

COMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 13th November 2019 - approved

Present

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

Members of the Public – none

No.	Item	Minutes	Action
169/19	Apologies	Cllr Hudspeth	
170/19	Questions from the Public	None	
171/19	Register of Interests	None	
172/19	Minutes of the last meetings	Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 9 th October 2019 were read and signed as correct.	
173/19	Bonfire night review	<p>On behalf of the Bonfire Working Party Bill Oddy reported that the feedback had been very positive, there had been no incidents or injuries, the medical staff had proved an excellent service, the pub and food concession had done well, the collection, although slightly lower than in previous years had been good and the event planning, bonfire and firework display had been good. For future years consideration needs to be given to obtaining a road closure order, reviewing the traffic and parking arrangements and consideration given to holding the event on a Saturday evening. More help is definitely required with setting and clearing up and more stewards and collectors on the night.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked the members of the Working Party and all who had helped in any way in making the evening a great success.</p>	
174/19	Clerks report and progress on actions	<p>Broadband cabinet update - ongoing</p> <p>Church Walk o/s Little Lodge – agenda item for December meeting</p> <p>Gate into recreation ground – disappointment that an iconic view had been altered and concern that this would set a precedent was expressed. It was agreed that there was no further action the Parish Council could take at this time.</p> <p>Lighting at Combe Halt – Clerk to arrange a meeting with Long Hanborough Parish Council representative to agree a joint strategy.</p> <p>Parking in Horns Lane – cars from Evenlode are now parking on the school side of the road alleviating the problem.</p> <p>Blenheim Road Closures – Clerk to contact Roy Cox.</p> <p>OALC website accessibility course – Clerk to attend</p> <p>Akeman Street Bench – the bench is in need of repair – December agenda item.</p>	<p>JS</p> <p>JS</p> <p>JS</p> <p>JS</p> <p>JS</p>

175/19	Report from County Councillor	Cllr Hudspeth was unable to attend. His November report was discussed and there were no questions. MG raised the issue of lack of maintenance of the ditches with particular reference to the ditch under the railway bridge where severe flooding had recently been experienced. Clerk to report to OCC. JH to discuss with Paul Wilson. Cllr Bishop also agree to look into the matter	JS JH																																													
176/19	Report from District Councillor	Cllr Bishop reported that the District had been preparing for the 2020/21 budget and that there was still money available in the Community Facilities Grant. A dedicated climate change manager has been appointed. Electric vehicle charging points are planned for spring 2020. Cllr Bishop also said that he was able to help with accommodation issues by liaising with the correct officer in WODC.																																														
177/19	Planning Applications	Applications – None																																														
178/19	To Approve Payments and Note Sums Received and authorise revised HMRC and Clerk's wages Bank Mandate	<p>Payments</p> <table> <tr> <td>J. Sharpe – October (SO)</td> <td>£298.84</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC (SO)</td> <td>£223.80</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pearson Education (VDS questionnaire printing)</td> <td>£31.25</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>WODC – Grass Cutting – 06/07</td> <td>£555.00</td> <td>£92.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC – PAYE adjustment</td> <td>£369.88</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>ICO – Data Protection Renewal</td> <td>£40</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>CPRE – membership renewal</td> <td>£36</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pre-School Donation</td> <td>£650</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Combe Courier Donation</td> <td>£100</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>RBL– Poppy wreath</td> <td>£25</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>VH&RG – Sinking Fund Donation (2018/19 & 2019/20)</td> <td>£1,400</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>P. Merry – (verge & post maintenance – October)</td> <td>£25</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>R Days – Bonfire Expenses</td> <td>£73.64</td> <td>£7.63</td> </tr> </table> <p>Received</p> <table> <tr> <td>J. Sharpe (wages refund)</td> <td>£522.20</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bonfire collection</td> <td>£853</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>Following notification from HMRC revised bank mandate forms for clerk's wages and PAYE payments were authorised and signed.</p>	J. Sharpe – October (SO)	£298.84		HMRC (SO)	£223.80		Pearson Education (VDS questionnaire printing)	£31.25		WODC – Grass Cutting – 06/07	£555.00	£92.50	HMRC – PAYE adjustment	£369.88		ICO – Data Protection Renewal	£40		CPRE – membership renewal	£36		Pre-School Donation	£650		Combe Courier Donation	£100		RBL– Poppy wreath	£25		VH&RG – Sinking Fund Donation (2018/19 & 2019/20)	£1,400		P. Merry – (verge & post maintenance – October)	£25		R Days – Bonfire Expenses	£73.64	£7.63	J. Sharpe (wages refund)	£522.20		Bonfire collection	£853		
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179/19	Broadband Update	DC reported that discussions with the business manager of Gigaclear to establish whether or not Combe would be included in the next stage of their roll-out were ongoing and that the village did not qualify for the Government broadband scheme.	DC																																													
180/19	Speedwatch Update	Costings for the equipment were discussed. AR to clarify some of the costings. It was agreed not to make a final decision until the results of the VDS questionnaire were available after which further village consultations maybe required. December agenda item.	AR JS																																													
181/19	2020/21 Budget and Precept	It was agreed not to raise the precept for 2020/21. Further work on the budget required before the December meeting.	ES/JS																																													
182/19	2020 Parish Council Meeting Dates	Proposed dates for the 2020 Parish Council meetings and provisional dates for PIP/TDC meetings were circulated and agreed.																																														
183/19	Path across the Little Green	The Chairman reported that the path now had some potholes and was puddling following rain. It was agreed to obtain a	JS																																													

		quote from Mr Hill, the original contractor for possible repair work. December agenda item.	
184/19	Christmas Tree Lights and event	It was agreed to use the cedar tree planted some years ago for the tree lights. Clerk to inform Blenheim. Permission for the school to use the little green for the tree lighting ceremony was agreed.	JS
185/19	Urgent Correspondence	None	
186/19	Next Meeting	The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 11 th December at 7.30 in the Reading Room, Combe	