Combe Hay Parish Council

BATHAVON WEST WARD, BATH & NORTH-EAST SOMERSET

**Minutes of the Parish Council (CHPC) meeting held at 19:00**

**on Wednesday 19 September 2018 in Combe Hay Parish Church**

**Present:** Councillors M. Austwick (Chairman), M. Boyce, A. Harrison (till minute 18.073), J. Long (Vice-chairman), S. Saker, J. Young

**In attendance**: R. Campbell (Clerk), two members of the public

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

* Great concern was expressed about the storage of scaffolding, the parking of scaffolding lorries and the attitude of the company representative at a site off Old Bath Road Combe Hay (*see 18.072(c) (i) below*)
* The Japanese Knotweed previously reported (Public Participation 28 March 2018) had not been dealt with (*see 18.074c below*)

18.068 **Apologies**

Apologies were RECEIVED and ACCEPTED from Cllr P. Mills, on holiday.

18.069 **Interests**

There were no declarations of interests.

18.070 **Minutes**

The minutes of the Parish Council Meetings held on 25 July were AGREED to be a true record, with the following amendment: 18.066(b): delete ‘Mills’, insert ‘Boyce’. The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

18.071 **Clerk’s report** To RECEIVE a report on actions from previous meetings.

* The website was now up to date, but the Community section lacked content. Councillors Austwick and Boyce will consider what should go into this section and report to the November meeting.
* Date-expired defibrillator pads had been replaced and a spare set ordered from Community Heartbeat Trust. Ownership of the kiosk was still being established. Cllrs Long and Saker, and the Clerk will pursue this.
* The grass had been cut on the triangle but not in the cemetery. The contractor had said he would cut the latter, including brambles, the next day, unless his men had cut it that day. An alternative contractor to be sought for the following season.
* B & NES had acknowledged the council’s contribution to the clean air zone consultation.
* The grant cheque to Combe Hay Living Archive was still being held. It was agreed to cancel it and instead to refund expenses up to a total of £100, once incurred.

18.072 **Planning**

(a) The following applications were considered:

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| 18/03512/FUL  Smithy House Flower's Hill Combe Hay BA2 7EG | Erection of single storey studio and carport with associated access.  **RESOLVED** (proposed Cllr Young, 2nd Cllr Long, unanimous) to **object**. Councillors Austwick & Young and the Clerk to finalised the response along the lines that the elevation is misleading, the lie of the land not having been taken into account; the garage and studio are too large for the site; the application should not be considered until the existing requirement for a soft landscape scheme has been met; there are no dimensions in the plan; the roadside wall, already exceeding in height what was previously agreed, would become overwhelming |  |
| 18/03945/FUL  10.9.18  Cromwell Farm Combe Hay Lane Combe Hay BA2 8RF | Additional use of the existing agricultural storage building for livestock housing.  **RESOLVED** (proposed Cllr Long, 2nd Cllr Young, unanimous) to **object** on the following grounds.  As the applicant had said, there is no need for planning permission for temporary or emergency use for animal welfare reasons. If the use were other than temporary or emergency, then drainage issues would ensue, so permission should not be given. | . |

Application 18/04117/FUL Hillside Cottage, Old Fossway, Dunkerton (abutting parish boundary): AGREED not to respond but to leave to Dunkerton and Tunley PC, in whose parish it lay, to do so.

(b) To NOTE planning decisions

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| 18/03117/AR Field between Fosseway & Combe Hay Lane, Odd Down | Installation of lettering on two elevations of the facade, a modular main entrance sign and banner frame to land to front of building. | **Already permitted** |

(c) Enforcement

(i) Vineyard: to be established from Enforcement whether planning permission is required for a new driveway giving on to the public highway; and whether planning permission is required for a new building accessed from the new driveway

(ii) Vineyard: The Chairman had been advised that the scaffolding business had been given notice for the end of October. Enforcement to be made aware.

(iii) Cromwell Farm: Enforcement to be consulted about a second building on the site when permission had been given (17/06011/FUL) for one temporary rural worker’s dwelling only; about whether the temporary dwelling should have been occupied before horse milking had begun; and why condition 4 had been discharged when the work to the access surface had not yet taken place

(d) Unlisted heritage assets Information was still awaited on heritage asset definition and whether a response to the consultation could still be made

18.073 **Highways and transport**

* Resurfacing of parts of Combe Hay Lane had been completed satisfactorily
* Anchor Lane drainage work was due to finish the following day
* B&NES to be chased about the three blocked gullies beyond the crossroads on the right going towards Swan Lane. It was understood that the work required was more than simple clearing.
* The Clerk had asked Highways Inspector Nick Sperring to clear a blocked run-off channel above Combe Hay bridge and to fill potholes in the centre of the village
  1. **Environment and maintenance**   
      (a) The Avenue trees Ivy stripping had largely and ‘magically’ been done before the work   
      party date.

(b) The Avenue railings The painter was not responding. A new quotation to be sought

(c) Japanese Knotweed B&NES to be chased to deal with Japanese Knotweed, previously reported, on Old Bath Road near the junction with Wycotte Hill.

(d) Andrew Jeffries was asked to cut the hedge beyond Week Farm.   
Cllr Austwick will ask Sam Brown about cutting a hedge near Combe Hay bridge.

18.075 **Broadband**

TruesSpeed has advised that their FTTP broadband would not now be up and running until January 2019 and that there might be a connection cost to outlying subscribers.

18.076 **General data protection regulation**

* A data audit was under way
* Information about supplying CHPC email addresses to Councillors and Clerk to be provided for consideration in November.

18.077 **Boundary Commission**  
The new structure of Bathavon South Ward from May 2019 – two Councillors for  
13 parishes – was noted.

18.078 **Training**

**RESOLVED** (proposed Cllr Austwick, 2nd Cllr Boyce, unanimous) that the Clerk participate in   
 SLCC’s Somerset Regional Training Seminar on 28 November at a cost of £75.

Cllr Long to be advised of any forthcoming planning training.

18.079 **Finance**

(a) The Month 5 financial statement was APPROVED.

(b) **RESOLVED** (proposed Cllr Austwick, 2nd Cllr Long) to pay:

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| 100861 R. Campbell – salary August | 192.23 |
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| 100864 HMRC | 384.64 |

18.080 **Information**

(a) To RECEIVE updates on

* Cllr Harrison did not have any information on the track from land owned by Waste Recycling Bath onto Combe Hay Lane. To be monitored.
* Combe Hay Cemetery: the ivy on the roadside wall to be monitored; the Clerk to write to Trevor Osborne about provision of a water supply

(b) Correspondence received since the last meeting was noted. No actions were identified.

(c)) There were no miscellaneous reports

18.081 **Meetings** Meeting dates were noted a s follows

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| 6 October  10.30 – 12.00 | ALCA AGM | Conygre Hall, Timsbury BA2 0JQ |
| 21 November 19:00 | Parish Council Meeting | Combe Hay Church  Cllr Long gave his apologies for this meeting |

The Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 20:50