

COMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 12th October 2016 - Approved

Present

Elena Softley– Chairman
 Michael Green – Vice Chairman
 Simon Oliver
 Rachel Whitehead
 Alan Revell
 Deborah Phillips

Julia Sharpe - Clerk

Members of the Public – One

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming Deborah Phillips as the new Parish Councillor.

No.	Item	Minutes	Action
97/16	Apologies	None	
98/16	Questions from the Public	Concerns regarding speeding through the village were raised – see agenda item 109/16	
99/16	Register of Interests	None	
100/16	Minutes of the last meetings	Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 14th September 2016 were read and signed as correct.	
101/16	Clerks report and progress on actions	<p>Akeman Street walk actions – Alan Revell reported that he had satisfactorily completed the actions.</p> <p>Little Lane – No Bridleway signs – Simon Oliver reported that he had erected the signs.</p> <p>Reinstatement of village green o/side Green Close and additional posts – Simon Oliver reported that the residents of Green Close are happy with the proposal providing the post on the corner of the Little Green could be temporarily removed. This was agreed. Clerk to contact P. Merry.</p> <p>Stonesfield Road Hedges – outstanding</p> <p>British Legion Poppy Wreath – November 13th – The Chairman offered to ask potential volunteers.</p>	<p>JS</p> <p>JS</p> <p>ES</p>
102/16	Report from County Councillor	Not present and no report received	
103/16	Report from District Councillor	Not present and no report received	
104/16	Planning Applications	<p>Applications – None</p> <p>Decisions – None</p>	
105/16	To Approve Payments and Note Sums Received	<p>Payments VAT</p> <p>J. Sharpe – Wages (September SO) £196</p> <p>HMRC – PAYE £391.20</p> <p>WODC – Grass cutting – August £166.22 £27.70</p> <p>ICO – Data protection renewal £35</p> <p>Received</p> <p>WODC Half year precept £6,537.50</p>	
106/16	To approve the quarterly accounts and summary payments	The quarterly payments and receipts account and summary of payments details were circulated. Michael Green proposed and Rachel Whitehead seconded a motion that the accounts be accepted, All were in agreement and a resolution accepting the accounts and summary payments was passed.	
107/16	Play Park Update	Anne-Marie Ferrett continues to undertake inspections with a	

		view to Simon Oliver taking over. The missing gate padlock and gate not shutting properly were discussed – Simon Oliver agreed to rectify. Sleeve on the zip wire still not repaired but is on order. Ongoing issues with dog mess were discussed - the Chairman agreed to display dog poster.	SO ES
108/16	Combe Community Hub Update	The Chairman reported that the contract has now been received from the Methodists and that the Hub Directors were meeting to discuss its implications, in particular the overages clause.	
109/16	Speeding issues	Briefing notes from Cassington and Bladon Community Speedwatch group were discussed. The following actions were agreed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invite Phil Workman (PCSO) to attend a future meeting to discuss the initiative further. • Request the police to carry out speeding checks in the meantime. • Contact Stonesfield PC to see if they would be interested in a joint project • Item in the Courier asking for volunteers • Re-introduce 20mph is plenty bin stickers • Contact OCC re possible 20mph limit through village • Obtain price quoted for 30mph flashing signs 	JS JS JS JS JS ES JS
110/16	2017 Parish Council Meeting Dates	Dates for the 2017 Parish Council meetings were circulated and agreed. Rachel Whitehead offered to minute the February meeting in the Clerk's absence.	RW
111/16	To agree actions to provide village Christmas tree	As no offers have been forthcoming from the Courier article it was agreed to ask local businesses to sponsor the tree. Rachel Whitehead and Deborah Phillips agreed to contact businesses at the Saw Mill and Michael Green agreed to contact Blenheim. It was agreed that the tree should be between 10- 12ft tall and be in place by December 9 th . Paul Williams has offered to erect and dress the tree.	RW/DP /MG
112/16	To approve payment for defibrillator light	A request from the Reading Room to pay £87.38 (ex VAT) for a replacement outside light on the side of the Reading Room by the defibrillator was discussed. Michael Green proposed and Alan Revell seconded a motion to pay for the light. All were in agreement and a resolution passed.	JS
113/16	To agree 2017 Budget	The 2016/17 expenditure against budget prediction figures were considered and with the exception of number 18 - Donations were found to be in line with the earlier predictions. The Donations being higher due to a £4,000 donation to Combe Community Hub. The 2017/18 budget was considered and it was agreed to defer setting the budget until the November meeting.	JS
114/16	Urgent Correspondence	Village Hall and Recreation Ground – request for increase in grant to its Sinking Fund – agenda item for November meeting. Community First Oxon – November 8 th Place-making conference – Red Bag Blenheim Palace WHS – comments by 4 th November Management Plan Review – Red Bag	JS
115/16	Any Other Business	Michael Green raised an issue regarding the lack of white lines and inadequate signage at junction of the Stonesfield Straight with Akeman Street (The Turn). Clerk to contact OCC.	JS
116/16	Next Meeting	The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 9 th November at 7.30 in the Reading Room, Combe	

