 Highways**

It was noted that B & NES had promised 'Unsuitable for Heavy Vehicles' signs for Swan Lane. Lynda Le Ray to be thanked for her persistence in petitioning for these. Potholes outside Anchor Farm had been reported and the worst repaired. Cllr Harrison left the meeting.

**17.37 The Avenue Trees**

Cllr Saker reported that she had talked to tree surgeon Ashley Lewis, who had dead wooded The Avenue trees.

- Anything more substantial would require planning permission. The trees were mature and healthy, had become used to each other as they grew and now worked well together as an avenue. If too much were taken out of one tree, the next might have problems. Crown lifting could be considered if really wanted.
- The chestnut at the village end of the The Avenue may be dead and should be removed if no new growth appears.
- Ivy on the trees needs dealing with before it becomes unmanageable.

It was agreed to organize a working party to remove the ivy.

It was agreed to meet Mr Lewis again next February time.

**Defibrillator and kiosk**

**17.38** The Clerk produced 'defibrillator' sign for the kiosk. Cllr Long will kindly instgall. The inspection lest to be circulated

**17.39 Maintenance of parish assets**

Philip Harrison had suggested putting aside £1,000 each year for cemetery wall repair.

**17.40 Living Archive**

Cllr Saker reported that last year's grant from the Parish Council had been used to buy display boards. It was hoped to buy archive-quality storage boxes and preservation-quality plastic sleeves this year. Eventually an archive cabinet (£200 - £400) would be sought.

**17.42 New parishioners**

The Clerk had collated material supplied by Councillors. Production of a welcome pack would be considered in June.

**17.43 Finance**

(a) The unaudited figures for the year ended 31.03.2017 were received and noted.

(b) **RESOLVED** (proposed Cllr Austwick, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Long, unanimous) to pay:

100805	ALCA – subscription to 31/3/18	28.21
100806	Combe Hay Living Archive – budgeted grant	100.00
100807	R. Campbell – refund re Sign Efex invoice for defibrillator signs	43.20
100808	R. Campbell – refund re Ashley Lewis Trees Services	550.00

17.44 **Correspondence and Reports**

(a) Correspondence received was noted (no actions identified). It included

- Bathavon Forum had voted to split into two. Combe Hay Parish Council is now in Bathavon South

(b) There were no reports

17.45 **Meetings**

Meetings were agreed/noted as follows

9 May 18:30	Avon South Forum	St. Gregory's School, Bath
15 May 19:30	ALCA Area meeting	Saltford Hall -
18 May 18:30	Annual Parish Council meeting	Combe Hay Church
18 May 19:15	Annual Parish Meeting (meeting of Electors)	Combe Hay Church

The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 21:10.