

COMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 10th July 2019 - approved

Present

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

Members of the Public – None

No.	Item	Minutes	Action
102/19	Apologies	Alan Revell (AR) – Vice Chairman	
103/19	Questions from the Public	None	
104/19	Register of Interests	None	
105/19	Minutes of the last meetings	Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 12 th June were read and signed as correct.	
106/19	Clerks report and progress on actions	<p>Broadband cabinet update - DC making ongoing enquiries</p> <p>Land behind Knott Oaks garages – MG to discuss with Blenheim</p> <p>Lighting at The Halt – initial response received from GWR. Enquiries ongoing</p> <p>Church Walk o/s Little Lodge – JS reported that repairs would likely be in the region of £700. Cllr Hudspeth agreed to clarify responsibility for the path. Clerk to clarify vehicle access.</p> <p>The Cock Inn – Asset of Community Value – the Chairman reported that the form had been completed and circulated, there were no further comments. MG proposed that the completed form be submitted, DP seconded the proposal, all were in agreement and a resolution made. Clerk to return form to WODC.</p> <p>Horns Lane –Highways confirm that work has been completed as specified.</p> <p>Overhanging trees – Akeman Street – JH unable to contact owners. Clerk to draft letter.</p> <p>Gate into playing field – Clerk to write to Conservation Officer. Cllr Bishop offered to pursue this matter with WODC directly.</p>	<p>DC MG</p> <p>JS</p> <p>IH/JS</p> <p>JS</p> <p>JS</p> <p>RB/JS</p>
107/19	Report from County Councillor	<p>Cllr Hudspeth reported that phase 1 of a public consultation into parking in Woodstock would be undertaken in the near future and urged all residents, not just those in the town centre to complete the survey to ensure collection of the best data possible.</p> <p>The Chairman stated that she had recently spoken to engineers on the Swan Hill bridge and it would appear that repair is imminent. Cllr Hudspeth confirmed that he had recently e-mailed OCC to chase when the work was due.</p> <p>Cllr Hudspeth’s report can be found on www.ianhudspeth.com.</p>	
108/19	Report from District Councillor	Cllr Bishop reported that previous homelessness figures for those in a high priority banding had been incorrect and that the	

		figure was not as high as first thought. The A.O.N.B board are in the process of applying for National Parks status and he is hopeful that councils at all levels will be consulted. He concluded by saying that WODC had experienced a rise in the number of people applying to convert garages into holiday let accommodation.	
109/19	Planning Applications	Applications – None	
110/19	To Approve Payments and Note Sums Received	<p>Payments</p> <p>J. Sharpe – June £298.84</p> <p>HMRC – PAYE £233.80</p> <p>P. Merry £25</p> <p>(verge and post maintenance)</p> <p>WODC – £1,038.04 £173.01</p> <p>Grass cutting</p> <p>Received - None</p>	
111/19	To approve summary payments and accounts for first quarter	The payments and receipts statement and Summary Payments from April – June were presented. DP proposed acceptance of the statements, DC seconded the proposal, all were in agreement and a resolution was made	
112/19	Play Park Update	Quotes for repairs to the sand pit were considered. JH proposed that the quotes from Paul Merry were accepted. ES seconded the proposal; all were in agreement and a resolution was made. Clerk to order sand. The clerk reported that the bark under the zip wire was due to be replaced in the very near future. One fence post now broken beyond repair to be replaced.	JS
113/19	Speedwatch Update	In the absence of AR this item was deferred until the September meeting	
114/19	Village Design Statement Update	DP reported that that the public consultations at both the parish walk and cricket bbq's had been very positive and people were very supportive. Work to redraft the questionnaire was in process with an expected circulation in September after the school holidays.	DP
115/19	Highways	JH reported that he was attending the Highways open day at Drayton and was hoping to meet the either Paul Wilson or Chris Grain our local highways officers to arrange a site visit to look at various areas, in particular the road through Firs Wood along Akeman Street.	JH
116/19	To agree route for Parish Walk	It was agreed to look at issues in the following areas: West End, Akeman Street, Akeman Street/Stonesfield Road junction, Alma Grove footpath, Church Walk and Chatterpie Lane. It was also agreed to write to the WODC enforcement officer regarding concerns with current works at Whittons, Park Road	JS
117/19	Urgent Correspondence	Donation request from the War Memorials Trust – circulated in red bag.	
118/19	Next Meeting	The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 14 th August at 7.30 in the Reading Room, Combe followed by the annual parish walk	

