

# COMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2018 - approved

## Present

Michael Green (MG) – Chairman  
 Simon Oliver (SO)  
 Rachel Whitehead (RW)  
 Alan Revell (AR)  
 Cllr Bishop  
 Julia Sharpe - Clerk

Members of the Public – None

No.	Item	Minutes	Action
53/18	Apologies	Elena Softley, Deborah Phillips, Cllr Hudspeth	
54/18	Questions from the Public	Mrs Rawlings raised a question regarding the condition of Akeman Street from the Stonesfield Road junction to the Orchard Close junction. Following discussion, it was agreed to arrange for a quote to cut the grass back to the original path width and for the Clerk to write to residents asking them to check that their shrubs and curtilages do not overhang the path.	AR JS
55/18	Register of Interests	None	
56/18	Minutes of the last meetings	Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> April were read. Cllr Bishop asked for second sentence in his report to be amended to read – .. it now seems <b>likely</b> that the Cala proposal for development in Woodstock Road, Stonesfield will <b>not</b> materialise. The minutes were then signed as correct.	
57/18	Clerks report and progress on actions	<p><b>Establishing land ownership, Knott Oaks</b> – Cllr Bishop to follow up with WODC</p> <p><b>Dog bin progress update</b> – The Clerk reported that she had again contacted WODC who had assured her that the bin would be installed as soon as possible</p> <p><b>Broadband cabinet update</b> – No update but AR said that he would contact them again</p> <p><b>Village Spring Clean</b> – the Chairman reported that the event had been well attended and very successful and that a vast amount of litter had been collected. Concern regarding rubbish in the woods at Square Firs was discussed and it was agreed to ask Blenheim to participate next year.</p> <p><b>Annual Parish Meeting</b> – the Clerk reported that invitations had been sent to all village groups and that Phil Shaw from WODC Planning Department had confirmed that he would attend.</p> <p><b>Computer purchase</b> – following receipt of the Transparency Grant it was agreed to go ahead with the purchase of a computer and scanner for the Parish Council as per the original specification and quote. Clerk to arrange</p>	Cllr B JS AR JS
58/18	Report from County Councillor	Cllr Hudspeth was unable to attend. His April report which is available on <a href="http://www.ianhudspeth.com/id11.htm">www.ianhudspeth.com/id11.htm</a> was discussed and there were no questions.	
59/18	Report from District Councillor	Cllr Bishop reported that the 2018/19 budget had been approved. He also reported that there are 17 seats available with 67 candidates for the May elections.	
60/18	Planning	<b>Applications</b> – None	

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61/18	To Approve Payments and Note Sums Received	<p><b>Payments</b></p> <p>J. Sharpe – March Wages £201.12  HMRC PAYE £400.80  P. Merry Verges and posts £75</p> <p><b>Received –</b></p> <p>Transparency Grant £882.47  VAT Return £633.54</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>VAT</b></p>	
62/18	Certificate of Exemption, Accounts and Summary Payments	The Chairman signed the Certificate of Exemption to be submitted to the External Auditors for the financial year 2017/18, SO proposed and RW seconded a motion to approve the 2017/18 accounts and summary payments.	JS
63/18	Play Park Update	The Clerk reported that regular inspections had taken place throughout the month. The cover on the zip wire requires replacing. It was agreed to ask Trevor Stewart to undertake the work. Also raised was concern regarding the climbing stones splintering. It was agreed to monitor the situation. Due to the weather conditions the area is extremely muddy but fairly clear of rubbish.	
64/18	Speedwatch Update	AR reported that the campaign had re-started with 6 volunteers re-joining to date and that the speed of one car had been recorded at 38mph. Details of drivers exceeding the speed limit will be forwarded to the local PCSO on a fortnightly basis. AR said that he intended to produce an on-line calendar for the volunteers to complete every two weeks and that more volunteers would be welcome.	
65/18	Neighbourhood /Local Plan Update	Further discussion pending attendance of Phil Shaw at the Annual Parish Meeting.	
66/18	Urgent Correspondence	None	
67/18	Next Meeting	The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May at 7.00, followed by the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and the Annual Parish Meeting in the Reading Room, Combe	