

COMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 13th July 2016 - Approved

Present

Elena Softley– Chairman
 Michael Green – Vice Chairman
 Simon Oliver
 Rachel Whitehead
 Anne-Marie Ferrett
 Alan Revell
 Julia Sharpe - Clerk

Members of the Public – None

No.	Item	Minutes	Action
52/16	Apologies	Cllr Bishop	
53/16	Questions from the Public	Concern re. overgrown hedge in Stonesfield Road – agenda item for August village walk.	
54/16	Register of Interests	None	
55/16	Minutes of the last meetings	Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 7 th July were read. Item 39/16 was amended to read June report. The minutes were then signed as correct.	
56/16	Clerks report and progress on actions	Repainting of the zig-zag lines and slow sign outside the school – OCC will undertake work in August Little Lane – Footpath Only/No Bridleway signs – no response from OCC – it was agreed to purchase and erect signs. AED Training – 10am Saturday 3 rd September – Clerk to advertise	JS JS
57/16	Report from County Councillor	Not present. The County Councillor's July report was discussed and is available on the OCC web-site at: www.ianhudspeth.com/id11.html .	
58/16	Report from District Councillor	Cllr Bishop provided the following report which was read in his absence: WODC held a workshop on possible new sites for housing development up to 2031. Combe has two, discussed at the last meeting. Stonesfield also has two: one an extension of the Charity Farm development, which is in the process of being built, to offer a further 50 dwellings. The second on a field abutting the Woodstock Road, opposite Charity Farm, the field owned by the Evins family, offering up to 120 dwellings. Neither is yet subject to a formal planning application. Hanborough's refused application has been accepted by the planning inspectorate. Cllr Bishop also expressed his delight that the District Council has accepted Combe's request for Community Facilities Grant.	
59/16	Planning Applications	Applications – Nil Decisions – Nil	
60/16	To Approve Payments and Note Sums Received To approve the first quarter summary payments accounts	Payments J. Sharpe – Wages £196 (June – Standing Order) P. Merry £40 (telephone box and bus shelter) HMRC – (PAYE – SO) £391.20 Bank Charges £1	VAT

		<p>WODC – Grass cutting (May) £284.83 £47.47 Received – OCC Grass Cutting Grant £429.88</p> <p>The summary of accounts for the period 1st April – 30th June was agreed and signed by the Chairman and RFO.</p>	
61/16	Play Park Update	Anne-Marie Ferrett reported that the sand and bark had not been replenished nor the zip wire tightened - Clerk to check with Trevor Stewart. Also mentioned was concern about the safety of the perimeter wall – Clerk to write to VH&RG and about the wall and Trees and Garden about the health of one of the fruit trees.	JS
62/16	Methodist Chapel/Combe Community Hub Update	The Chairman reported that the full £50,000 grant had been awarded by WODC and thanked Cllr Bishop for his support. The CCH committee are in the process of registering as a Charity and with HMRC for Gift Aid. The drainage issue, which has been an ongoing problem is due to be resolved by the Methodists during the school holiday period. Additional funding is still required to enable dual usage of the building during the daytime. Despite the offer having been accepted in April May the contract still has not been received.	
63/16	Reinstatement of village green o/side Green Close and additional posts	Simon Oliver and Anne-Marie Ferrett reported that they had met with Paul Merry and had agreed the siting of the posts and for the additional posts to be inserted along the existing edge of the green opposite the Old Chapel. Simon Oliver agreed to meet with Mr and Mrs Freeland to inform them of the work and obtain agreement for the placement of the posts at the end of the footpath.	SO
64/16	Weed control and additional grass cutting	The overgrown state of the Back of Alma footpath and weeds along the play park wall were discussed. It was agreed to contact OCC and Paul Merry. Concern about the Back of Alma fence was discussed – Michael Green agreed to attend at it. Other areas to be considered on the village walk in August.	JS MG
65/16	Response to the Blenheim Palace World Heritage Site Management Plan Review	It was agreed that whilst the Parish of Combe values its links to the Blenheim Palace World Heritage site and recognises the associated benefits, the building programme currently being undertaken by Blenheim is impacting on the surrounding villages and is eroding the attributes which refer to ‘views into and out of the site providing key linkages between Blenheim and the traditional English countryside and villages surrounding it’. Clerk to respond.	JS
66/16	Urgent Correspondence	War Memorial Trust – Battle of the Somme - donation request – details circulated in Red Bag.	
67/16	Next Meeting	The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 10 th August at 7.30 in the Reading Room, Combe, this will be a short meeting followed by the annual village walk.	