



## DRAFT

### **Minutes of the Extraordinary meeting of Combe Martin Parish Council held on Wednesday 4 August 2021 at 7pm at St Peters Church Hall**

**Present:** Cllrs D Woodbury, P Walker, H Mallinder, M Richards, A Cossey, S Daukes, S Coomber, M Worth, T Seldon, S Boyce, C Galloway, and A Williams.

**In attendance:** Clerk (minute taker), District Cllr Y Gubb, and ten members of the public

#### **PART A:**

##### [171/21 Appointing a Chair to preside at this meeting](#)

**RESOLVED:** Cllr Simon Daukes was appointed to preside at the meeting until a new Chair was elected.

Cllr Seldon nominated Cllr Daukes. Cllr Worth seconded the proposal and Cllr Daukes agreed to the nomination.

Two cllrs abstained from voting. Ten cllrs voted in favour.

##### [172/21 Apologies](#)

None.

##### [173/21 Declarations of Interest](#)

None.

#### 174/21 Requests for Dispensations

None.

#### 175/21 Election of Chair

**RESOLVED:** Cllr Tracey Seldon was elected Chair of the Council.

Cllr Worth nominated Cllr Seldon. Cllrs Boyce and Coomber seconded the proposal and Cllr Seldon agreed to the nomination.

One cllr abstained from voting. Three cllrs voted against the nomination. Eight cllrs voted in favour.

Cllr Seldon took over the Chair from Cllr Daukes.

#### 176/21 Declaration of Office - Chair

The Chair signed the prescribed 'Declaration of Acceptance of Office'.

#### 177/21 Election of Vice Chair

**RESOLVED:** Cllr Steve Coomber was elected Vice-Chair.

Cllr Worth nominated Cllr Coomber. Cllr Daukes seconded the proposal and Cllr Coomber agreed to the nomination.

One cllr abstained from voting. Two cllrs voted against the nomination. Nine cllrs voted in favour.

#### 178/21 Public Participation Period

**Council representation** – Two members of the public raised their concerns about the conduct of the 'new' council. One member of the public wanted reassurance that the council was working in the best interests of the

community and challenged Cllr Daukes about his future intentions for the Parade building following a conversation that the member of public had had with Cllr Worth. One member of the public questioned why people were leaving the Parish Council.

**Meeting location** – One member of the public questioned why the Parish Council was meeting in the Church Hall instead of the Community Centre. When the meeting was arranged, COVID-19 cases were high in Devon and had risen by 85% in Combe Martin and Lynton. The Parish Council has a duty of care to protect its members, staff, and members of the public and the Church Hall offered better ventilation facilities than the Community Centre. The Parish Council had initially approached the Village Hall, but could not hold the meeting there because the main meeting hall was being used for a book fair.

#### [179/21 Membership of Committees](#)

Existing membership of committees was confirmed and new members were appointed.

#### **Finance and Policy Committee**

**RESOLVED:** Cllr Daukes was appointed as Chair of the Finance and Policy Committee.

All cllrs voted in favour of the appointment except Cllr Walker who voted against on the grounds that there was a conflict of interest that she could not support.

#### Membership

1. Simon Daukes (Chair)
2. Tracey Seldon
3. Stephen Coomber

4. Helen Mallinder
5. Anne Williams
6. Maureen Richards
7. Christopher Galloway

### **Parks and Open Spaces Committee**

#### Membership

1. Stephen Coomber (Chair)
2. Tracey Seldon
3. Simon Daukes
4. Pamela Walker
5. Maureen Richards
6. Sam Boyce

### **Asset Management Committee**

#### Membership

1. Simon Daukes (Chair)
2. Tracey Seldon
3. Helen Mallinder
4. Stephen Coomber
5. Martin Worth

### **Personnel Committee**

**RESOLVED:** Cllr Richards was appointed as Chair of the Personnel Committee.

Cllr Mallinder stepped down from the committee.

#### Membership.

1. Maureen Richards (Chair)
2. Tracey Seldon
3. Stephen Coomber
4. Simon Daukes
5. Alan Cossey

## Emergency Committee

District Cllr Gubb stepped down as the Parish Council's Emergency Officer.

### Membership

1. Stephen Coomber (Chair and Emergency Officer)
2. Tracey Seldon
3. Sam Boyce
4. Maureen Richards
5. Martin Worth
6. Gareth Tossell (member of the public to be confirmed)
7. Member of the public

### 180/21 Parish Council Representatives

Current representatives to outside bodies were confirmed and new representatives were appointed. However, a vacancy remains for the Bowls Club.

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| 1. Combe Martin Primary School               | Cllr P Walker                      |
| 2. Leys Charity                              | Cllr M Richards                    |
| 3. Combe Martin Community Land Trust         | Cllr P Walker                      |
| 4. Combe Martin Water Watch Group            | Cllr D Woodbury                    |
| 5. Combe Martin Museum                       | Cllrs H Mallinder                  |
| 6. Combe Martin Village Hall Community Group | Cllr S Daukes                      |
| 7. Combe Martin Business Association         | Cllr H Mallinder                   |
| 8. Exmoor Parish and Consultative Forum      | Cllr D Woodbury to co-<br>ordinate |
| 9. Combe Martin Coastal Community Team       | Cllr M Worth                       |
| 10. Bowls Club                               | Vacancy                            |

### 181/21 Exclusion of Press and Public

**RESOLVED:** a. That, under section1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to meetings) Act 1960, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following items as they involve the disclosure of sensitive and confidential information, and the items contain exempt information as defined by the Local Government Act 1972 Schedule 12a Part 1. b. That all reports and documents relating to the items be confirmed as “Not for publication”.

Part A of the meeting closed at 7.30pm.

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Chair of Combe Martin Parish Council