

COMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 14 March 2018 - Approved

Present

Elena Softley (ES) – Chairman
 Michael Green (MG) – Vice Chairman
 Simon Oliver (SO)
 Rachel Whitehead (RW)
 Alan Revell (AR)
 Deborah Phillips (DP)
 Cllr Bishop (Cllr B)
 Julia Sharpe (JS) - Clerk

Members of the Public – one

No.	Item	Minutes	Action
36/18	Apologies	Cllr Hudspeth	
37/18	Questions from the Public	None	
38/18	Register of Interests	None	
39/18	Minutes of the last meetings	Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 13 th February were read and signed as correct.	
40/18	Clerks report and progress on actions	<p>Response from Robert Courts – RC enjoyed the opportunity to meet and urged the PC to respond to the Airspace Consultation and to continue to work with WODC regarding speeding issues and keep them updated on the progress of the Community Speedwatch Campaign.</p> <p>Establishing land ownership, Knott Oaks – MG reported that Blenheim had been unable to provide any additional information about ownership. Cllr Bishop agreed to make enquiries with WODC Planning Department.</p> <p>Dog bin – still no progress</p> <p>Village Spring Clean Arrangements – SO agreed to collect items from WODC and to post details on twitter and the Combe Community Facebook page. MG agreed to update the web-site. Clerk to make and distribute posters and ask the school to circulate.</p> <p>Future of Combe Halt (article in Cotswold & Malvern line news) – pend until further development plans known.</p>	Cllr B
41/18	Report from County Councillor	Cllr Hudspeth was unable to attend. His March report which is available on www.ianhudspeth.com/id11.htm was discussed and there were no questions.	
42/18	Report from District Councillor	<p>Cllr Bishop reported that WODC had formalised its budget for 2018/19 resulting in a Council Tax increase of just £2.75p for Band D properties without any reductions or diminution in services. He also reported that due to the decisions contained in the Government Inspector's letter it now seems unlikely that the Cala proposal for development in Woodstock Road, Stonesfield will not now materialise and that the 170 housing development in Long Hanborough will be reviewed. He said that as the District has achieved its goal of a 5 year housing land supply it less likely that planning refusals will be overturned on appeal.</p> <p>AR raised concern about the new development by Hanborough station and its likely impact on peak hour traffic on the A4095.</p>	

		Cllr Bishop said he would enquire of WODC about site operating restrictions	Cllr B
43/18	Planning Applications	Applications – None	
44/18	To Approve Payments and Note Sums Received	<p>Payments</p> <p>J. Sharpe – February wages £201.12</p> <p>OPFA Annual Membership £42</p> <p>P. Williams – Christmas Lights £130.37 £22.72</p> <p>OALC – Annual Subscriptions £142.20 £23.70</p> <p>Community First (Annual Membership) £55</p> <p>P. Merry (Cleaning – paid in February) £50</p> <p>HMRC – October SO payment £400.80</p> <p>Received – Nil</p> <p style="text-align: right;">VAT</p>	
45/18	Play Park Update	SO reported that he had undertaken regular checks and that there were no issues to report.	
46/18	Speedwatch Report	AR reported that the start of the campaign had been delayed due to bad weather. It was agreed to re-commence after the Easter holiday period. AR to liaise with volunteers.	AR
47/18	Neighbourhood Plan	DP reported that due to the considerable time and cost involved in producing a full NP she had been advised that it may not be justified. It was agreed to assess whether the WODC Local Plan would offer sufficient protection for Combe and to identify the most effective steps that can be taken to influence the planning process. The Chairman agreed to invite a representative from WODC Planning to discuss the Local Plan implications once it has been finalised.	ES
48/18	Release of Chinese Lanterns and Helium Balloons	The WODC initiative to ban the release of sky lanterns and helium balloons was discussed. MG proposed and SO seconded the proposal to ban their release on land owned by the Parish Council. All were in agreement and a resolution was passed.	
49/18	Response to local airspace development	The development plan was discussed. AR agreed to undertake further research and to suggest recommendations to the PC by e-mail for agreement and submission.	AR
50/18	Speaker for Annual Parish Meeting	It was agreed to invite Phil Shaw from WODC Planning to address the meeting regarding the Local Plan and planning policy.	ES
51/18	Urgent Correspondence	None	
52/18	Next Meeting	The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 11 th April at 7.30 in the Reading Room, Combe	