

COMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 8th June 2016 - Approved

Present

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

Members of the Public – None

| No. | Item | Minutes | Action |
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| 33/16 | Apologies | Rachel Whitehead | |
| 34/16 | Questions from the Public | Repainting of the zig-zag lines outside the school and the possibility of new zig-zags outside the pre-school – Clerk to contact Highways Highway obstructions outside the pub – Parish Councillors to monitor the situation and discuss with publican if necessary. | JS ALL |
| 35/16 | Register of Interests | None | |
| 36/16 | Combe Feast | Mr Hebborn attended for this item. He assured the meeting that he would endeavour to maintain the number of rides and side attractions as last year. It was agreed that the PC would advertise the event in local village publications, with posters, on Twitter and the Website and on Witney Radio. Mr Hebborn said that he would provide a number of free tickets and Anne-Marie Ferrett offered to distribute them to the local children. | ES/SO/ JS AMF |
| 37/16 | Minutes of the last meetings | Minutes of the Annual meeting of the Parish Council, the Parish Council meeting and the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 11 th May 2016 were read and signed as correct. | |
| 38/16 | Clerks report and progress on actions | Little Lane – Footpath Only/No Horses signs – clerk to contact OCC for update AED Training dates – Dick Tracey from South Central Ambulance Service will hold a training session on September 3 rd at 10am in the Reading Room – Clerk to advertise. | JS JS |
| 39/16 | Report from County Councillor | The County Councillor's June report was circulated and is available on the OCC web-site at http://www.ianhudspeth.com/id11.html | |
| 40/16 | Report from District Councillor | Cllr Richard Bishop reported that the debate concerning a form of devolution for Oxfordshire continues. WODC has appointed PricewaterhouseCoopers to conduct a comprehensive independent study for all of the District Councils looking at all options. He also reported that tenders for a new waste disposal contract were being received and analysed. The new arrangements for bus services come into force on 20 th July. Some of the services will be on a trial basis to ascertain the level of usage and any help to encourage wider bus usage will be very important. | |
| 41/16 | Planning Applications | Applications – Nil Decisions – Nil West Oxfordshire Strategic and Economic Land Availability Assessment 2016 – two sites in Combe have been put forward by developers or private landowners for consideration. Both | |

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| | | <p>sites were considered and it was unanimously agreed to object on the following grounds:</p> <p>Site Reference 260 – The Orchard, Park Road - the proposed site overlooks the Recreation field and the grade 1 listed village Church which is in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Any development in this area would visibly and detrimentally alter this outlook and the setting of the grade 1 listed building. The drainage system in this area is already known to be inadequate and further development would exacerbate this problem. Vehicle access to the site is limited.</p> <p>Site Reference 365 – Land at Stonesfield Road – the village does not have the appropriate transport, service or community infrastructure to support additional housing on this scale. Combe is a small village in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and development of this area and on this scale would significantly change the character of, and approach into, the village.</p> | JS | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 42/16 | To Approve Payments and Note Sums Received | <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Payments</td> <td></td> <td>VAT</td> </tr> <tr> <td>J. Sharpe –</td> <td>£196</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wages (May) – Standing Order</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>WODC –</td> <td>£201.72</td> <td>£33.62</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Grass Cutting April</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Received – Nil</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table> | Payments | | VAT | J. Sharpe – | £196 | | Wages (May) – Standing Order | | | WODC – | £201.72 | £33.62 | Grass Cutting April | | | Received – Nil | | | |
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| 43/16 | Play Park Update | Anne-Marie Ferrett said that there were no new issues to report. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 44/16 | Villager Bus Service | Michael Green proposed and Simon Oliver seconded a motion to provide £450 from the Section 137 Budget to the Villager Bus service to be reviewed annually. All were in agreement and a resolution passed. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 45/16 | Combe Hub Update | The Chairman reported that the Open Gardens week-end had been a huge success resulting in approximately £4,300 profit. The conveyancing of the Methodist Chapel is proceeding albeit very slowly. The processes to register with HMRC for gift aid purposes and to register as a Charity are both ongoing. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 46/16 | Repairs to village green and additional posts | It was agreed to re-instate part of the village green outside Green Close opposite the Old Chapel and to place two posts, one by the Parish Council notice board and one on the edge of the Little Green to deter people parking in that area. Simon Oliver and Anne-Marie Ferrett agreed to arrange to meet Paul Merry to discuss. | SO/ AMF | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 47/16 | Blenheim Palace WHS Management Plan Review | Deferred to July meeting | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 48/16 | Countryfile Live | The Chairman and Simon Oliver reported that they had attended a presentation for the event which will be held at Blenheim between the 4 th and 7 th August. Approximately 80,000 are expected to attend the event over the four days. The same traffic management team responsible for the 2 previous Game Fairs are involved and Friday is expected to be the busiest. The event coincides with the Wilderness Festival at Cornbury, the Cotswold Line being suspended for the weekend and all road works will be ongoing. There will not be any parking restrictions at Combe Gate. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 49/16 | The Passing of Mrs J Willis-Bund | The Parish Council noted with sadness the recent passing of Mrs Jane Willis-Bund and wished to record in the minutes their recognition of her great contribution to village life in Combe. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 50/16 | Urgent | Details of the following meetings were circulated: | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| | Correspondence | CPRE AGM – Saturday 2 nd July OALC AGM – Monday 4 th July Community First Oxfordshire AGM – 14 th July Citizens Advice Bureau AGM – 26 th July | |
| 51/16 | Next Meeting | The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 13 th July at 7.30pm in the Reading Room, Combe | |