

COMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 8th April 2015 - Approved

Present

Elena Softley– Chairman
 Michael Green – Vice Chairman
 Paul Williams
 Simon Oliver
 Rachel Whitehead
 Anne-Marie Ferrett
 Cllr Bishop
 Julia Sharpe - Clerk

Members of the Public – None

No.	Item	Minutes	Action
1/15	Apologies	None	
2/15	Questions from the Public	None	
3/15	Mr Hebborn Re. Combe Feast	Mr Hebborn did not attend the meeting as requested. Clerk to contact again	JS
4/5	Register of Interests	None	
5/15	Minutes of the last meetings	Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 11 th March were read and signed as correct.	
6/15	Clerks report and progress on actions	<p>Water in Horns lane – BA Hull outstanding – Clerk to chase. Water from new house – Cllr Richard Bishop to check with WODC Planning.</p> <p>Dead wood in oak trees on the green - completed</p> <p>2015 Elections timetable – deadline for nominations 4pm on the 9th April</p> <p>Posts around the green – details passed to OCC highways – waiting for installation date – Clerk to chase</p> <p>Little Lane footpath – work completed. Paul Williams reported that he had seeded the grass verge</p> <p>OCC Grass Cutting Grant – the grant has been reduced to £429.88. It was agreed to add the item to the June agenda.</p> <p>Parking – Michael Green said that he had added a page to the web-site highlighting the inconsiderate and sometimes dangerous parking issues around the village. It was agreed to check the legal position regarding identification of individual vehicles and the minimum width guidelines. It was also agreed to obtain some flyers to be put on vehicles windscreens advising drivers of incidents of inconsiderate/dangerous parking.</p>	<p>JS RB</p> <p>JS</p> <p>JS</p> <p>JS</p>
7/15	Report from County Councillor	None	
8/15	Report from District Councillor	Cllr Richard Bishop reported that as the build up to the elections develops and all the necessary preliminary work becomes more urgent that Councillor's normal schedules have been put on hold. He emphasised how much the District Council manages to achieve preserving many services and facilities, free car parking and ultra-efficient waste disposal and re-cycling policies with its balanced budget. He said how impressed he had been with care and attention to detail the planning committees took with every planning application.	

9/15	Planning Applications	Applications - Nil Decisions - Southernwood - approved																						
10/15	To Approve Payments and Note Sums Received	<p>Payments</p> <table> <tr> <td>VH&RG – Sinking Fund</td> <td>500</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>OALC – Annual Subscription</td> <td>£133.07</td> <td>£22.18</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ORCC – Annual Subscription</td> <td>£50</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Paul Merry – footpath & green maintenance</td> <td>£150</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>J Sharpe – Clerks Wages</td> <td>£196</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cosy – pre-school play equipment</td> <td>£574.72</td> <td>£95.79</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Trees & Gardens</td> <td>£240</td> <td>£40</td> </tr> </table> <p>Received – Nil</p>	VH&RG – Sinking Fund	500		OALC – Annual Subscription	£133.07	£22.18	ORCC – Annual Subscription	£50		Paul Merry – footpath & green maintenance	£150		J Sharpe – Clerks Wages	£196		Cosy – pre-school play equipment	£574.72	£95.79	Trees & Gardens	£240	£40	
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11/15	Play Park Update	<p>Following the recent vandalism to the picket fence and an arson attempt to the wooden tractor several youths were reported to the police and all have been dealt with under the Youth Restorative System.</p> <p>Simon Oliver queried the covering on the zip wire – Clerk to check with contractor together with the previously reported damage to the swings.</p> <p>Paul Williams reported that the ground work and tree planting was scheduled for Monday 13th April.</p> <p>Anne-Marie Ferrett reported that relocating the dog parking signs appeared to have been successful.</p> <p>Simon Oliver reported that he had fixed a spring on the gate.</p>	<p>JS</p> <p>PW</p>																					
12/15	To approve the 2014/15 Accounts	The 2014/2015 accounts were presented for approval. Elena Softley proposed and Michael Green seconded a motion to approve the accounts. All were in agreement.																						
13/15	To consider a donation to St John's Ambulance	It was agreed not to grant a donation on this occasion as the charity does not have a direct link to the village at this time.																						
14/15	To consider response to WODC Draft Local Plan	The draft plan was discussed and it was agreed that Councillors would submit their comments to the Clerk by 1 st May and that a joint response would then be made.	JS/ES																					
15/15	Urgent Correspondence	TVP – Community Policing Award – passed to Simon Oliver Adopt a telephone kiosk scheme – Red Bag																						
16/15	Any Other Business	The Chairman thanked Paul Williams for his commitment to the Parish Council over the last 8 years and for all of the work that he has undertaken whilst in post.																						
17/15	Next Meeting	The next Parish Council meeting and the Annual meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 13 th May at 7.00 in the small meeting room, followed by the Annual Parish Meeting at 8pm in the main meeting room of the Reading Room, Combe																						