

Combe Hay Parish Council

BATHAVON WEST WARD, BATH & NORTH-EAST SOMERSET

**Minutes of the Parish Council (CHPC) meeting held at 19:00
on Wednesday 25 July 2018 in Combe Hay Parish Church**

Present: Councillors M. Austwick (Chairman), M. Boyce, A. Harrison (part), P. Mills, S. Saker, J. Young

In attendance: R. Campbell (Clerk)

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION No member of the public was present

18.054 Apologies

Apologies were RECEIVED and ACCEPTED from Cllr. J. Long.

Ward Councillor D. Veale was on holiday and sent his apologies

18.055 Interests

There were no declarations of interests.

18.056 Minutes

The minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meetings of 16 May were AGREED to be a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 14 June were AGREED to be a true record with the following amendments. Present: delete 'A. Harrison, J. Long (Vice-chairman)', insert 'S. Saker'. They were signed by the Chairman.

18.057 Clerk's report

Actions from previous meetings are NOTED under the relevant minute.

18.058 Planning

(a) No applications

(b) The following planning decisions were NOTED

18/01288/FUL Glendower Anchor Lane Combe Hay BA2 7EG.	Erection of a two-storey front extension, single-storey rear extension and external edressing of envelope (Resubmission)	Permitted 22.05.18 (CHPC support)
17/02588/EFUL Parcel 4234, Combe Hay Lane, Combe Hay, Bath,	Erection of 173 residential units, open space, allotments, green infrastructure, landscaping and associated works including provision of vehicular access from Combe Hay Lane.	Permitted by Development Management Committee (6:4) 6.6.18 (CHCP oppose)

(c) Planning update Having taken further advice from counsel on the Sulis Down permission, South Stoke PC will not seek to challenge the decision and will concentrate on securing S106 benefits. The Clerk has asked the planning officer if CHPC has any potential entitlement to benefits, given that the site entrance is in its parish.

Cllr Harrison joined the meeting.

Councillors discussed the possibility of a S160 contribution to traffic mitigation measures in Swan Lane, which is expected to see an increase in rat running due to the Sulis Down development. Ward Cllr Veale to be asked for his assistance.

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(d) Unlisted heritage assets The Clerk to provide guidance on B&NES's definition of heritage assets. Cllr Austwick will then ask, via Village News, for suggestions for inclusion on an assets list.

18.059 Highways and transport

- The Clerk reported on a discussion with Stefan Chiffers of B&NES Highways. It was AGREED not to pursue a request for weight limits on Combe Hay Lane and Anchor Lane at the present time.
- Repairs to Combe Hay Lane were due to have started but had not done so. The Clerk to find out when they would start.
- Cllr Austwick reported on a meeting with Simon Morrissey from B&NES. There were likely to be short closures of Anchor Lane to allow the sinking of trial holes in the road to locate two main drains, one from the Church, the other from the direction of Watercress Cottage, before repair work starts on 3 September. It was not known whether the blocked culvert runs under or over these drains. A new pipe will be run from the spring under Anchor Lane and a drain with holes in it will be run along the side of the Old Rectory wall.

Cllr Young said that even in the exceptionally dry weather prevailing there was a small water leak in that wall. Water was also about to burst out near Watercress Cottage.

18.060 Rights of Way

The Parish Online log-in to be re-sent to Councillors to enable them to check the rights of way layer for any walked paths not on the definitive map.

18.061 Cemetery

Trevor Osborne had advised that an oversight/error in the conveyance of the land to him is being rectified.

18.062 Environment and maintenance

(a) Grass cutting A good job had been done when the grass had eventually been cut. The situation to be kept under review. Id Verde to be asked to cut back the brambles on the left of the cemetery, as little grass cutting was required in the current dry weather.

(b) The Avenue trees Cllr Saker had met Ashley Lewis on site. Mr Lewis had recommended dead-wooding in September, before the leaves fell. He had confirmed a price of £400 for the work. He had also recommended crown lifting and considerable weight reduction on one side of the healthy ash at the bottom of The Avenue. He had confirmed a price of £800 for this work.

RESOLVED (proposed Cllr Saker, 2nd Cllr Mills, unanimous) to place an order to the value of £1,200 with Ashley Lewis for both items.

Cllr Saker will organize a working party to cut and strip ivy from The Avenue trees.

(c) Bath Clean Air Zone B&NES is required by the Government to reduce Nitrogen Dioxide pollution in the city and is currently consulting on three possible charging options. Cllr Mills said that the inclusion of Cleveland Bridge in the charging zone penalized those living to the south. He made regular journeys to the northern part of the city. A corridor to the north was needed. Cllr Harrison agreed that it should be possible to make cross-town journeys, including school runs, without charge.

It was AGREED to make a submission to B&NES, which Cllr Mills will draft for approval.

(c) The Avenue railings Contact had finally been made with Jeremy Hunter, who now intended to start work in mid-August.

(d) Defibrillator kiosk maintenance Cllr Saker will contact the owner of Cotte Farm about ownership of the ex-phone box and the Clerk will contact the Community Heartbeat Trust.

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18.063 **Broadband**

The Chairman reported that TrueSpeed is still on track for November. They were undertaking tree pruning before installing power lines where required. A meeting was due to be held in the Wheatsheaf in the following two weeks to discuss road closures needed for installation.

18.064 **General data protection regulation**

The Clerk had attended a course that afternoon. On receipt of the meeting notes he and Cllr Boyce will prepare a compliance plan for approval at September's meeting

18.065 **Finance**

(b) The Month 3 financial statement was APPROVED

(d) **RESOLVED** (proposed Cllr Mills, 2nd Cllr Young, unanimous) to pay

R. Campbell – salary June	384.25
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HMRC	0.60
IAC - audit fee, inc. VAT	60.00

Cllr Harrison left the meeting.

It was AGREED that the Clerk will bring a memory stick backup of the Council's records to each meeting.

18.066 **Information**

(a) No correspondence requiring action was noted.

(b) Miscellaneous reports

- Cllr ~~Mills~~ ^{Boyce} will print a small stock of welcome cards/information sheets. A TrueSpeed brochure to be included for the time being. Residents with knowledge of new arrivals to be encouraged to contact Cllr Austwick, Cllr Long or Cllr Boyce.
- Cllr Harrison to be asked about the track from Ridings' land onto Combe Hay Lane
- It was understood that B&NES are fully aware of the temporary scaffolding store by the stables beyond the cemetery..

18.067 **Meetings** The date of the next meeting was CONFIRMED as

19 September 19:00	Parish Council Meeting	Combe Hay Church
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Cllr Mills made his apologies for September.

The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 21:00.

M Austwick
19/9/2018