

COMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 14th May 2025 - Approved

Present

Deborah Phillips (DP) – Chair, Peter Sloan (PS) - Vice Chair, Alan Revell (AR), Michael Green (MG), Julia Sharpe - Clerk

Members of the Public – Nil

24/25 Apologies

Elena Softley (ES) Denise Cripps (DC),

25/25 Questions from the Public

Park Road speeding concerns. **Action – June Agenda.**

26/25 Register of Interests

None.

27/25 Minutes of the Last Meeting

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 9th April 2025 which had been circulated prior to the meeting were agreed and signed as correct.

28/25 Clerk's Report and Progress on Actions

Playpark Update – The recent inspection identified work to the tractor steps and slide landing area. A quote to make the necessary repairs was agreed. Three quotes to install eco surfacing under the toddler swings were considered. It was agreed to investigate grant options. **Action – Clerk.**

Combe Feast – draft posters – **Action – June Meeting.**

Repair to the manhole cover on the green – Despite numerous reports to Fix My Street the cover has not been repaired, so the original quote to repair the manhole cover was reconsidered. The Chair proposed that the quote be accepted, the Vice-Chair seconded the proposal, all present agreed and a Resolution passed. **Action – Clerk.**

The Future of the Combe Courier – Rob Smith announced that he will no longer be producing the Combe Courier after the December 2025 edition. A succession plan for the Courier was discussed. It was agreed that the Courier is an important village asset and the Parish Council support its continuation, independent from the Parish Council. It was agreed to make further enquiries about ways forward prior to the June Parish Council meeting. **Action – June Meeting.**

Bollards outside Blacksmiths Cottage – A proposed revised plan to install 4 bollards along the verge outside Blacksmiths Cottage was considered. In principle and subject to the final plan it was agreed, as a traffic calming measure, to fund 2 of the bollards going down towards the school. **Action – Clerk.**

The Cock Inn – News regarding the transfer of ownership is expected on 15th May.

29/25 To Approve Payments and Note Sums Received

Payments	Gross	VAT
J. Sharpe – Clerks wages – April	£284.92	
J. Sharpe – Reflective Tape	£21.98	£3.66
OG Stonemasonry – War Memorial Repairs	£411.00	£68.50
Boward – Tree work	£900.00	£150
P. Merry – Village maintenance	£25	
Received		
WODC ½ year precept	£8062.50	

30/25 Planning Applications

No applications received.

31/25 Insurance Quote

The quote for the renewal of the Parish Council's insurance for 2025/2026 was considered. The Chair proposed that the quote together with the option to agree to a 3-year bonding long term agreement be accepted, MG seconded the proposal, all present were in agreement and a Resolution passed. **Action – Clerk.**

Next Meeting

The next meeting of Combe Parish Council will be on Wednesday 11th June 2025 at 7.30pm in the Reading Room, Combe