

**Minutes of meeting of Comeytrove Parish Council Held at The Comeytrove
Community Hall on
Monday 8th March 2022 at 7.30pm**

Present: Cllr Brian Larcombe – Chairman
Cllr Jean Allgrove Cllr Colin Hogg
Cllr Christine Nicholls Cllr Alan Paul – arrived at 7.45pm
Cllr Jill Paul – arrived at 7.45pm Cllr Jenny Robinson
Cllr Anthony Sutcliffe Cllr Keith Woodmason
Cllr Eileen Zoers

Also Present: County Cllr Claire Paul, SCC Officer Mike Keal,
County Cllr D. Johnson, District Cllr J Hunt and District Cllr H. Farbahi.
Helen McGladdery - virtually

Public Forum

No matters raised

Meeting starts 7.30pm

179. Apologies for absence and reasons given

Cllr Valerie Ball – Medical reasons
Cllr Simon Nicholls – Medical reasons

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

None.

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

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

Action: The Clerk to add to the website

182. Planning:

**To receive the Planning Panel report on Planning applications received:
05/22/0005 - Erection of front boundary railings, brick wall and driveway
gates at Kerry House, Comeytrove Orchard, Taunton**

Resolved: Support

Action: The Clerk to submit the response

7.45pm Cllr Jill Paul and Cllr Alan Paul arrived

Orchard Grove:

To receive the latest Update

The Chairman, Cllr Larcombe, gave a verbal update on the previous meeting
with SW&T Planning Officer Fox he advised that a site visit will take place on
Tuesday 15th March. He also advised that Wessex water will now investigate
the outlet for the pumping station to the main sewer via a different route rather

than through residential area. He advised that the public open spaces will not be adopted by SW&T but instead a management company.

Action: Any Members wishing to attend the site visit to email the Clerk

Orchard Grove School response to presentation

Mike Keal gave a presentation on the new School to be constructed at Orchard Grove. The planning application will be submitted in April 2022. Contractor BAM have been selected for the build. The school will initially start with Reception and Year 1 only and will build year by year, the school has a capacity of 420 pupils and in addition a 55-place nursery. The Castle Trust will run the school. The catchment area for the new primary School will be for the Orchard Grove development.

183. Financial Matters:

Detail of Receipts and Payments since previous meeting

Payments:

Citizens Advice donation £500.00

SCC Pensions - February £280.95

HMRC - February £289.41

The Clerks February salary was paid in this period

Receipts:

NIL

Resolved: Following a proposal from Cllr Larcombe and seconded by Cllr Woodmason and a unanimous voted Members agreed to the NJC 1.75% pay increase for the Clerk backdated to 1/4/21

Action:

1. The Clerk to implement the payrise and backdated pay in March salary
2. The Clerk to contact Unity Trust Bank to resolve issues with Cllr Sutcliffe's online bank access

To agree Insurance renewal premium with BHIB of £1512.91

Resolved: Following a proposal from Cllr Allgrove and seconded by Cllr Woodmason and a unanimous vote Members agreed to renew the Insurance Policy

Action: The Clerk to arrange the payment and renewal of policy

To agree to progress with obtaining quotes to paint the Finger post at Queensway

Resolved: Members agreed to progress with obtaining quotes

Action: The Clerk to progress

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

The Clerk's report was distributed to Members

Actions:

1. The Clerk to contact Lewis and Associates regarding repainting of the disabled bays in the shop's car park
2. Members agreed to install a fixed projector in the Walker room rather than a portable one and the Clerk to progress.
3. Cllr Hunt to pass on contact details for projector instalment company used by BH HUB

185. Adoption and review of policies:

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

Resolved: The policies were adopted by Members

Action: The Clerk to add to the website

186. Taunton Town Council Community Governance Review areas for discussion following proposals put forward by SW&T on 3rd March 2022

Cllr Alan Paul gave a verbal update on the meeting at SW&T that he attended.

Members were advised that the proposal is for Comeytrove Parish Council to be abolished and absorbed within the new Town Council.

The Chairman raised concerns that Comeytrove PC has been singled out from the other Parishes considered for inclusion in the Town Council.

To agree action to encourage residents' engagement in SW&T stage 2 consultation

Resolved: Members agreed to place an article detailing in the Galmington and Comeytrove News, All things Galmington & Comeytrove Facebook page and on the PC Website, asking members of the public to express their views of the proposal to abolish the Comeytrove PC and be absorbed into the Town Council. In addition, an extraordinary meeting will be held to gauge the thoughts of residents.

Action: The Clerk to draft an article and circulate to Members for agreement ahead of adding to all the above areas.

To agree meeting date for Parish Council to agree the response to stage 2 Consultation

Resolved: Members agreed to form a response, following a public meeting with residents. The public meeting will be planned in May following the formation of the new Parish Council.

Action: The Clerk to book the meeting

To outline what responsibilities the Parish Council may be able to take on if the Parish Council remain, and the impact on Councillors/Staff and required level of Precept

Deferred pending further information

Requests from Members of additional information required to make an informed decision on stage 2 consultation

Deferred

187.Suggested items from Councillors for inclusion in next meeting

- Classification of the hall and discretionary tax relief
- Request for listed status
- Tree management

188.Date of next meeting: Monday 4th April 2022 at 7.30pm –Comeytrowe Community Hall

Meeting closed 10.20pm

Cllr B Larcombe – Chairman