

COMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 13th March 2019 - 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
 Julia Sharpe - Clerk

Members of the Public – None

No.	Item	Minutes	Action															
38/19	Apologies	Cllr Hudspeth																
39/19	Questions from the Public	Tree in Knott Oaks requiring pruning – Clerk to contact OCC.	JS															
40/19	Register of Interests	None																
41/19	Minutes of the last meetings	Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 13 th February 2019 were read and signed as correct.																
42/19	Clerks report and progress on actions	<p>Broadband cabinet repair – Ongoing</p> <p>Land behind Knott Oaks garages - Ongoing</p> <p>Combe Halt Lighting – WODC confirm that the installation of the lights complies with permitted development regulations. GWR state that the lights work on a sensor when people or trains approach the platform. Clerk to check if lights can be switched off during summer months.</p> <p>Additional defibrillator for Recreation Ground – enquires and grant applications ongoing. It was agreed to arrange a training session once the new machine is installed.</p> <p>Parking on the verge around the Green and West End – Paul Merry to be asked to install additional posts to protect the verges.</p> <p>Replaced marker stone plaque – the Chairman thanked Bill Oddy for replacing the marker stone plaque on Robin Hill.</p> <p>Notification of road closures - 27th/28th March and 4th/5th June.</p>	<p>AR MG</p> <p>JS</p> <p>JS</p>															
43/19	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.																
44/19	Report from District Councillor	Cllr Bishop reported that the budget had been passed and confirmed that the rise in Council Tax of £5 at band D maintained WODC's position as the second lowest in England with all grants and services being maintained. He also gave an overview of the workings of the council.																
45/19	Planning Applications	Applications – None																
46/19	To Approve Payments and Note Sums Received	<p>Payments</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 60%;">J. Sharpe – January (SO)</td> <td style="width: 20%; text-align: right;">£210.40</td> <td style="width: 20%;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td>J. Sharpe – playpark repairs</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£14.36</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Volunteer Link Up</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£30</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>OALC – Annual Subscriptions</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£143.66</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£23.94</td> </tr> <tr> <td>OPFA</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£42</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: right;">VAT</p>	J. Sharpe – January (SO)	£210.40		J. Sharpe – playpark repairs	£14.36		Volunteer Link Up	£30		OALC – Annual Subscriptions	£143.66	£23.94	OPFA	£42		
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		Community First £55 P. Merry – post maintenance £25 Received Nil	
47/19	Play Park Update	The Clerk reported that regular inspections had taken place and that there were no new issues to report.	
48/19	Speedwatch Update	Following the Speedwatch public meeting it was agreed to run another time-limited campaign in the Spring – AR to coordinate. AR agreed to evaluate the specifications and quotes received from four Speeding Indicator Device suppliers. DP to circulate Westcotec report.	AR DP
50/19	Combe VDS Update	DP presented a large, colour detailed map of the parish and said that a date for the steering group to meet had been set ahead of the public meeting on Saturday 6 th April.	
51/19	Elections Update	The Nomination period runs from 26 th March – 3 rd April Nomination Packs available from the Clerk, the Chairman and the Elections Office, WODC.	
52/19	Grass Cutting Contract 2019 and 2020	The Clerk reported that three companies had been invited to submit tenders for the grass cutting contract for 2019 and 2020. Tenders were received from two of these companies. The two tenders were discussed and considered. The Chairman proposed accepting the tender from Ubico, this was seconded by SO. All were in agreement and a Resolution passed. Clerk to notify companies accordingly.	JS
53/19	Spring Clean Update	SO agreed to collect litter picking equipment from the Ubico depot on Friday 22 nd March and return it on Monday 25 th March. WODC to collect rubbish from the corner of the village green on Monday 25 th March. Risk Assessment passed to the Chairman. Insurance company notified.	SO
54/19	Urgent Correspondence	Donation request letter from Woodstock Youth Club – Red Bag	
55/19	Next Meeting	The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 10 th April at 7.30 in the Reading Room, Combe. Dominic Hare, CEO, Blenheim attending.	