

**Minutes of meeting of Comeytrove Parish Council Held at The Comeytrove
Community Hall on
Monday 8th February 2022 at 7.45pm**

Present: Cllr Brian Larcombe – Chairman
Cllr Jean Allgrove Cllr Colin Hogg
Cllr Christine Nicholls Cllr Alan Paul
Cllr Jill Paul Cllr Jenny Robinson
Cllr Anthony Sutcliffe Cllr Keith Woodmason
Cllr Eileen Zoers Cllr Simon Nicholls arrived at 8.30pm

Also Present: County Cllr D. Johnson and District Cllr H. Farbahi. Helen McGladdery - virtually

Public Forum
No items raised

Meeting starts 7.45pm

169. Apologies for absence and reasons given

Cllr Valerie Ball – Personal reasons
District Cllr John Hunt – Medical reasons

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

None.

171. To Agree Minutes of the meeting on Monday 6th December 2021

Following a proposal from Cllr Larcombe and seconded by Cllr Jean Allgrove Members agreed that the minutes of the meeting were agreed as a true and accurate representation and were signed by the Chairman.

172. Planning:

To receive the Planning Panel report on Planning applications received:

52/21/0042 - Erection of a first-floor extension to the side and a two-storey extension to the side/rear of 9 Jeffreys Way, Taunton

Resolved: SUPPORT

52/21/0043 - Demolition of garage and erection of a two-storey extension to the side with alterations to access at 35 Comeytrove Lane, Taunton

Resolved: SUPPORT

52/21/0044 - Erection of extension with conversion of garage into ancillary accommodation at 26 Suffolk Crescent, Taunton

Resolved: SUPPORT

52/21/0035 - Replacement of boundary fence at 6 Culmhead Close, Taunton (retention of works already undertaken)

Resolved: Application withdrawn by applicant

52/21/0037 - Erection of single storey extensions to the front and rear, alterations to the roof of the garage and the neighbouring garage with conversion of garage to habitable accommodation at 39 & 41 Upcot Crescent, Taunton

Resolved: SUPPORT

52/22/0001 - Erection of single storey extensions to the front and rear and extension to boundary wall at the front of 56 Claremont Drive, Taunton

Resolved: SUPPORT

52/22/0002 - Demolition of garage and erection of a two-storey extension to the side and a single storey extension to the rear of 10 Claremont Drive, Taunton

Resolved: SUPPORT

52/22/0003 - Erection of a first-floor extension to the side of 24 Jeffreys Way, Taunton

Resolved: SUPPORT

Action: The Clerk to submit the responses

Cllr Hogg advised he will be attending Planning Training through SALC in March

Orchard Grove update

The Chairman, Cllr Larcombe, gave a verbal update on the previous meeting with SW&T Planning Officer Fox he advised access to the development from Higher Comeytrove Road was discussed. The route of the flow of water from the pumping station was discussed. Concerns were raised about drainage and the capability of the attenuation ponds. Open spaces were discussed and the timescale for Trull taking responsibility for the implementation of these areas. PO Fox advised that if Trull did not take responsibility for the areas then SW&T would not take them on, but a management company would be sought. Cllr Johnson gave an update on the new School timetable with planning application being submitted in May 2022, and the School will open for pupils in September 2023, a site visit has been arranged for 15th March.

8.30PM CLLR NICHOLLS ARRIVED

173. Financial Matters:

Detail of Receipts and Payments since previous meeting

Payments:

Mobile phone	£7.65
SCC Pensions - Annual Fund Top up	£340.00
SCC Pensions - December	£280.95
HMRC - December	£289.41
H McGladdery – Clerk’s allowance	£78.00
Service Charge	£18.00

HMRC Jan	£289.61
SCC Pensions	£280.95
The Clerks December and January salaries were paid in this period	
Receipts:	
Interest	£2.14

To review the effectiveness of Internal Controls, The Internal Audit and accept the Statement of Internal Controls

Members were advised of the current control measures in place and were satisfied with the level of effectiveness.

Resolved: Members agreed the Statement of internal controls and will be signed by The Clerk and Chairman.

Action: The Clerk to add to the website

To agree quotation from Parsons Landscapes for maintenance for 2022 for Penny's Field.

Resolved: Following a proposal by Cllr Robinson seconded by Cllr Woodmason and a unanimous vote Members agreed to renew the contract with Parsons for maintenance of Penny's Field.

Action: The Clerk to inform Parsons

To discuss donation to Taunton Citizens Advice Bureau

Resolved: Following a proposal from Cllr Larcombe seconded by Cllr Allgrove and a unanimous vote Members agreed to a donation of £500

Action: The Clerk to arrange the payment

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

The Clerk's report was distributed to Members

175.Adoption and review of policies:

To adopt The Publication and Freedom of Information Schemes, Awarding of Grants and Equal Opportunities policies.

Resolved: Defer pending amendments

Action: The Clerk to carry out the amendments and add to March agenda for agreement

To review all Parish Council Policies previously adopted

Resolved: Following a proposal from Cllr Larcombe and seconded by Cllr Allgrove with a unanimous vote the reviewed policies were agreed

Action: The reviewed policies will be added to the Website

**176.Somerset Unitary Authority
Update on Unitary Authority**

Cllr Larcombe gave a verbal update on the meeting himself and Cllr Alan Paul attended with the Local Government Reorganisation Advisory Board. The intention of how the Unitary will work was advised, questions were raised

relating to assets. Questions were raised about Parish Council Elections. Local Community Networks were discussed.

Updated indicative timetable for next stage of consultation of Taunton Town Council Community Governance Review

Cllr Hunt sent his apologies as he is currently isolating, therefore, The Chairman gave a verbal update that the consultation is delayed due to the Purdah period, but it is hoped further information will be available for the March meeting. The Chairman raised questions for Members to consider at that March meeting when the Taunton Town Council Community Governance Review will be discussed.

177.Suggested items from Councillors for inclusion in next meeting

- Taunton Town Council Community Governance Review, with dedicated discussion areas
- Updated Policies
- Painting of Signpost at Queensway
- Write to Management Company of shops regarding line painting
- Clerk to write to College Way Surgery to thank them for the vaccination programme delivered to residents.

178.Date of next meeting: Monday 7th March 2022 at 7.45pm –Comeytrowe Community Hall

Meeting closed 10.00pm

Cllr B Larcombe – Chairman