

COMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 11th October 2017 - Approved

Present

Elena Softley– Chairman
 Michael Green – Vice Chairman
 Simon Oliver
 Rachel Whitehead
 Alan Revell
 Deborah Phillips
 Cllr Hudspeth
 Cllr Bishop
 Bonfire and Firework working party members
 Julia Sharpe – Clerk

Members of the Public – None

No.	Item	Minutes	Action
135/17	Apologies	None	
136/17	Questions from the Public	Request to cut back trees and bushes along Robin Hill – Clerk to contact Blenheim	JS
137/17	Register of Interests	Simon Oliver – Furze House planning application Michael Green – Blenheim sawmills planning application	
138/17	Minutes of the last meetings	Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 13 th September 2017 were read and signed as correct.	
139/17	Bonfire and Firework Arrangements	Members of the Bonfire and Firework sub-committee attended and outlined plans for November 5 th Celebrations. It was agreed that the arrangements would be similar to previous years with a slightly longer firework display starting at 7pm followed by the lighting of slightly smaller bonfire at around 7.20pm. Stewards, Medical professionals and other helpers have been contacted together with the owners of Alma Grove field and the insurance company. Approval to purchase caps with head torches, rope, stickers and glow sticks was given.	
140/17	Clerks report and progress on actions	Fly-tipping, Knott Oaks – WODC believe that the land is private and will not collect. Clerk to check with Cottsway and to arrange collection Meeting with Robert Courts MP – Clerk to confirm date for a Tuesday evening meeting West End Verge and green repair – In hand Tree Survey – awaiting response from VH&RG committee to determine whether or not to include recreation ground trees Remembrance Sunday – 12 th November – poppy wreath ordered. MG to ask his father to lay the wreath.	JS MG
141/17	Report from County Councillor	Cllr Hudspeth reported that OCC were waiting for an indication as to whether or not their expression of interest to the Housing Infrastructure Fund had been successful.	
142/17	Report from District Councillor	Cllr Bishop reported that the emerging Local Plan is subject to a short delay and the Inspectors comments are expected late November/early December. He said that from 1 st November Publica would take over and that no enforced redundancies had been made. Ubico continue to be responsible for waste collection and that a few teething problems had been experienced with the new recycling collection. Clerk to report	JS

		village collection problem to WODC. The Chairman said that they were not yet ready to make collections of small electrical equipment and textiles.																																																							
143/17	Planning Applications	<p>Applications</p> <p>17/03244/HHD - Furze House Chatterpie Lane - Reconstruction of existing garage to provide accommodation over two floors (maintaining two car capacity) with single storey link to main house and extension of roof to enlarge an existing bedroom. Closure of existing and relocate pedestrian access and provision of new gated vehicular access –Concern regarding the vehicle access was discussed – request for a Highways Visit to be made</p> <p>17/03111/ADV – Blenheim Saw Mill - Erection of signs - whilst in approval of the general design of the signs it was felt that the overall size and scale, and duplication of signs, would be intrusive, not in keeping with the surrounding area and would therefore have a detrimental impact on the rural environment</p>																																																							
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145/17	To approve summary payments and quarterly summary	The quarterly payments and receipts account and summary of payments from April – September were circulated. The Chairman proposed and AR seconded a motion that the accounts be accepted, all were in agreement and a resolution accepting the accounts and summary payments was passed.																																																							
146/17	To consider the budget for 2018/19	The draft 2018/19 budget was discussed and it was agreed to make some further amendments and discuss again at the November meeting.	JS																																																						
147/17	Play Park Update	The Clerk reported that the agreed work to repair the zip wire was scheduled to start week beginning 16 th October and that the wood chip needed topping up. This was agreed. Concern regarding the rapid deterioration of the posts was discussed and it was agreed to ask the contractor his opinion on treating the other wooden posts. The Clerk reported that she had undertaken the weekly visual inspections and that other than a small amount of litter and a minor repair to the gate everything else was in order.	JS																																																						
148/17	Speedwatch Action	AR reported that he had spoken to other village residents and that they were keen to be involved. The Clerk reported that she																																																							

		was awaiting delivery of the speed gun. It was agreed to schedule another public meeting and to invite PCSO Workman – date to be arranged with AR’s contacts. It was also agreed to purchase 4 high viz waistcoats overprinted with Combe Community Speedwatch.	AR JS
149/17	Christmas tree and lights	To date no offer to supply a tree has been received. RW & DP to obtain spec. for new lights. It was agreed to discuss again at the November meeting.	RW/DP JS
150/17	Dates for 2018 Parish Council meetings	Dates for the 2018 Parish Council meeting were circulated and agreed.	
151/17	Donation to Citizens Advice	Following a discussion to make a donation of £50 to the Citizens Advice Bureau SO proposed and RW seconded the proposal. All were in approval. Clerk to generate cheque for signature at the November meeting.	JS
152/17	Urgent Correspondence	VH&RG Committee – Car Park maintenance – invite to November meeting Blenheim – Firework notification – noted – Red Bag Charlbury Town Council – Transfer of WODC services to Publica Group Ltd – Noted – Red Bag	JS
153/17	Next Meeting	The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 8 th November at 7.30 in the Reading Room, Combe	