

COMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 8th January 2020 - approved

Present

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

Members of the Public – None

No.	Item	Minutes	Action
01/20	Apologies	Cllr Bishop	
02/20	Questions from the Public	None	
03/20	Register of Interests	JH – item 13	
04/20	Minutes of the last meetings	Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 11 th December 2019 were read and signed as correct.	
05/20	Clerks report and progress on actions	<p>Broadband update – Gigaclear representative to attend February meeting. DC and AR to visit Gigaclear offices beforehand.</p> <p>VDS update – DP reported that 169 (53%) completed questionnaires had been received. Steering Group meeting on 16th January to begin process of evaluating results.</p> <p>Playpark update – inspections have been undertaken. No issues at present.</p> <p>Lighting at Combe Halt – waiting response from Nicola Scott, GWR. Chairman and Clerk to follow up.</p> <p>Blenheim Road Closures – Clerk to contact Roy Cox for an update.</p> <p>Outstanding works with OCC Highways – Clerk to e-mail OCC and copy Cllr Hudspeth.</p> <p>Outstanding works with P. Merry – additional post in West End and posts along wall to Pound Cottage. Replace Protect our verge posters.</p> <p>Akeman Street bench – repaired. Letter of thanks to G. Miles.</p> <p>Oak tree sapling – (100 years since the end of WW1) – Letter to VHRC to request approval for replacement of the sapling on the Recreation Ground.</p> <p>Great British Clean Up – Saturday 4th April. Clerk to contact WODC for litter pickers and high-viz jackets.</p>	<p>DC/AR</p> <p>DP</p> <p>ES/JS</p> <p>JS</p> <p>JS</p> <p>JS</p> <p>JS</p> <p>JS</p> <p>JS</p>
06/20	Report from County Councillor	<p>Cllr Hudspeth reported that the Government now has an opportunity to find a solution to the funding of Local Government. The settlement announcement before Christmas will help this year, however longer-term solution is required especially for Adult and Children’s social care.</p> <p>Hanborough Station - positive news has been received regarding increasing the number of trains to 4 per hour (two each way). Consideration is being given to increasing the 233-</p>	

		bus service to 3 per hour and the possibility of joint ticketing options. Cllr Hudspeth's full report is available on www.ianhudspeth.com MG asked about gulley clearing – Cllr assured the meeting that the service was still provided. Clerk to contact OCC.	JS																											
07/20	Report from District Councillor	The Chairman read Cllr Bishop's report. Cllr Bishop reported that the Council is in the process of amending the Council Plan which deals with internal procedures and the responsibilities of Overview and Scrutiny committees. The Council is to consider a proposal to apply Council Tax discounts to care leavers until the age of 21 and people aged between 21 – 25 who meet extra eligibility criteria. In an attempt to prevent fly tipping, a fixed penalty notice of £400 with a £200 early payment reduction will be imposed. The initial draft budget for 2020/21 is to be considered later this month.																												
08/20	Planning Applications	Applications – None																												
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10/20	Accounts and Summary payments	The Accounts and Summary Payment reports were presented for approval. DP proposed that the reports be accepted, JH seconded the proposal, all were in agreement and a Resolution was passed.																												
11/20	Speedwatch Update	The Chairman reported that the application form for a grant from the County Councillor's Priority Fund for funding for 2 Speed Indicator Devices was ready for submission.	ES																											
12/20	Repair to footpath across the Little Green	Three quotes for repair to the footpath across the Little Green were circulated for consideration. JH proposed acceptance of the quote from G. Hill contractors, ES seconded the proposal, all were in agreement and a Resolution was passed.	JS																											
13/20	Repair to Church Walk	JH left the room for this item. Four quotes for repair to Church Walk outside Little Lodge were circulated for consideration. MG proposed acceptance of the quote from Garden Wizard, DC seconded the proposal, all were in agreement and a Resolution was passed.	JS																											
14/20	Urgent Correspondence	None																												
15/20	Next Meeting	The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 12 th February 2020 at 7.30 in the Reading Room, Combe																												

