

COMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 8th March 2017 - Approved

Present

Elena Softley (ES) – Chairman
 Michael Green (MG) – Vice Chairman
 Rachel Whitehead (RW)
 Alan Revell (AR)
 Cllr Bishop
 Julia Sharpe (JS) - Clerk

Members of the Public – None

No.	Item	Minutes	Action
33/17	Apologies	Simon Oliver, Deborah Phillips	
34/17	Questions from the Public	Overgrown hedge – Pitt Lane to Abelwood House, Horns Lane – Clerk to contact Blenheim to check hedge ownership and cutting responsibility.	JS
35/17	Register of Interests	None	
36/17	Minutes of the last meetings	Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 8 th February 2017 were read and signed as correct.	
37/17	Clerks report and progress on actions	<p>War Memorial Workshop – AR reported that grants were available for restoring, cleaning and adding names. AR agreed to liaise with Celia Adamson re additional names.</p> <p>Methodist Chapel Update - The Chairman reported that the Methodists had renewed the Asset of Community Value Disposal notice and that more positive news regarding the purchase of the Chapel should be forthcoming soon.</p> <p>Speed survey update – 3 locations agreed and arrangements in hand with OCC.</p> <p>Spring clean update – The Chairman was pleased to report that in excess of 40 people, including lots of children had joined in the spring clean and that numerous bags of rubbish had been collected and that the signs had been cleaned. Thanks were given to WODC for the loan of equipment and the quick collection of the rubbish from the village green. Thanks were also given to everyone who helped.</p> <p>AR said that a large amount of rubbish was inaccessible inside the fence by the railway. Clerk to contact Network Rail.</p> <p>Pound Gate – Thanks were given to Geoff Miles for making and installing the new gate.</p> <p>Footpath – AR reported that the new footpath was overgrown private signs still in place and that the gates are still locked. Clerk to contact the OCC Footpaths Officer.</p> <p>Reflectors on new posts – Clerk to ask for them to be installed as soon as possible.</p>	<p>AR</p> <p>JS</p> <p>JS</p> <p>JS</p>
38/17	Report from County Councillor	<p>Cllr Hudspeth was not present – March report circulated, no matters arising.</p> <p>Report available on www.ianhudspeth.com/id11.html</p>	
39/17	Report from District Councillor	<p>Cllr Bishop reported that there had been no new planning applications or planning decisions for Combe. He reported that objections to the OCC proposal for a single unitary authority for the whole of Oxfordshire, which WODC is strongly against, had been taking a considerable amount of time. His full report will be available in the April Combe Courier.</p>	

40/17	Planning Applications	Applications – None Decisions – None	
41/17	To Approve Payments and Note Sums Received	<p>Payments</p> <p>J. Sharpe £196</p> <p>February Wages</p> <p>OALC £143.57 £23.93</p> <p>Annual Subscription</p> <p>J. Sharpe £50 £8.33</p> <p>Mr Site Web site renewal</p> <p>OPFA £40</p> <p>Annual Subscription</p> <p>Received – Nil</p>	
42/17	Play Park Update	<p>Anne-Marie Ferret reported that the swings and tractor wheel needed greasing and that due to children digging under the small slide an amount of matting had been exposed. SO to be asked to undertake oiling. Since leaving the Parish Council Anne-Marie has continued to undertake the inspections. To show the Council's appreciation MG proposed and RW seconded a motion to offer Anne-Marie £100 (payable in two instalments), to continue to undertake the inspections until such time as another person can be trained. All were in agreement. Clerk to contact Anne-Marie.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the deterioration of the stones was natural and that sharp edges could be filed down when necessary.</p>	SO
43/17	2017/18 Grass Cutting Contract	<p>The Clerk reported that requests to tender documents had been sent to four contractors and that one tender had been received. Two of the contractors had responded declining to tender and one failed to respond.</p> <p>The tender from WODC was considered and the Chairman proposed that the tender be accepted for 3 years, MG seconded the motion, all were in agreement and a Resolution passed. Clerk to contact WODC.</p>	JS
44/17	Arrangements for Annual Parish Meeting	<p>The Annual Parish Meeting will be at 8pm on Wednesday 10th May. It was agreed to invite Dominic Hare the new Blenheim Chief Exec to the meeting to discuss how future Blenheim developments could affect Combe. Invitations to be sent to all other village organisations.</p>	JS
45/17	Response to WODC Community Infrastructure Levy Consultation	<p>All present agreed that the levy should be increased.</p> <p>AR agreed to respond on behalf of the Parish Council</p>	AR
46/17	Response to OCC One Oxfordshire Proposal	<p>The Chairman agreed to respond on behalf of the Parish Council outlining the Council's objections to the One Oxfordshire proposal for a single unitary authority.</p>	ES
47/17	Donation to Combe Cricket Club	<p>A request from Combe Cricket Club for a donation toward the purchase of cricket covers was considered. The Chairman proposed pledging £250, Rachel Whitehead seconded the proposal, all were in agreement and a Resolution passed. Clerk to notify the Cricket Club accordingly.</p>	JS
48/17	Urgent Correspondence	None	
49/17	Next Meeting	The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 12 th April at 7.30 in the Reading Room, Combe	

