

COMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 12th December 2018 - Approved

Present

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

Members of the Public – None

No.	Item	Minutes	Action
186/18	Apologies	Simon Oliver (SO)	
187/18	Questions from the Public	A question regarding an application to register the triangle of land opposite The Old Marlborough Arms adjacent to the footpath along Church Walk and the highway was discussed. It was agreed to contact Land Registry to register a Custom and Practice interest as the land has been used for public parking since the pub closed in 1969.	JS
188/18	Register of Interests	ES – Methodist Chapel planning application. MG – extended 30mph speed limit	
189/18	VH&RG Committee Update	On behalf of the VH&RG committee AR reported briefly on the committee's financial situation. AR to invite a representative to the January meeting.	AR
190/18	Minutes of the last meetings	Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 14 th November were read and signed as correct.	
191/18	Clerks report and progress on actions	<p>Clerks Report/Update</p> <p>Broadband cabinet update – AR reported that enquiries are still ongoing</p> <p>Actions from Walk – it was agreed not to take any further action at this time.</p> <p>Railway maintenance tree works – Network rail have responded that the work is ongoing maintenance work and that a final inspection of the area will be carried out once work is complete.</p> <p>Land behind Knott Oaks garages – ongoing</p> <p>Tree guard – Paul Williams has agreed to make a guard</p> <p>Works to trees on the village green – contact approved and work to be undertaken before March 2019</p> <p>Permissive Paths – response from OCC that permissive paths are made in agreement with the land owner. Interested parties notified and awaiting further communication.</p> <p>Villager Bus Stop – in agreement with the providers of the service it was agreed that the bus stop will not be moved and that drivers are happy to stop anywhere along the route to pick up passengers. Updated timetable printed.</p> <p>2019 Elections – Elections due in May - it was agreed to mention the forthcoming elections in the Courier report.</p>	
192/18	Report from County Councillor	Cllr Hudspeth was unable to attend. His December report which is available on www.ianhudspeth.com/id11.htm was discussed and there were no questions.	
193/18	Report from District	Cllr Bishop reported that WODC had received a revised	

	Councillor	planning application for a motor museum at Enstone, WODC are planning to increase the powers of the Planning Enforcement Department and WODC have agreed a budget of over £11m.	
194/18	Planning Applications	Applications – Combe Methodist Church (Combe Community Hub), Park Road, 18/03048/FUL – Alterations and erection of single storey extensions – no objections or comments Whittons, Park Road, 18/00192/PENF – alleged unauthorised engineering operations – dumping topsoil and rubble – Clerk to report to the WODC Enforcement Officer.	
195/18	To Approve Payments and Note Sums Received	Payments J. Sharpe –October (SO) £210.40 R. Days (Bonfire equipment) .93p P. Merry – Playpark £45 orange fencing C. Browning – Internal Audit £240 Received – None	VAT £40
196/18	Annual Review of Clerks wages	The Chairman proposed an increase in the Clerks Salary to Scale 14 together with the 2019 increment. RW seconded the proposal, all were in agreement and a Resolution passed. New pay scale to be implemented from April 2019. The Chairman asked for the PC's thanks for the amount of work undertaken by the Clerk to be recorded in the minutes.	
197/18	Budget and Precept	The 2019/2020 budget was discussed. MG proposed accepting the revised Budget, DP seconded the proposal, all were in agreement and a resolution was passed. The 2019/20 Precept was agreed. ES proposed its acceptance, RW seconded the proposal, all were in agreement and a Resolution was passed.	
198/18	Play Park Update	JS reported that one of the dog posts had been removed and replaced in it's fitting upside down. It was agreed to ask Paul Merry to re-fit the post but if problem continues to remove it altogether.	
199/18	Speedwatch Update	JS reported that 2 requests for quotes for Speed Indicator Devices were outstanding.	
200/18	30mph speed limit extensions	Correspondence from OCC offering to make a site visit. Clerk to arrange.	
201/18	Combe Village Design Statement	DP and explained that a VDS seeks to protect and enhance the distinctive visual character of a place. It will cover the village and surrounding countryside in the parish and that a VDS can be a valuable planning tool at this time of rapid change when demands for additional housing and services can transform landscapes through new building, increasing traffic flows and loss of open space. A VDS describes the distinctive characteristics of a locality that are important to the local community, and, once approved by WODC, should be taken into consideration in any future development. It was agreed to form a Steering Group to oversee the process of local consultation and assembling of material in preparation for the VDS. DP to write an article for Courier asking for volunteers.	DP
202/18	Ongoing works at The Halt	AR queried the new lights along the platform at the Halt. It was agreed establish with WODC Planning Department whether or not planning permission would have been required.AR to obtain photographs	AR/JS
203/18	Conservation Area	MG reported work to trees within the Conservation Area at Sparrow Hall, 34 Akeman Street by SEB. Clerk to check with	JS

		Nick Dalby, WODC Tree Officer	
204/18	Citizens Advice Bureau Donation	RW proposed making a donation of £50, DP seconded the proposal, all were in agreement and a Resolution was passed.	
205/18	Carol Service	Readers allocated by Church this year.	
206/18	Urgent Correspondence	An e-mail from Christine Smith thanking the PC for a recent donation to the Combe Courier was read out.	
207/18	Next Meeting	The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 9 th January 2019 at 7.30 in the Reading Room, Combe	