

COMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 13th December 2017- Approved

Present

Elena Softley– Chairman
 Michael Green – Vice Chairman
 Rachel Whitehead
 Alan Revell
 Deborah Phillips
 Cllr Bishop
 Julia Sharpe - Clerk

Members of the Public – None

No.	Item	Minutes	Action
173/17	Apologies	Simon Oliver, Cllr Hudspeth	
174/17	Questions from the Public	None	
175/17	Register of Interests	None	
176/17	Minutes of the last meetings	Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 8 th November were read and signed as correct.	
177/17	Clerks report and progress on actions	<p>Fly-tipping, Knott Oaks – Ownership of land still outstanding. RW agreed to investigate further. Clerk to forward relevant e-mails.</p> <p>Dog bin – no response from WODC. Cllr Bishop agreed to intervene. Clerk to forward relevant e-mails.</p> <p>Stonesfield Road and Akeman Street Hedges – Owners have agreed to cut back. Overgrown hedges in other areas still considered to be a problem. It was agreed to monitor the situation and contact owners individually.</p> <p>Broadband Cabinet Repair – Ongoing</p> <p>Copy of Register of Electors – application forms to be distributed</p> <p>End of Year Accounts Training – 18th January – agreed for Clerk to attend</p>	<p>RW</p> <p>Cllr B</p> <p>JS</p> <p>JS</p>
178/17	Report from County Councillor	Not present	
179/17	Report from District Councillor	Cllr Bishop reported on planning issues currently affecting Stonesfield and Long Hanborough and how prospective developers are able to take advantage of the lack of a WODC Local Plan.	
180/17	Planning Applications	<p>Applications</p> <p>17/03882/HHD & 17/0883/LBC – The Cottage, 19 Akeman Street – Alterations and erection of single storey rear extension – no comments or objections</p>	JS
181/17	To Approve Payments and Note Sums Received	<p>Payments</p> <p>J. Sharpe £201.12</p> <p>Wages (November) Standing Order</p> <p>HMRC £400.80</p> <p>(PAYE – October Standing Order)</p> <p>P. Merry £50</p> <p>(2 months green maintenance)</p> <p>Received –</p> <p>Nil</p>	VAT
182/17	Play Park Update	The Clerk reported that regular inspections had been	

		completed and that there were no issues to report at this time.	
183/17	Speedwatch Update	The Chairman began by thanking AR for his commitment to this project. AR proposed that as a result of the surveys undertaken to date the campaign should start in the New Year. All were in agreement. It was agreed that the Chairman and AR would write a report for the January Courier. Agenda item for the January meeting.	ES/AR
184/17	Budget and Precept	The budget and precept figures were discussed and it was agreed to restrict the precept increase to around 2%. Final figures to be agreed at the January meeting.	JS
185/17	Briefing from WODC Parish Meeting	The Chairman reported that the meeting had been interesting and useful and that the main topics had included the WODC budget, Publicia employment and rubbish collection. A copy of the slides are available for circulation.	
186/17	Urgent Correspondence	Citizens Advice – Thankyou Letter	
187/17	Next Meeting	The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 10 th January 2018 at 7.30 in the Reading Room, Combe	