

COMBWICH MOTOR BOAT AND SAILING CLUB

HISTORY

1. During the 1960's there were two boating clubs based at Combwich.
- 2 The C.E.G.B. Hinkley Point Sailing club that functioned under the aegis of the Hinkley Point Sports and Social Club . Membership was restricted to employees of the C.E.G.B.
- 3 The Combwich Cruising Club (C.C.C) which was formed to cater for the needs of persons who moored cruising yachts in the pill . The C.C.C. had no land based facilities on the north bank of the pill for safety equipment, storage or changing .The Hinkley Point Sailing Club based at the C.E.G.B. wharf had good facilities by virtue of their association with the C.E.G.B. and its successors.
4. Under an agreement arrived at between Sedgemoor District Council and the Harbour Master the moorings for pleasure craft were to be managed jointly between Combwich Cruising Club and the Hinkley Point Sailing Club.
5. Eventually owing the demise of the C.E.G.B. Sports and Social Club the Hinkley Point Sailing Club was reformed as the independent Parrett Boat Club., which finally merged with the Combwich Cruising Club to become the Combwich Motor Boat and Sailing Club.
6. Owing to the forthcoming development of Hinkley Point by E.D.F. there is going to be a large influx of workers to the area some of whom will want to face the challenges of the River Parrett and Bristol Channel and will need water sports facilities at Combwich.
The Combwich Motor Boat and Sailing Club wishes to be ready to meet this need .
7. During 1993 the Combwich Cruising Club acquired an industrial Portacabin 16ftx8ft4"x8ft volume 1024 cu ft. The Portacabin was acquired for storage of boating gear, changing room and most importantly, SAFETY AND MUD RESCUE EQUIPMENT. Refusal to allow the placement of a suitably clad container only four feet longer than the previous Portacabin could compromise SAFETY...
8. Planning permission was granted in 1993 by Sedgemoor District Council (Ref. 39/93/00003) to site the Cabin on the north bank of the Pill . The Otterhampton Parish Council granted permission to locate the Portacabin on the Village Green. A condition of the planning permission was that the Portacabin be clad in lapwood and painted in sympathy with the area.
9. Over the twenty two years that the Cabin has been placed on

the green no objections have been raised with the Club or as far as we know by the Parish Council.

10. Recently the wooden Portocabin became uneconomic to repair, and it was decided to replace it with steel shipping container to be clad with timber. The dimensions of the container are 20ftx8ftx8ft a total volume of 1280 cu ft.

11. There is already a shed conspicuously sited on the Village Green. The shed is at the north end of the village green and contains storage space for what is believed to be cricket equipment and other items. The dimensions of which are 12ftx14ftx 8ft6" volume 1344 cu ft which exceeds the volume of the container and previous Safety cabin.

12. The Parish Council is opposed to a shipping container being sited on the village green. Certainly in the context of a typical English Village Green, (cricket, cream teas etc) if a shipping container was plonked down in such a situation it would not be appropriate, in fact no more appropriate than the conspicuous wooden shed already located elsewhere on the village green.

13. A shipping container is an ubiquitous icon of marine design and there are several examples in the Sedgemoor District where containers have been recycled to another use. The model boat club at Burnham-on-Sea use a shipping container at Apex Park to store equipment. The bird hides on the Steart Marshes are re-cycled containers clad with wood. Therefore what can be more appropriate to the local scene than a shipping container in a small working port.

14. During the years that the sailing club has been based at Comwich it has contributed to village activities and been instrumental in arranging for pupils to undertake Royal Yachting Association sailing courses at Durleigh reservoir.

15. It is Club's contention that placement of a shipping container suitably clad to blend with surroundings is appropriate to the site which has been used from time immemorial for marine activities.

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OTTERHAMPTON
PARISH COUNCIL

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30th January 22016

John Miller
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Dear John

SHIPPING CONTAINER

We are concerned that since our meeting on the 15th December 2015 and our letter to you on 19th December we have heard nothing from you about the removal of the shipping container. We have assured concerned residents that you, on behalf of the Boat Club have agreed to remove it as soon as possible.

We have also had complaints about the broken glass on the site which was the result of the demolition of the old shed.

We appreciate that the Christmas holidays will have delayed things, but it is now six weeks since our meeting and we would be grateful if you could let us know as soon as possible, what arrangements you are making for the removal of the container.

With best wishes,

Barry Leathwood

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CHAIRMAN, OTTERHAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

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18 December 2015

John Miller
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Dear John

SHIPPING CONTAINER

Thank you for attending the meeting on 15 December. As promised, I write to confirm that the parish council requires the shipping container to be removed. Notwithstanding the fact that we have had many complaints and demands from villagers that the container be removed, the parish council as land owner, considers it too big, too imposing and inappropriate for the location; particularly now that the surrounding area has been cleared in agreement with the Environment Agency, and must remain so.

In addition, the Common is registered as a Village Green and in accordance with legislation, we are responsible to ensure we keep within the law. Village Greens receive considerable statutory protection under two Victorian statutes; Section 12 of the Inclosure Act 1857 and Section 29 of the Commons Act 1876. In fact the original wooden structure is probably not within the law particularly Section 29 above which includes "makes it a public nuisance to erect any structure other than for the purpose of the better enjoyment of the green". The law also protects adverse possession of land too, such that it is almost impossible to acquire a title by adverse possession.

We did however agree in principle that we will permit a storage facility for safety equipment on the basis that we would not wish to take away a previously agreed privilege enjoyed by the boat club, although if a challenge was submitted about its legitimacy, the parish council would have no option but to revert to the law. In any event, the parish council wishes to be consulted and approve the container's replacement before anything is erected.

Separate from this issue, we also indicated our willingness to work with you, to consider possible future enhancements to the moorings and surroundings on the Village Hall side of the Pill for the benefit of the village and the boat club. We can of course discuss this later on.

With kind regards,

Aly Prowse

Aly Prowse (Mrs)
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The Chairman Otterhampton Parish Council

Dear Sir,

C.M.B & S.C. SAFETY CABIN COMBWICH PYLL.

The Club proffers our most sincere apologies regarding our failure to keep the Council fully informed regarding the replacement for the old wooden safety cabin..

The matter of replacement had been under consideration for some time. The old cabin was dilapidated, a potential danger to inquisitive persons, a fire risk and beyond economic repair. The committee was researching the many options and had settled upon obtaining a steel cabin as a way of reducing the fire risk and subsequent danger to the neighbouring property if there were a fire. The committee came to this decision because of an event in the village when a youth used fire to burn through the mooring ropes of a boat thus setting it adrift and causing it to sink. The same person could have set fire to the cabin.

Matters suddenly came to a head when the Club was offered a good deal on a second hand steel container, which had to be taken up immediately and removed from site. Which is why it appeared as if by magic before official notice of the Club's proposals could be given.

The Club was given permission by the Parish Council over twenty years ago to site a safety cabin adjacent to the pyll. A precedent has already been set for the siting of structures on the village green as evidenced by the erection of a wooden shed and recreation area.

It is not the Club's proposal to leave the cabin in its present state. The Club will paint it in neutral colours for the time being and endeavour to make it look more attractive when we have finished painting the buoy.

The sailing club has been in existence since the 1960's and has supported many village activities. The Club uses the village hall for its major meetings, has supported sale of promises by providing sailing excursions, supplied rope for tug-of-war and has arranged free sailing courses for children from Combwich school.

The Club earnestly hopes that this matter can be amicably resolved at a local level, and to this end would suggest that a meeting between the Parish Council and the Club Committee be arranged as soon as possible.

Appendix 15

Otterhampton PC Clerk

From: "P GRIPTON" <paul_gripton@tiscali.co.uk>
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Cc: "B LEATHWOOD" <barry.leathwood@btinternet.com>; "john berry" <jon.berry@live.co.uk>
Attach: RB1894 FLD Legal Guide_repro_lowres (2)(1).pdf
Subject: Containers on the village green

Hi Aly and Barry,

To assist with the legal position, the FAQ's number 14 regarding buildings on a village green seems quite clear that a container of use for the boat club that is not for 'the better enjoyment of the green' should not be allowed on a village green and is in contravention of section 29 of the Commons Act 1876. See also page 9 of the above guide.

Section 29 states – 'Makes encroachment or inclosure of a green, interference with or occupation of the soil, or the erection of any structure, unlawful unless it is with the aim of improving the enjoyment of the green' - I am sure the installation and occupation of the soil of a rusty old shipping container for the benefit of members of a boat club, contravenes the act.

Also of passing interest is FAQ number 11 on page 15.

Hope this helps.

SSSI situation not known.

Regards

Paul.

Mr. David Rookey
Secretary
Combwich Motorboat and Sailing Club
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7th July 2005

Dear Mr. Rookey

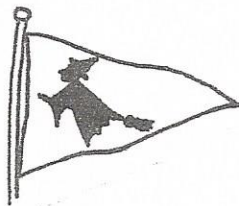
Combwich Pill

I am replying to your Vice Commodore, Mr. Bill Johnson's letter of 29th June which was presented to our meeting last night. Members wish you well as a new group. They did move on to consider the old wooden shed near the Riverside slipway and asked what your plans are for its future.

Yours sincerely,



P.M. Shaw
Clerk to the Council



COMBWICH MOTORBOAT AND SAILING CLUB
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Hon. Secretary.
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Otterhampton Parish Council.

See Reply

Dear Sir/Madam,

29th.June 2005.

For many years there have been two sailing clubs at Combwich The Parrett Boating Club (formerly Hinkley Point Sailing Club) and the Combwich Cruising Club.

At an inaugural meeting on Tuesday the 28th June both clubs passed a resolution to merge as one club to be called the COMBWICH MOTORBOAT AND SAILING CLUB.

We now have a more viable club of forty members able to offer good facilities for boating on the River Parrett Estuary. There are three slipways, boat Parking facilities a club house and small workshop.

The new secrtary is David Rockey and all inquiries for membership should be addressed to him.

Yours faithfully,

Bill Johnson

Vice Commodore

Newton Haul Row
for Harrel Surface

? More steel.

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Mr.D.Johnson
Combwich Cruising Club
3 Harbour View
Combwich
BRIDGWATER

24th January 2004

Dear Mr Johnson

Combwich Common/Village Green

Several of our Parishioners have commented on the condition of a large blue/white cruiser which lies on the bank of the Pill. It is very apparent that the boat is derelict and thus a potential danger especially to children.

Not only is there the damaged woodwork and fittings but it is possible that remnants of fuel may be in the tanks creating a serious fire hazard.

If you know the owner's name and address would you please pass on our concerns and ask that the boat be removed from the location which is owned by the Parish Council and is part of a registered SSSI.

Yours sincerely,



P.M.Shaw
Clerk to the Council

See Bills Letter
to the owner

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SHRH/LAF/1/39/93/003

Mr. Hemming

435288

25 January 1994

Mr. D. C. W. Johnson,
Chairman - Combwich Cruising Club,
3 Harbour View,
COMBWICH,
Bridgwater.
TA5 2QU.

Dear Sir,

Town and Country Planning Act 1990
Use of land to site safety hut at Combwich Cruising Club, The Pill, Combwich

I refer to the above-mentioned proposal for which planning permission no. 1/39/93/003 was granted on 30 June 1993 and to your letter and accompanying plan of 9 July 1993 and your letter and accompanying plan received on 31 December 1993 proposing certain amendments to the approved plans.

There is no objection to this amended proposal which amends the roof design of the hut and relocates it 2 metres to the south.

I am authorised on behalf of the District Planning Authority to approve the consequent departure from the plans originally submitted and approved and this letter is issued for the purpose of amending planning permission no. 1/39/93/003 accordingly. It should be attached to the original certificate already in your possession.

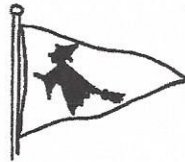
This letter relates only to the matters listed above and does not convey any approval for any other changes that may be embodied in the plans referred to, but not specified in this letter, nor does it convey any approval that may be required to comply with building regulations or any enactment other than the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, and the conditions attached to planning permission no. 1/39/93/003 must still be observed.

Yours faithfully,

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for Principal Development Control Officer

cc Parish Council



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COMBWICH CRUISING CLUB

Chairman. D.C.W. JOHNSON.

3 Harbour View,
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Yr. Ref: SHRH/ TG/1/39/93/003

Dear Sir,

Town and Country Planning Act 1990

Siting of safety cabin at The Pill, Combwich.

I thank you for your letter of the 17th November, The committee have now discussed this application. We want to comply with Mrs Black's wishes upon the siting of the cabin. The cabin will therefore be sited 2 metres from Mrs. Black's boundary wall. The ground will have to be levelled. Whilst undertaking this we propose to excavate about 30 centimetres.

Yours faithfully,

D.C.W. Johnson
D.C.W. JOHNSON.

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SHRH/TG/1/39/93/003

Mr Hemming

435288

17 November 1993

Mr D C W Johnson
Commodore Combwich Cruising Club
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TA5 2QU

Dear Sir

Town and Country Planning Act 1990
Siting of safety hut at The Pill, Combwich

I refer to your letter requesting alterations to the approved plans for the above and apologise for the delay. Unfortunately, the file had been inadvertently been returned to the filing system without it having been dealt with.

I note that you wish to re-site the hut and enclose a plan in order for you to mark the revised siting which should then be returned to me.

You also mention that you intend to excavate slightly to lower the hut. Could you please give an indication of how much excavation would be involved.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully



for Principal Development Control Officer

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Combwich Cruising Club
Mr D C W Johnson-Commodore
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Application No: 1/39/93/3

FDN/2.1

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
Town and Country Planning General Development Order 1988

SEDGEMOOR DISTRICT COUNCIL hereby GRANT PERMISSION in respect of the application of:
Combwich Cruising Club
as described in the plans and particulars received on 13/05/93 .

Parish: OTTERHAMPTON
O.S. Sheet No: 2642
O.S.Grid Ref: 326066 (easting) 142328 (northing)

PROPOSAL: Use of land to site safety hut
LOCATION: Combwich Cruising Club, The Pill, Combwich

PERMISSION IS GRANTED SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

- 1 The development hereby permitted shall be begun not later than the expiration of five years from the date of this permission.

Reason: In accordance with the provisions of Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1990.

- 2 The use hereby permitted shall be discontinued, the safety hut removed, and the land reinstated to its former condition on or before 30 June 1998.

Reason: To enable the local planning authority to review the matter at the end of the limited period specified.

- 3 The building shall be clad and roofed in accordance with the proposed scheme within three months of the date of this permission.

Reason: In the interests of visual amenity.

Dated: 30/06/93

Address: BRIDGWATER HOUSE,
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Director of Development Services



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Working File
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Your ref.: 1/39/93/3

Principal Development Control Officer
Sedgemoor District Council
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For the attention of: Area Team South

21 June 1993



Dear Sir

PLANNING PROPOSAL: ERECTION OF SAFETY HUT
LOCATION: COMBWICH CRUISING CLUB, THE PILL, COMBWICH

1. Thank you for your consultation on this matter.
2. We have studied the response of the Somerset Environmental Records Centre.
3. The application area is within Combwich Common County Wildlife Site which is a coastal grassland and salt marsh with rich flora.
4. However, since the application area falls within a car park, we would not expect the proposal to affect significantly the nature conservation interest of this site.

Yours faithfully

A. Campbell

p.p. DAVID WESTBROOK
Conservation Officer

cc. SERC



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Appendix 8

OTTERHAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

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CLERK

Mr. P.M. Shaw
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The Director of Development Services,
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4th June 1993

Dear Sir,

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

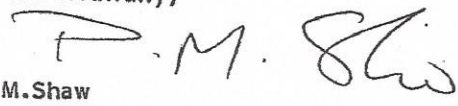
Application No: 1/39/93/3 at The Pill, Combwich

With reference to the above the Parish Council wishes to ^{comment on} ~~object to~~ the proposal for the following reasons:-

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| Visual impact | The proposals as at item 14 be made a condition |
| Environmental | The surrounding area to be kept clear of boats and other club items. This will also ensure access for safety equipment |
| Long term | The use of the hut be limited to the stated use as at item 6 |
| Ownership | As <u>owners</u> of the land the Parish Council insist that the building is temporary and have so indicated to the Cruising Club |

PC have control

Yours faithfully,


P.M. Shaw
Clerk to the Council

Appendix 7

Mr. W. Johnston
Combwich Cruising Club
Harbour View
Combwich
BRIDGWATER
Somerset

26th May 1993

Dear Mr. Johnston,

Cruising Club Building

With reference to your application for Planning Consent for the above I thank you for sight of your draft application and apologise for the delay in replying. I can confirm that Members at our last meeting were generally in agreement to raise no objection to your proposals so long as you undertake to keep the building to the size proposed, provide it with a pitched roof and clad it in treated weather boarding.

When the application comes formally to the Parish I suspect that we will make the same comments to Sedgemoor asking that they be made conditions.

I would also confirm that the building is to be classed as temporary as being on the Village Green and that its use will be limited as stated in your application.

Yours sincerely,



P.M. Shaw
Clerk to the Council

Appendix 6

The Secretary
Combwich Cruising Club
28 Salisbury Street
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19th January 1993

Dear Mr. Pearson,

In reply to your letter of 15th December and referring to your representatives attendance at the 'open' session of our last Parish Council Meeting, I trust that you have had their report on the Councils attitude towards your 'hut'.

For the purpose of maintaining the file record I would confirm that any application you make to the Council for provision of a temporary shed of suitable size and design similar to say a 10 x 8 foot garden shed with pitch roof, would meet with a sympathetic response. We await your approach probably before our next meeting on 4th February.

I would also confirm that you will remove the offending shed at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely,



P.M. Shaw
Clerk to the Council

Reply

Commodore:-

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Secretary/Treasurer:-

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15 December 1992.

Mr Felstead,
Combwich Parish Council,
Combwich,
nr Bridgwater.

Dear Sir,

With reference to our letter to you of 27th August this year, I have to advise you that we intend to apply for planning permission to site our rescue hut at the location first mentioned.

We feel that the arguments expressed in your replying letter are not valid on any counts.

1. The hut would be sited right in the corner of the unuseable portion of the car park alongside the cottage fence.
2. As it would house safety equipment, we would be setting no precedents, no-one else has any need for safety gear. Which, incidentally, is far more likely to be used for others than ourselves as most of our members are self-sufficient in this respect.
3. We can, if necessary, contact English Nature to obtain their approval. The hut is not intended for use for social purposes so I see little reason for refusal.
4. The possibilities of vandalism in Combwich are very remote. The window in question was broken during transit from its original site. The only 'vandalisms' we have come across are i) children throwing stones into the Pill to splash mud. Occasionally this does cause damage, but a quiet word soon stops it. If necessary, we resort to school advice.
ii) Damage to the trees and plants which our members planted. We haven't traced the culprits. Yet.
5. The structure does resemble a construction site shed, because that is what it was. However, a good coat of paint (in whichever colours you would like) would make it almost unnoticeable. It is surprising how many people STILL haven't realised it is there.

It has probably gone un-noticed by the Council, but certain members of Combwich Cruising Club have been totally responsible for several years - for the upkeep of all of the area facing the Combwich stream, that is, the area opposite Hinkley Point Wharf. Were it not for our members, this would, by now be an overgrown, dog-droppings riddled, unkempt area. As it is, the grass is kept short, trees have been planted (despite 4(ii) above), steps have been made - and maintained - in the bank for walkers use, a seat has been placed there for everybody's use, the historic buoy has been renovated and mounted properly and members try, a very difficult job, to discourage the fouling of the area by dogs. There ARE a lot of children who play there. We really do need somewhere to keep the equipment we use to maintain this, as well as our safety gear, and I feel that, by denying the use of this hut, you will be doing more damage to the river walk than good.

We are applying for planning permission. We would appreciate your comments on how to achieve a mutual interest.

Yours sincerely,

Lawrence F. Pearson.

for Combwich Cruising Club

Appendix 4



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29th November 1992

Mr P.M. Shaw
Clerk
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Dear Mr Shaw,

Thank you for your letter of 25th November which has been passed to the Club secretary for his attention.

Yours sincerely,

T.D. Richards
Commodore
Combwich Cruising Club

Mr. T.,. Richards
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25th November 1992

Dear Mr. Richards,

On the 14th September I wrote to your Secretary telling him of the Council's decision concerning the hut that your Club has placed adjacent to the slipway, we must now insist that it be removed.

The views expressed in my above letter still apply and I would suggest your Club consider a more appropriate type of building before approaching the Council again.

Yours sincerely,



P.M. Shaw
Clerk to the Council

Mr. L. Pearson,
Combwich Cruising Club
28 Salisbury Street,
TAUNTON
Somerset TA2 7NB

14th September 1992

Dear Mr. Pearson,

Thank you for your letter dated 27th August in connection with the siting of a hut near the slipway at Combwich. We apologise for not replying sooner but we were waiting to put the matter before the Parish Council at its meeting on 3rd September.


To put you in the picture, the area in question although used for parking, forms part of what is locally known as 'The Common' although it is in fact designated as Village Green.

The Parish Council acts as custodian of the Village Green and has received requests in the past to site a shed and in another instance to drive a car across part of it and in each case the Council has refused the request. This is based on the theory that this land is for the enjoyment of the whole community and its future generations and to grant one request would make it difficult to refuse another.

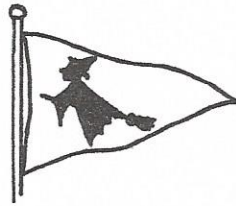
Furthermore, although it is hard to believe, the common is designated a site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) by English Nature who have wide reaching legal powers well beyond those of the Parish Council and they are very unlikely to grant your request. We are allowed only to carry out specific events, e.g. Annual Bonfire, or site specific structures such as swings, or cricket pavillion which were listed at the time the SSSI was imposed.

Lastly the Parish Council does feel that the hut will become vandalised (one window is broken already) and that the structure is obtrusive resembling a construction site shed and for the reasons above regret we are unable to grant your request.

Yours sincerely,

 (Clerk)
for

M. Felstead.
Chairman



COMBWICH CRUISING CLUB

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Mr L. Pearson,
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0823.284146.
27th August 1992.

Mr. Felstead,
Combwich Parish Council,
Combwich.

Dear Mr Felstead,

We would like to site a small hut in the vicinity of the car park/slipway. This would be used as a lookout and to house safety equipment and items to be used in connection with the maintenance of the slipway and surrounding grass areas.

Our original intention was to contact you when you returned from holiday to seek the councils views on the matter. This week, however, we had the opportunity of obtaining a cabin at little cost, but it had to be collected within two days. We took the chance of moving it to where it is at present and are now writing to ask if we can leave it there. We do have an alternative site, but this is not by the slipway and would therefore be of little use as a safety hut, which needs to have an outlook onto the river and harbour.

The hut does need some work on it, but the colour camouflages it quite well and if permission is granted, it will be moved further into the corner which will make it even more unobtrusive.

If you could let us know if we can leave it there, I would be very much obliged.

Yours sincerely,

Lawrence F. Pearson