

## COMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 11th December 2019 - approved

### Present

Elena Softley (ES) – Chairman  
 Alan Revell (AR) – Vice Chairman  
 Michael Green (MG)  
 Deborah Phillips (DP)  
 Denise Cripps (DC)  
 John Hunt (JH)  
 Cllr Bishop  
 Julia Sharpe - Clerk

Members of the Public – None

No.	Item	Minutes	Action
187/19	Apologies	Cllr Hudspeth	
188/19	Questions from the Public	None	
189/19	Register of Interests	None	
190/19	Minutes of the last meetings	Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November were read and signed as correct.	
191/19	Clerks report and progress on actions	<p><b>Broadband cabinet update</b> – DC reported that the cabinet will be repaired by Openreach on 27.2.20. DC also reported that Gigaclear have said that Combe is to be considered for full fibre broadband in the second quarter of 2020. It was agreed to invite Gigaclear to the January meeting to discuss the implications further.</p> <p><b>Church Walk o/s Little Lodge</b> – Clerk to obtain 2 further quotes for repair</p> <p><b>Playpark update</b> – inspections have taken place and there are no outstanding issues at this time</p> <p><b>Lighting at Combe Halt</b> – nothing new to report</p> <p><b>Blenheim Road Closures</b> – awaiting a response from Roy Cox</p> <p><b>Outstanding with OCC Highways and P. Merry</b> – Clerk and JH to write to OCC and clerk to check with PM</p> <p><b>Akeman Street bench</b> – repair to bench agreed</p> <p><b>Blocked ditch at Railway Bridge</b> – OCC have responded saying that it is the landowner's responsibility</p> <p><b>Swan Bridge</b> – The Chairman reported that the landowner had said that works will be carried out once he has identified a contractor</p>	<p>DC</p> <p>JS</p> <p>JH/JS</p> <p>JS</p>
192/19	Report from County Councillor	Cllr Hudspeth was unable to attend. His December report was discussed and there were no questions.	
193/19	Report from District Councillor	Cllr Bishop reported that the Water day had proved to be a good public relations exercise and would be repeated next year. Parking restrictions and the enforcement of them will be strengthened for the following areas: Langdale Gate, Matriotts close, and some parts of the Woolgate car park. Woodstock parking problems are to be the subject of a period of public consultation.	

194/19	Planning Applications	None	
195/19	To Approve Payments and Note Sums Received	<p><b>Payments</b></p> <p>J. Sharpe – November (SO) £298.84</p> <p>D. Phillips – envelopes £9.99</p> <p>WODC – Grass Cutting August and September £632 £107.08</p> <p>OALC – Course Fees £60 £10</p> <p><b>Received</b></p> <p>J. Sharpe – £74.60</p> <p>Repayment of overpaid wages</p>	
196/19	2020/21 Budget and Precept	The budget for 2020/21 was discussed. AR proposed that the budget be accepted, JH seconded the proposal. All were in agreement and a Resolution was made. The Precept for 2020/21 was discussed and agreed that it would remain the same as 2019/20. MG proposed that the precept be accepted, DP seconded the proposal, all were in agreement and a Resolution was made. Clerk to submit application to WODC.	JS
197/19	Village Design Statement Update	DP reported that 166 responses had been received providing good demographic information. The steering group will meet in January and analysis of the data collected will be undertaken in the new year. The Chairman thanked DP for all of her work on this to date.	
198/19	Speedwatch Update	DP reported that initial analysis of question 11 on the Village Design Statement questionnaire shows that 50% of those who responded were in favour of more signage and traffic calming measures, 34% were not in favour, 14% were unsure and 2% did not answer the question. It was agreed that a Speed Indicator Device (SID) would be less intrusive and a better longer-term investment than speed humps which would require lighting which would alter the character of the village. It was agreed to apply to the County Councillor's Priority Fund for funding. AR clarified that only one type of power source would be required meaning that if the solar-powered option was decided only the 'solar starter pack' would need to be costed.	ES
199/19	Path across the Little Green	The clerk reported that a quote for repair to the footpath had been received from G. Hill, the original contractor. It was agreed to obtain 2 further quotes for consideration at the January meeting.	JS
200/19	Donation to Volunteer Link-Up	<b>Donations</b> – a donation of £50 to the Volunteer Link Up charity based in Witney was discussed. DP proposed the donation, MG seconded the proposal, all were in agreement. DP agreed to contact the charity for information relating to Combe involvement. Clerk to raise cheque for the January meeting	DP JS
201/19	Annual Review of Clerk's wages and pension contribution	The annual pay review resulted in the Clerks wage remaining the same. The Clerk reported that the on-line pension re-declaration information had been submitted to the Pensions Regulator.	
202/19	Urgent Correspondence	None	
203/19	Next Meeting	The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 7.30 in the Reading Room, Combe	

