

COMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 10th October - approved

Present

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

Members of the Public – 5

No.	Item	Minutes	Action
147/18	Apologies	Cllr Bishop, Dominic Hare (Blenheim Chief Exec)	
148/18	Questions from the Public	Michael Green left the room for this item. 5 members of the public attended and raised concerns about the extent and quality of recent tree works around the village and at Combe Halt and the loss of headland strips around the fields resulting in the loss of precious habitats for wildlife and flora and fauna. The Parish Council undertook to clarify the trees included in the conservation area and to pass the concerns and specific questions to the relevant people and organisations. An opportunity to engage the Parish Council, village and school children to map the village was discussed and generally considered a good idea. DP said that the proposed Village Design Statement may address some of the issues raised.	
149/18	Register of Interests	Michael Green – Item 15 – extension of 30mph Park Road	
150/18	Minutes of the last meetings	Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 12 th September were read and signed as correct.	
151/18	Clerks report and progress on actions	Dog bin progress – finally installed Broadband cabinet update – ongoing enquiries Actions from Walk update – All actions allocated. It was agreed to request tenders for works to 2 oak trees on the village green. Bonfire night arrangements – all in hand, awaiting delivery of fireworks and confirmation of insurance cover. Laying of poppy wreath – AR to liaise with Denise Cripps Railway maintenance tree works – Clerk to write to GWR	AR JS JS AR JS
152/18	Report from County Councillor	Cllr Hudspeth outlined the proposal to make the Council 'Fit for the future' which has the Cabinet's approval. He said that the changes were crucial in enabling the County Council to deliver its vision of 'thriving communities for everyone' whilst making savings of around £33 m a year.	
153/18	Report from District Councillor	Cllr Bishop was unable to attend and no report was received.	
154/18	Planning Applications	Applications – 18/02802/HHD & 18/02803/LBC – Vine Cottage, Church Walk, - erection of replacement conservatory (retrospective) – no comments or objections 18/02785/HHD – Sutterton, Horns Lane - demolition of existing sun room and construction of oak framed sun room – no	

		comments or objections 18/02872/HHD – 51 Knott Oaks – erection of single storey rear extension – no comments or objections	
155/18	To Approve Payments and Note Sums Received	<p>Payments</p> <p>J. Sharpe –September (SO) £210.40</p> <p>HMRC (PAYE) £420</p> <p>R Oddy Fireworks £1010.80 £168.47</p> <p>J. Sharpe – reflective tape £25.18 £4.20 (for verge posts)</p> <p>Received –</p> <p>WODC ½ year precept £6784.50</p> <p>WODC ½ year parish grant £87.50</p> <p style="text-align: right;">VAT</p>	
156/18	Payments, quarterly summary and budget projection	<p>The Clerk presented the payments and receipts statement from April – September. SO proposed acceptance of the statement, RW seconded the proposal, all were in agreement and a resolution was made.</p> <p>The Clerk presented the Summary Payments from April – September. DP proposed acceptance of the summary, AR seconded the proposal, all were in agreement and a resolution was made.</p> <p>The Clerk presented the ½ year budget prediction was discussed and agreed.</p>	
157/18	Play Park Update	The Clerk reported that all actions from the RoSPA report were in hand with and that there were no other issues to report at this time.	
158/18	Speed watch update	AR reported that efforts to run the campaign were ongoing but that efforts to re-engage the village are required together with reconsidering alternative methods such as flashing road signs and the continued request to OCC for a 20mph speed limit.	AR
159/18	Registration of land behind Knott Oaks garages	RW outlined the situation to date. MG said that he had met with Blenheim representatives who had expressed an opinion that the land belonged to Blenheim. MG to request Blenheim to confirm their ownership of the land in writing.	MG
160/18	Extension of 30mph zones in Stonesfield Road and Park Road	Deferred to November meeting.	MG
161/18	Combe Courier Donation	The request was discussed and it was agreed that the Courier is a valuable production for the village. AR proposed donating £150 as requested, the Chairman seconded the proposal and as the majority of those present were in favour, a resolution to donate £150 to be reviewed annually was made.	JS
162/18	Chipping Norton Theatre Donation	Declined	
163/18	WW1 Booklet donation	Following discussion, the Chairman proposed donating £250 towards the production of the booklet. DP seconded the proposal, all agreed and a resolution was passed.	JS
164/18	Urgent Correspondence	None	
165/18	Next Meeting	The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 14 th November at 7.30 in the Reading Room, Combe	

