

COMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 12th April 2017 - Approved

Present

Elena Softley (ES) – Chairman
 Michael Green (MG) – Vice Chairman
 Simon Oliver (SO)
 Rachel Whitehead (RW)
 Alan Revell (AR)
 Deborah Phillips (DP)
 Cllr Hudspeth
 Cllr Bishop
 Julia Sharpe - Clerk

Members of the Public – None

No.	Item	Minutes	Action
50/17	Apologies	None	
51/17	Questions from the Public	Request for a dog waste bin at Gritney Hill – clerk to check cost with WODC and all to look at area to determine best location – May agenda Gravel & pothole repair outside Old Marlborough Arms – Clerk to report to OCC Highways Parking in West End – all to look at area to determine position for additional posts – May agenda	JS/All JS All
52/17	Register of Interests	SO – Mayfield Cottage Planning Application	
53/17	2017 Bonfire Arrangements	Bill Oddy, John Hunt and Bob Days attended for this item. It was agreed that bonfire and firework display would be held on Sunday 5 th November and the format would be the same as last year with an additional amount to be spent on fireworks. Further agenda item for October meeting.	JS
54/17	Minutes of the last meetings	Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 8 th March were read and signed as correct.	
55/17	Clerks report and progress on actions	Cutting back of the hedge from Pitt Lane to Abelwood House – Blenheim to cut in the Autumn Rubbish at Combe Halt, Railway – reported to Network Rail and awaiting action Overgrown footpath – Clerk to check Reflectors on new posts – work completed Annual Parish Meeting arrangements – all in hand War memorial – AR to action Overhanging trees outside Alma Grove – Clerk to contact owners.	JS AR JS
56/17	Report from County Councillor	Cllr Hudspeth presented his April report which is available on www.ianhudspeth.com/id11.htm . There were no questions.	
57/17	Report from District Councillor	Cllr Bishop reported that WODC continue to work with Cheltenham Borough, Cotswold and Forest of Dean District Councils and expect to save £1.65m by 2020 and that they are opposed to the County plan for a single unitary authority. Full report will be printed in the Courier	
58/17	Planning Applications	Applications – 17/00720/HHD - Mayfield Cottage, West End – single storey rear extension and two storey rear extension. The application was considered and it was agreed to respond with ‘no comment’	

59/17	<p>To Approve Payments and Note Sums Received</p> <p>To approve Annual Financial Reports</p> <p>Standing Order Mandates</p>	<p>Payments</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Combe Cricket Club</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£250</td> </tr> <tr> <td>J. Sharpe</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£196</td> </tr> <tr> <td>March Wages – Standing Order</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bank Charges</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Community First</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£55</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Annual Subscription</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>P. Merry</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£25</td> </tr> <tr> <td>village maintenance</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>Received –</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>VAT repayment</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£525.46</td> </tr> <tr> <td>WODC – ½ year precept</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£6,625.50</td> </tr> </table> <p>The 2016/17 accounts and summary payment details were presented and discussed. Michael Green proposed that they be accepted and Simon Oliver seconded the proposal. All were in agreement and a resolution passed.</p> <p>The Annual Governance statement and Section 2 of the Annual return were completed and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.</p> <p>Direct payment mandates for quarterly HMRC payments and monthly Clerks wages were agreed and signed by relevant account signatories.</p>	Combe Cricket Club	£250	J. Sharpe	£196	March Wages – Standing Order		Bank Charges	£1	Community First	£55	Annual Subscription		P. Merry	£25	village maintenance		VAT repayment	£525.46	WODC – ½ year precept	£6,625.50	<p style="text-align: center;">VAT</p>
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60/17	Play Park Update	<p>The Clerk was pleased to report that Anne-Marie Ferret has agreed to continue with the play park inspections until another councillor can be trained. Damage to the ground under the small slide was reported and it was agreed to ask Paul Merry to make good.</p>	JS																				
61/17	OCC Grass Cutting Contract	<p>Simon Oliver proposed and Deborah Phillips seconded a motion to sign the annual OCC Grass Cutting contract.</p>																					
62/17	National Get Together weekend	<p>The Chairman reported that the weekend of 17th/18th June has been designated as a National Great Get Together weekend in memory of the late Jo Cox MP. The Church will be holding a Songs of Praise and it was agreed to suggest that the Parish Council contribute towards a community get together after the service. The Chairman agreed to contact the Church.</p>	ES																				
63/17	Urgent Correspondence	<p>Cllr Tony Merry – National Park Status for Cotswolds – Red bag.</p>																					
64/17	Next Meeting	<p>The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 10th May at 7.00pm preceded by the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and followed by the Annual Parish Meeting in the Reading Room, Combe</p>																					