

**Minutes of the meeting of Comeytrove Parish Council Held at
The Walker Room, Comeytrove Community Hall on
Monday 5th September 2022 at 7.30pm**

Present: Cllr Brian Larcombe – Chairman
Cllr Alan Paul Cllr Jill Paul
Cllr Jenny Robinson Cllr Keith Woodmason

Also Present: District and Somerset Cllr H. Farbahi and Somerset Cllr D. Johnson, Helen McGladdery, Clerk and RFO, Bruce McAuslane – Wessex water, Lyndsay Smith – PCSO and 1 member of the public

Public Forum

Bruce McAuslane attended to give a presentation on the proposed works in the Parish to connect the Orchard Grove development to the existing foul public sewer network in Comeytrove. He provided details for the proposed works and an indicative timetable of proposed road closures in the Parish. He addressed questions put to him by Members concerning the works schedules; the impact of joining an additional 2000 dwellings to the area's existing capacity; the future maintenance and residual liability upon Wessex Water once the works were completed, - and gave his reassurance that Wessex Water had carefully for planned for minimal disruption and the capacity necessary for the size of the development.

Action:

1. Bruce will liaise with the Clerk to ensure all road closure information is accurately communicated with residents
2. County Councillors Johnson and Farbahi will liaise with County Highways to ensure any road closure and diversions do not clash with any other works in the Parish

PCSO Lyndsay Smith attended and spoke to Members about crimes and areas of concern in the Parish. She advised that herself Marshall Bernhardt and Simon Parry are now the PCSO's for the Comeytrove Parish. She also outlined the areas of crime and trend, and Comeytrove remains a location of comparatively very low levels.

Meeting starts 8.45pm

239. Co-option of new Members to fill vacancies

The Clerk advised that an enquiry had been received for one of the vacancies

Action: The Clerk will proceed with the application and meet with the applicant to explain the role and prepare to co-opt in October

240.To receive apologies for absence and approve reasons given

Cllr Simon Nicholls – work commitments

Cllr Anthony Sutcliffe – Did not attend

241.Declaration of Interest not already recorded

None recorded

242.To Agree Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 4th July 2022

Resolved: Following a proposal from Cllr Larcombe and seconded by Cllr Robinson and a unanimous vote, 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

243.Planning:

To agree responses to Planning applications received:

52/22/0013/T Application to fell one Oak tree included in Taunton Deane Borough - (Comeytrowe No.1) Tree Preservation Order 1997 at 95 Queensway, Taunton (TD712)

Resolved: OBJECT with the following comments

We 'recommend refusal' because it is a protected tree of very strong merit. It was one of the original landscape before Newbarn Park was built, and the particular house plot was planned and assigned significantly larger than other surrounding properties to accommodate and preserve this important, long-standing tree. It is of significant merit to the whole area and should be entirely preserved and should NOT be compromised or substituted in any way.

42/22/0043 Variation of Condition No. 02 (approved plans), for the inclusion of a turning head at the entrance of the approved pumping station compound, of application 42/20/0042 at Orchard Grove New Community, Comeytrowe Rise, Taunton

Resolved: Continue to OBJECT and recommend refusal on the grounds of safety of other road users

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 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 Parcel H1c(ii), together with additional details as required by conditions 7, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 23 on land at Comeytrowe/Trull (resubmission of 42/20/0056)

Resolved: Recommend APPROVAL as no material grounds to object

52/22/0018 - Erection of a two storey and single storey extension to the rear of 15 Somerset Avenue, Taunton

Resolved: Recommend APPROVAL

52/22/0019 - Erection of a two-storey extension to the side and a single storey extension to the rear of 30 Deane Drive, Taunton

Resolved: Recommend APPROVAL

Action: The clerk to submit responses

Orchard Grove Update

The Chairman gave a verbal update on the previous online meeting with SW&T Officer Fox. The new school and nursery is scheduled to open in September 2023 and the spine road that will provide access to it is progressing well, and the culvert is completed. The Chairman requested that Highway attend the next online meeting. The meetings are running every 3 weeks. No further update on the park and bus scheme.

244.Financial Matters:

Detail of Receipts and Payments since previous meeting

Receipts:

McGrath - PF hire - June	£115.00
McGrath - PF hire - July	£105.00
Savings interest	£19.00
CIL interest	£11.03
McGrath - PF hire - Aug	£90.00

Payments:

Monthly:

Mobile Phone – July	£7.65
Parsons - June 2022	£398.65
HMRC - July	£270.03
SCC Pensions - July	£285.87
Parsons - July	£224.74
SCC Pensions - August	£285.87
HMRC - August	£270.03
Mobile phone August	£7.65

The Clerks July & August salaries were paid in this period

Quarterly:

Bank service charge	£18.00
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Half yearly: NIL

Annual/One-off:

Credit interest adjustment	£0.02
ROSPA - Play inspection	£100.80

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

The Clerk's report was distributed to Members, detailing all actions taking since the previous meeting. The Clerk advised the Community Governance review will be discussed at a SW&T scrutiny meeting in September, then a decision will be made on the current proposal by SW&T at a full Council meeting on 29th September then the proposal will go to SCC for an extraordinary meeting to vote on the proposal on 5th October.

246.Penny's Field –

ROSPA inspection – The Rospa inspection has been carried out. The report has been forwarded to SW&T for them to quote for any proposed works. To date no quote has been received.

Replacement of broken equipment using CIL funds

The broken Hip Hop has been removed. SW&T advised it should be covered under the guarantee, due to staff shortages at SW&T this matter cannot be progressed until a new member of staff is recruited. As no information received from SW&T on replacement or repair charges this matter could not be progressed.

Action:

1. The Clerk to chase SW&T for a detailed quote ahead of the October meeting.
2. The Clerk to chase tree problems in the Parish previously raised

247.To agree a response to Connecting our Garden Communities consultation

Resolved: following a proposal from Cllr Larcombe and seconded by Cllr Robinson with a unanimous vote the following resolution was carried:

The Parish Council welcomes any additional footpaths and cycleways, but it must not be at the expense or compromise the necessary infrastructure requirements for any new housing development or growth area.

Action: The Clerk to submit the response

248.Suggested items from Councillors for inclusion in next meeting

- Co-option
- Conclusion of Audit
- Parking review update
- CCS Crisis funding request
- Members requests for TPO's in the Parish

249.Date of next meeting: Monday 3rd October 2022 at 7.30pm – The Walker Room, Comeytrowe Community Hall

Meeting closed 9.35pm

Cllr B Larcombe – Chairman