

COMBE MARTIN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Combe Martin Parish Council held at the Town Hall on
Monday, 11 January, 2010, at 7pm.

Present: Cllrs Julia Clark, (Chairman) Ray Druce, Yvette Gubb, Trevor Kibble,
Steve Seldon, Tracey Seldon, Jill Sidebottom, Peter Spencer, Sue Sussex,
Arthur Yelton.

In Attendance: PCSO Ade Drury, 5 Parishioners, Michelle Beaumont (Parish Clerk).

Apologies: Cllrs Eric Hughes, John Martin. County Cllr Andrea Davis.

The Parish Council meeting was opened with prayers.

180/09 **Matters arising from the Public Session**

a Repairs to the wall adjoining the bridge at Barton Gate Lane

The matter of the wall adjoining the bridge at Barton Gate Lane was referred to the Highways, Property and Planning Committee.

181/09 **Police Report**

PCSO Drury reported that in the last four weeks there had been 1 crime compared with 8 in the same period last year. The crime was a burglary to a dwelling.

182/09 **Vandalism Report**

16/09 One swing seat had been broken and another damaged in Arnold's Plot.

183/09 **District Councillors' report**

Refuse collections had been disrupted by the adverse weather, so extra collections are being made as and when possible to bring the refuse collections up to date.

184/09 **Declarations of interest**

The following interests were declared:

<u>Councillor</u>	<u>Type of Interest</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Reason</u>
S Seldon	Prejudicial	Access to the Coach Park	Relative of occupant
T Seldon	Prejudicial	Access to the Coach Park	Relative of occupant
A Yelton	Prejudicial	Access to the Coach Park	By association

185/09 **Adoption of Minutes**

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 9 November, 2009, be confirmed and signed as a true record, subject to the following amendment:

Min 167/09 – Planning application number 49373

Delete ‘private road’ and replace with ‘public footpath’.

186/09 **Planning**

District Councillors Mrs Gubb and Mrs Sussex drew the meeting’s attention to the fact that, any observations or decisions which she made regarding planning applications at this meeting were based upon the information available at the time. Such observations and decisions might well change in the light of any information which might come before district councillors when sitting upon North Devon District Council’s planning committee.

a *Applications*

49547 - REMOVAL OF RESIDENTIAL MOBILE HOME AND ERECTION OF ONE DWELLING AND DETACHED GARAGE -

The Caravan, Top George Inn, Victoria Street.

Applicant: - Miss Andrea Powell

RESOLVED to advise the planning authority that this Council has no objections to the above application, especially as a certificate of lawful use had recently been granted for the use of a caravan on the site, and the proposed dwelling is very similar to the dwelling recently erected on the site.

b Planning correspondence

Environment Agency – Application to discharge sewage effluent at Sandy Cove Hotel, Berrynarbor.

RESOLVED to refer the letter explaining the reasons for granting consent for the above application was referred to the Highways, Property and Planning Committee, the Parks and Open Spaces Committee and the Bathing Water Working Party.

187/09 **Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting**

a Min 158/09 – Bathing Water Working Party

Replies had been received from the Tourism Association, Museum and Carnival Committee, all of whom had agreed to send a representative to the working party. The Earl of Rone Council will not hold a meeting until the end of February, and will respond after that. It was agreed to arrange a meeting with the existing membership, and to welcome any other representatives who replied in due course. Councillors Julia Clark, Trevor Kibble and Tracey Seldon will represent the Parish Council on the working party.

b Min 172/09a – Reply from Dr Kelly, Planning Manager, NDC re Ropes End

The reply from Dr Kelly was referred to the HPP Committee.

c Min 173/09c – Painting of lamp standards, Seaside Hill

It was noted that the quoted price was for all five lamp standards, so DCC will be asked to do the work.

188/09 **Update on the Parade**

The Parade Working Party meeting arranged for the previous week had been cancelled due to adverse weather, and was due to be held on 13 January, 2010.

189/09 **Reports by Representatives to Outside Bodies.**

There were no reports by representatives to outside bodies.

190/09 **Committee Reports**

Personnel Committee, 9 December, 2009

Minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting held on 9 December, 2009, were ADOPTED.

191/09 **Chairman's Report**

Chairman thanked Cllrs Yvette Gubb and Trevor Kibble, and Council's workman, Clifford Brookman, for going out and delivering prescriptions to people who were unable to get to the pharmacy in the snow, not just in Combe Martin but also in the surrounding parishes. It was agreed to put an item in the Shammickite to thank everyone in the village who had helped others during the bad weather.

192/09 **Correspondence**

a *The following items were noted:*

North Devon Coast and Countryside Service – Biosphere Beaches Spring Clean to be held on 20 and 21 March, 2010. Meeting to discuss arrangements on 25 January, 2010, at 2pm at the Coast and Countryside Service, Bideford

Audit Commission – appointment of External Auditor

Devon County Council – Emergency Planning Newsletter

- Consultation on Admission Arrangements for Devon Schools for 2011/12
- Consultation on In-Year Admission Arrangements for Devon Schools for 2010/11

Exmoor National Park Authority – Community Consultation Events on 'Your Future Exmoor' – 25 January, 2010, between 3pm and 7pm, at Parracombe Village Hall.

Combe Martin Tourism Association – Invitation to launch of new brochure and New Year Event on 30 January, 2010

Combe Martin Museum – acknowledging Council's letter, requesting opportunity to apply for grant funding in the next financial year and invitation to the Museum's committee meeting.

The Boundary Committee for England – Structural Review of Devon: Advice to the Secretary of State

Mr Fuller – complaints at the cost of running holiday letting properties and about young people playing in Kiln Car Park.

DAPC - Newsletter

b *Mr Reg Jenkins – Water ponding on highway and the effect upon his property*

A copy of Mr Jenkins' letter is to be sent to the Highway Authority, which is to be asked to investigate the matter.

c *Devon Youth Service – update on work of the Youth Service in Combe Martin*

It was noted that Cllrs Yvette Gubb and Julia Clark would meet the group of young people who would like to set up a BMX track in the village, with the Youth Service.

d *Combe Martin Amateur Boxing Club – request for funding*

RESOLVED to advise the Boxing Club that, much as this Council should like to assist the club, there were no funds available at the present time.

e *The following items were referred to the Highways, Property and Planning Committee:*

DCC - Consultation on Education Transport Policy 2010/11

193/09 **Finance**

a **Payments**

The invoices for payment set out on the Financial Reports were approved following recommendation by the Chairman and Cllr P Spencer.

b **DAPC subscription**

RESOLVED that the DAPC subscription should continue to be deducted from the precept payment due 30 April 2010.

194/09 **Dates of Committee Meetings**

Parks and Open Spaces – 27 January, 7pm

Highways Property and Planning – 25 January, 7pm

Audit – 25 January, 6.15pm

Bathing Water Working Party – 2 or 3 February, 7pm, depending on availability of outside members (Parish Council members – Cllrs Mrs Clark, Mrs Gubb, Mrs Seldon)

195/09 **EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS AND RESTRICTION OF DOCUMENTS**

RESOLVED:

a That under section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and the press be excluded from the meeting for the following items as they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, ie information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.

b That all reports and documents relating to the items be confirmed as 'Not for publication'.

Cllrs S Seldon, T Seldon and A Yelton declared interests in the following item and left the room.

196/09 **Access to the Coach Park**

The attached report was noted.

197/09 **Works to the Parade**

The attached report was noted.

198/09 **Personnel – Resignation of Employee A007**

RESOLVED to refer the matter to the Parks and Open Spaces Committee.

The meeting closed at 8.34pm.

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