

# COMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2019 - Approved

## Present

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

Members of the Public – one

No.	Item	Minutes	Action
1/19	Apologies	Cllr Hudspeth	
2/19	Questions from the Public	Complaint received about rubbish and dustbins left on Little Green – Clerk to write to residents who use the area for their dustbins to advise them to clear way the bins as soon as possible after collection and to dispose of any uncollected rubbish promptly.	JS
3/19	Register of Interests	MG – Item 14	
4/19	Minutes of the last meetings	Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December were read and signed as correct.	
5/19	Clerks report and progress on actions	<p>Broadband cabinet update – AR - ongoing</p> <p>Land behind Knott Oaks garages – MG – no update</p> <p>Whittons, Park Road, 18/00192/PENF – Enforcement officer has visited the site and has been assured that the subsoil will be removed professionally at the appropriate time. Follow up visit scheduled.</p> <p>The Old Marlborough Arms - Land Registry confirm that the land in front of the property currently used for parking is not included in the registration.</p> <p>New lighting at The Halt – photos sent to WODC. Clerk to check again with Network Rail when result of that enquiry known</p> <p>Tree work by SEB at Sparrow Hall – Tree Officer has advised that SEB are able to undertake necessary work without notification. Complainant advised to contact SEB direct.</p> <p>WODC Town and Parish Meeting – 7<sup>th</sup> March – Chairman and Clerk to attend,</p> <p>Section 137 payment allowance for 2019 - £8.12 per person – noted.</p>	<p>AR MG</p> <p>JS</p> <p>JS</p>
6/19	VH&RG Update	Mike Lloyd provided an update on the current financial situation. He said that the billing process was being sorted and that the WODC Council Tax had been paid meaning that rubbish collections should recommence. He said that a list of maintenance issues was being compiled and that grant applications would need to be made. The Chairman and DP offered to provide help with the grant application process if required. The Chairman thanked Mike for the update and asked to see a copy of the accounts and to be notified of the AGM date.	

7/19	Report from County Councillor	Apologies received – no report received to discuss.	
8/19	Report from District Councillor	Cllr Bishop reported that there were no matters directly affecting Combe. On behalf of WODC he apologised for any unpleasant telephone experiences people may have had with the help desk.	
9/19	Planning Applications	<b>Applications</b> – None	
10/19	To Approve Payments and Note Sums Received	<p><b>Payments</b></p> <p>J. Sharpe – December (SO)                      £210.40</p> <p>HMRC – PAYE    £420</p> <p>Citizens Advice Bureau Donation              £50</p> <p><b>Received</b> – None</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>VAT</b></p>	
11/19	Receipts and Payments and Summary Payments	<p>The Receipts and Payments accounts and Summary payment accounts were circulated.</p> <p>The Chairman proposed acceptance of both reports, MG seconded the proposal, all were in agreement and a Resolution passed.</p>	
12/19	Play Park Update	The Clerk reported that there were no issues outstanding at this time.	
13/19	Speedwatch Update	<p>AR reported that no speed surveys had been undertaken during the month. AR shared pictures of 20mph signs in Western on the Green – it was agreed that AR would make further enquiries.</p> <p>Quotes for Speed Detection Devices still outstanding – Clerk to obtain 3 quotes for the next meeting.</p>	AR JS
14/19	30mph speed limit extensions	Meeting with OCC Highways scheduled for Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> January. MG, AR, DP and clerk to attend.	
15/19	Combe Village Design Statement	DP said that as a result of the Courier article some interest had been received. It was agreed to hold a General Village Meeting in April to target individuals, village charities and groups, to put up posters and leaflet every household. The Chairman, AR and The Clerk volunteered to be part of the group.	
16/19	Elections Update	The Chairman agreed to write an article for the February Courier urging people to consider standing for the position of Councillor and outlining the process.	ES
17/19	Urgent Correspondence	None	
Next Meeting		The next meeting of Combe Parish Council will be on Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2019 at 7.30pm in the Reading Room, Combe	