

**Minutes of meeting of Comeytrove Parish Council Held at The Walker
Room, Comeytrove Community Hall on
Monday 4th October 2021 at 7.30pm**

Present: Cllr Brian Larcombe – Chairman
Cllr Jean Allgrove
Cllr Christine Nicholls
Cllr Jenny Robinson
Cllr Keith Woodmason
District Cllr Farbahi
Cllr Simon Nicholls
Cllr Anthony Sutcliffe
Cllr Eileen Zoers

Also Present: 9 members of the public present

Public Forum

The members of the public present were all in attendance to raise their concerns relating to planning application 42/21/0035, the main points of concern were the proposed new access to the site via Comeytrove Lane and flooding from the site into properties in Comeytrove Lane. These concerns were heard ahead of the planning application being discussed by Members.

135. Apologies for absence and reasons given

Cllr Valerie Ball – personal reasons
Cllr Jill Paul – medical reasons
Cllr Colin Hogg – personal reasons
Helen McGladdery - Clerk to the Council – medical reasons
District Cllr John Hunt – medical reasons

136. Declarations of Interest with regard to the meeting agenda items

None.

137. To Agree Minutes of the meeting on Monday 6th September 2021

Following a proposal from Cllr Sutcliffe and seconded by Cllr Robinson and a unanimous vote, the minutes of the meeting were agreed as a true and accurate representation and signed by the Chairman.

138. Planning:

a) To receive the Planning Panel report on Planning applications received:

42/21/0058/LB - Re pointing of former kitchen garden wall (Building A) with removal of loose stones, removal of attached modern industrial shed along stable blocks northern wall and making good of gable end (Building B), and removal of stub wall (Building G) at the stable block associated with Comeytrove Manor, Manor Industrial Estate, Taunton

Resolved: to **support** this Listed Building application

42/21/0035 - Approval of reserved matters in respect of the appearance, landscape, layout and scale, pursuant to planning permission reference (42/14/0069) for the erection of 55 No. dwellings, hard and soft landscaping, car parking including garages, internal access roads, footpaths and circulation areas, public open space and drainage with associated infrastructure and

engineering works at Phase H1C(ii) and for the demolition of industrial estate and the erection of 71 No. dwellings, hard and soft landscaping, car parking and garages, internal access roads, footpaths and circulation areas, public open space and drainage with associated infrastructure and engineering works at Phase H1F with additional details as required by Condition No's 7, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 23 on land at Comeytrowe/Trull (resubmission of 42/20/0056)

Resolved: to **object** to this application on grounds of the increase flood risk, increased traffic flow if additional access is permitted and environmental concerns, and access from Comeytrowe Lane that had previously been agreed would not be permitted in outline, 106, and conditions.

52/21/0031 - Erection of 1 No. detached dwelling with associated works in the garden to the rear of 35 Comeytrowe Lane, Taunton

Resolved: to **support**

b) Orchard Grove update

Notes of the meeting with Planning Officer Fox were distributed to Members. The Chairman, Cllr Larcombe, gave a verbal update on the issues the Council continues to raise relating the need for a commitment and real progress for a medical GP practice facility - there is already a deficit that sees Trull and Bishop's Hull without provision and having to use the Comeytrowe practice which serves Comeytrowe itself; the new Primary School – intended opening has already been put back and in order to meet the revised target there is concerns that real signs of planning and progressed commitment should start to be visible now; Highways concerns - the delay in completing the Spine Road as a through road is having a negative impact on Comeytrowe Road and its very narrow dangerous state, blind bends, absence of pavements and street lighting, and lack of two-way capacity. The recent flooding was highlighted in response to the alarm and deep concern expressed by residents, and the images supplied of new, substantial, flooding. These matters will continue to be raised with the Planning Officer (Simon Fox) at the regular meetings. The residents who attended were advised to also express their concerns direct to SWaT Planning, and the two SWaT ward members present are to also raise it with the SWaT and the PO.

Action: The clerk to write to Environmental Agency, with copies of flooding photos of the local area and to request a site visit.

139. Financial Matters:

Detail of Receipts and Payments since previous meeting

Payments

Comeytrowe Hall hire	£48.60
Sawyer - Bus shelter cleaning	£25.00
Parsons - August	£659.10
SALC Membership	£1,064.35

H McGladdery – Sept Clerk allowance	£78.00
SCC Pensions - September	£280.95
HMRC - September tax and NI	£289.41

The Clerks September salary was also paid in this period

Receipts:

SW&T Precept	£12,000.00
Vat refund of £956.25 submitted awaiting payment	

To note Half Yearly Statement

The Half Yearly statement was distributed to Members (attached)

To approve purchase of Poppy Wreath

Resolved: Following a proposal by Cllr Larcombe, seconded by Cllr Robinson with a unanimous vote, Members agreed to purchase a Poppy Wreath and Cllr Nicholls will lay the wreath at the remembrance service.

Action: The Clerk to arrange the purchase of the wreath

140. Clerks Report which will include all matters arising from previous minutes and items of interest

Previously circulated - Cllr Larcombe ran through the Clerk's report highlighting the actions taken.

141. To discuss Free trees offered by SW&T Council

Resolved: Following a resolution by Cllr Larcombe, seconded by Cllr Robinson with a unanimous vote It was agreed to defer this agenda item until the November meeting

Action: The Clerk to add to the November agenda

142. Update on Somerset Unitary Authority

Cllr Larcombe informed the meeting that SALC had reported that a very significant majority of Parish Councils voted to bring Parish Council elections forward to May 2022 to coincide with the Unitary elections. No further updates at present.

143. To discuss litter problem at Penny's Field

Cllr Larcombe suggested that the problem has eased now youngsters have returned to school and autumn/winter evenings mean less congregation in the area. Will monitor the situation.

144. To receive Member's suggestions for a community event or Memorial to show appreciation of the Communities efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic

To defer until November meeting

Action: The Clerk to request how much funding is available from Taylor Wimpey for this project.

145. To agree 2022 meeting dates

Following a proposal from Cllr Larcombe, seconded by Cllr Allgrove with a unanimous vote Members agreed the following meeting dates for 2022:
January – No meeting, **February** – Monday 7th, **March** – Monday 7th
April – Monday 4th, **May** – Monday 9th – provisional pending 2022 elections.
June – Monday 6th, **July** – Monday 4th, **August** – No Meeting,
September – Monday 5th, **October** – Monday 3rd, **November** – Monday 7th
December – Monday 5th

146.Suggested items from Councillors for inclusion in next meeting

- Residents' responsibility for overgrown boundaries.
- Recycle more – impact of additional recycling measures/changes.

147.Date of next meeting: Monday 1st November 2021 at 7.30pm – Walker Room, Comeytrove Community Hall

Meeting closed 9.50pm

Attachment: Half Yearly statement

**Cllr B Larcombe
Chairman**

Half Yearly Statement October 2021				
Receipts	Actual		Budget	Projected
Precept	£ 24,000.00		£ 24,000.00	£ 24,000.00
CIL			£ -	£ -
Grants			£ 1,800.00	£ 1,800.00
Penny's Field hire	£ 310.00		£ -	£ 310.00
Interest			£ 100.00	£ -
Total	£ 24,310.00		£ 25,900.00	£ 26,110.00
Payments				
Clerks Salary	£ 6,466.02		£ 14,000.00	£ 13,500.00
Clerk Allowance	£ 156.00		£ 312.00	£ 312.00
Pension Contributions	£ 1,685.70		£ 4,000.00	£ 3,750.00
Penny's Field	£ 2,254.63		£ 5,000.00	£ 5,000.00
Vision ICT	£ 175.00		£ 120.00	£ 175.00
Establishment Costs	£ 179.30		£ 500.00	£ 400.00
Local Amenities	£ 50.00		£ 150.00	£ 185.00
Hall hire	£ 55.79		£ 150.00	£ 150.00
Insurance	£ 1,429.97		£ 1,500.00	£ 1,429.97
CIL	£ 2,456.17		£ -	£ 3,500.00
Training	£ -		£ 200.00	£ -
Grants	£ -		£ 375.00	£ 375.00
IT Equipment	£ -		£ 3,000.00	£ -
137			£ 17.00	£ 22.00
Memberships	£ 1,181.35		£ 1,200.00	£ 1,181.35
Total	£ 16,089.93		£ 30,524.00	£ 29,980.32
Surplus/deficit	£ 8,220.07		-£ 4,624.00	-£ 3,870.32
Opening Bank balances 1/4/2020			£ 38,809.33	
Minus projected deficit			-£ 3,870.32	
Projected funds as at 31/3/21			£ 34,939.01	