

COMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 10th April 2019 - Approved

Present

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

Members of the Public – 3

No.	Item	Minutes	Action
56/19	Apologies	Simon Oliver (SO)	
57/19	Blenheim Update	Dominic Hare, CEO, Blenheim updated the meeting on Blenheim's 2018 achievements which included a 10% increase on paid visitor numbers, the delivery of 7 affordable homes, the acquisition of Pye homes, additional planning sites north of Woodstock and Green Lane, Woodstock and the successful hosting of a state leader. 2019 developments outlined included the new attraction of the Shakespeare Rose Theatre, the introduction of the Oxford Pass and planned delivery of 24 more affordable homes.	
58/19	Combe Hub	Clare Paterson and Andrew Hobson attended from the Combe Hub' Clare presented the case for requesting a one off £9,000 grant from the Parish Council to go towards the extension and improvement works to the chapel building in Park Road, Combe. She said that planning permission had been granted for two single storey extensions to provide additional toilet, kitchen, storage and access facilities. The estimated project cost is £98,000 and work is expected to begin in 2020. Other options to fund the project with grants, donations and fund-raising initiatives are being explored and a commitment from the Parish Council of 9% of the expected project costs would enable them to seek further grants through match funding.	
59/19	Questions from the Public	Uneven footpath outside Little Manor Cottage, Church Walk – JS to report to OCC – Fix My Street Request for a bench along Chatterpie Lane – June agenda item	JS JS
60/19	Register of Interests	Michael Green – Planning application Chairman – Community Hub Donation	
61/19	Minutes of the last meetings	Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 13 th March 2019 were read and signed as correct.	
62/19	Clerks report and progress on actions	Tree outside number 44 Knott Oaks – OCC dealing Broadband cabinet update – AR - ongoing Land behind Knott Oaks garages – ongoing with Blenheim Lighting at The Halt – JS to contact Great Western again	AR JS
63/19	Report from County Councillor	Cllr Hudspeth reported on the A40 bid for £102 million and said that if successful the bid will deliver: Extension of the A40 dual carriageway from Witney to the proposed Eynsham park and ride, including improving cycling facilities along the route.	

		<p>Extension of the A40 westbound bus lane from west of Duke's Cut canal and railway bridges to the proposed Eynsham park and ride.</p> <p>A40 Capacity and Connectivity Improvements at Duke's Cut Canal and Railway Bridges - Provision of an eastbound bus route over the A40 Duke's Cut canal and railway bridges on the approach to Wolvercote including improved cycle facilities over the bridges and a link joining the A40 cycle route to National Cycle Network route 5 along the Oxford Canal.</p> <p>The proposals seek to increase A40 highway capacity for all users of the route between Witney and Eynsham, while providing a high-quality, congestion-free, public transport alternative for travel between Eynsham and Oxford.</p> <p>Interchange would be made possible at Eynsham Park & Ride, part of the A40 Science Transit 2 Scheme.</p> <p>These additional funds are on top of the £215 million Growth Deal fund and the additional £120 million cabinet approved last year. If the HIF 2 bid for the A40 is successful, then it'll mean that the investment in Oxfordshire's infrastructure will be over £650 million which is a major boost for our economy.</p> <p>Cllr Hudspeth's full April report can be viewed at: lanhudspeth.com.</p>																																		
64/19	Report from District Councillor	Cllr Bishop reported on the progress of the proposed Cala housing development in Stonesfield with a decision expected in May. He said that funds were still available in the Community Revenue Budget and urged groups to apply. The decision on Enstone Airfield Museum has been deferred for additional information																																		
65/19	Planning Applications	<p>Applications –</p> <p>19/00714/HHD – Bays Lea, Horns Lane – no comment or objections</p> <p>MG left the room for this item</p> <p>19/00718/HHD – Manor Farm, Park Road – no comment or objections</p>																																		
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67/19	Year end and summary payments Bank Mandates	<p>MG proposed and RW seconded a motion to approve the 2018/19 accounts and summary payments.</p> <p>ES proposed and DP seconded a motion to approve signature of bank mandates for standing orders to the Clerk and HMRC.</p>																																		
68/19	Play Park Update	The Clerk reported that the bark chip for the zip wire and sand for the climbing frame required topping up – Clerk to contact Trevor Stewart. No other issues were reported.																																		
70/19	VDS Update	DP reported that 36 people attended the public meeting of which 16 had stated an interest to become involved and 1 a																																		

		wish to join the steering group. Other feedback had been useful especially the need to engage with the whole village from the initial stages. A steering group meeting is to be held in May with consultations taking place during the summer.	
71/19	Speedwatch Update	AR reported that the speed watch campaign would take place after Easter. He also provided further information on Speed Detection Devices and undertook to produce a comparison chart for the next meeting.	
72/19	Combe Hub Donation	The Chairman left the room for this item. Following discussion RW proposed that the grant of £9,000 be approved but paid over three financial years. MG seconded the proposal. All were in agreement and a Resolution Passed. Clerk to notify Combe Hub Committee. The Chairman returned.	
73/19	Urgent Correspondence	None	
74/19	A.O.B.	The Chairman thanked Rachel Whitehead for the work that she had undertaken on behalf of the Parish Council over the last 7 years.	
75/19	Next Meeting	The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 8 th May at 7.00, followed by the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, followed at 8pm by the Annual Parish Meeting in the Reading Room, Combe	