

HOLCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL
MENDIP DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET

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**Minutes from Holcombe Parish Council meeting, which took place on
Tuesday 6th August 2019 at 7.30 pm.**

Councillors Present Cllr Phil Gait – Vice Chairman
Cllr Stephenie Chorley
Cllr Terry Dumbrell
Cllr Bob Mitchell

Also, Present: District Cllr Townsend

In attendance: Clerk, Vickie Watts taking the minutes, 0 members of the public

1 Public forum.

There were no points raised.

2 Apologies for absence

Cllr Graham Crowe, Cllr Simon Brand, Cllr Sue Robinson, Cllr Russell Stokes and District Cllr Ham had sent apologies which were accepted by the Chair.

3 Declarations of Interests and Dispensations

There were none.

4 Co-option of Councillors

Some interest had been shown but no one had been forthcoming at this point. The Clerk to continue to advertise the position.

VW

5 Minutes of previous monthly meeting held on 2nd July 2019

The draft minutes for the abovementioned meeting had been circulated to all Councillors. It was proposed by Cllr Dumbrell and seconded by Cllr Chorley that the minutes were an accurate record and so were signed by the Chair. The Clerk to upload minutes to the website.

VW

Vote: For, 0 Against & 0 Abstentions

6 Action points from last meeting and matters arising.

6.1 All actions have been completed or are to be discussed during the agenda apart from:

- There was a discussion regarding the powers that the Council has and whether we could support the Church Foodbank or other charities like the Air Ambulance. The Clerk would look into this and report at the next meeting. CARRY FORWARD TO SEPTEMBER MEETING Ag
- It was agreed that Cllr Brand would speak with Marlene Croker to establish which floral gateways she has been looking after. It was noted that money should be allocated to reimburse any expenses incurred during the looking after the displays. Also the wooden barrel on Charlton Road has been hit by a vehicle and needs to be replaced in the autumn. CARRY FORWARD TO SEPTEMBER MEETING Ag
- Consider quote for the purchase and installation of a flagpole - It was agreed that Cllr Brand would undertake further research and establish if there is a better option. CARRY FORWARD TO SEPTEMBER MEETING Ag
- VE Day 75 – 8th May 2020 - This will be revisited at the November meeting. Ag
- Playing Field - The Clerk has booked more sessions with the payback team to take place on the 11/11, 09/12 and the 06/01 which will then repeat every 4 weeks. A list of potential jobs will need to be compiled. CARRY FORWARD TO SEPTEMBER MEETING Ag
- Cemetery - It was agreed that Cllr Chorley would ask the PCC if it was possible to expedite discussion on the installation of the path to the parish Council Cemetery at the Old Church. CARRY FORWARD TO SEPTEMBER MEETING Ag

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7 Planning Applications

7.1 2019/1653/HSE – Proposed single storey rear extension.

The Old Manse, Chapel Lane, Holcombe, Radstock, BA3 5TF

Cllr Dumbrell had considered this application which takes the same form as the PAH application considered at the last meeting. He felt that the application was straight forward and no objections had been lodged by neighbours with the planning department however it was frustrating that not all neighbours had been consulted as part of the planning process.

It was proposed by Cllr Dumbrell and seconded by Cllr Mitchell that the Parish Council would recommend that the application be approved.

Vote: 4 For, 0 Against & 0 Abstentions

Clerk to notify the planning department.

VW

8 Planning Updates

8.1 2019/1487/PAH - Single storey rear extension.

The Old Manse Chapel Lane Holcombe Shepton Mallet Radstock
The application had been withdrawn.

8.2 The application 2019/1216/HSE - Two storey rear extension and side extension, 4 James Close Holcombe Radstock BA3 5HA which Holcombe Parish Council recommended for refusal at the July meeting was being recommended for approval by the planning officer. District Councillor Townsend explained that they had been asked to comment (as per the planning procedure). It had been established that there was a possibility that the applicant was considering withdrawing the application and had therefore asked that there be a stay of execution for a short period until a decision had been made by the applicant.

9 Mendip District Council report

District Councillor Townsend reported that he had attended the Local plan part 2 hearing at Mendip District Council on behalf of Coleford Parish Council mainly to defend the reasons why Gladman developers should not be allowed to build 70 houses on a green field site at Lipyeate.

The planning inspector seemed content that with the proposed brownfield site adjacent to the old recycling centre, which could accommodate 20 new houses, the quota of 70 houses specified in the local plan part 1 when added to the houses already built during the period would be met.

Cllr Townsend did explain that any application from Gladman should be opposed on the basis that the infrastructure in Coleford was already at capacity especially the highways, school, sewers, doctor surgery and poor public transport.

Gladmans could still put in an application.

10 Community Project fund update

4 applications had been received from the Football Club, Welcome Club, Ladies Club and 1st Coleford Scouts. The working party is made up of Cllr Robinson and Cllr Brand and it was agreed that Cllr Mitchell would also be part of the group. The applications were passed to Cllr Mitchell who would meet with the working party to consider and come up with proposals to bring back to the September meeting.

BM/SR/SB

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11 Finance

11.1 First quarter budget review

The Clerk had circulated a spreadsheet showing the income and expenditure for the first quarter of the year, which now includes the bank balances. It was proposed by Cllr Chorley and seconded by Cllr Mitchell that the 1st quarter review should be signed off by Cllr Gait as the acting Chair.

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11.2 Payments

The following payments were presented for payment by the Parish Council:

Vickie Watts – Clerk Salary & expenses	£301.24
L J T Electrical Services – PAT Testing (Coleford & Cranmore PC to contribute)	£30.00
SLCC annual membership	£39.00
Robert Mitchell – Comm payback expenses	£39.54

11.3 The following payments were presented for payment by the Playing Field Committee:

Came & Co – Annual insurance for the Holcombe Playing Field	£779.79
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It was proposed by Cllr Dumbrell and seconded by Cllr Chorley that the abovementioned payments should be made. Cheques were signed by Cllr Chorley and Cllr Dumbrell

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12 Correspondence

- Invitation for the Chair Annual Civic Service – Clerk to invite Cllr Crowe or Cllr Brand VW
- PCSO report had been circulated to all
- Route 60 + - Clerk to seek village group to host. VW
- Thank you letter from PCC St Andrews Church for the effort everyone put into planning the Gala. – no action required.
- Email received inviting Councillor to attend the consultation drop meeting regarding the small improvement schemes proposed on the old Frome Road and Beacons Cross road. The meeting will take place at Leigh on Mendip Village Hall on 8th August between 3.30 and 8pm. All to attend if possible. ALL
- Letter from CPRE regarding rebranding to CPRE The Countryside Charity - No action required.

13 Dates for next meeting

Tuesday 3rd September 2019 – Parish Council meeting

Meeting finished 20.25 hrs