

COMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 14th September 2016 - Approved

Present

Elena Softley– Chairman
 Michael Green – Vice Chairman
 Simon Oliver
 Rachel Whitehead
 Alan Revell
 Cllr Bishop
 Julia Sharpe - Clerk

Members of the Public – None

No.	Item	Minutes	Action
78/16	Apologies	None	
79/16	Questions from the Public	Overgrown shrubs – Akeman Street – Alan Revell agreed to take necessary action. Overgrown hedges – Stonesfield Road – Clerk to clarify exact location in question. Flooding in Chatterpie Lane – Clerk to obtain pictures of next occurrence and report to OCC	AR JS JS
80/16	Register of Interests	Michael Green – Littleworth Farm planning application	
81/16	Minutes of the last meetings	Minutes of the Parish Council meeting and the village walk held on Wednesday 10 th August were read and signed as correct.	
82/16	Clerks report and progress on actions	Little Lane – Footpath Only/No Bridleway signs – signs purchased. Simon Oliver agreed to put the signs up. Reinstatement of village green o/side Green Close and additional posts – an estimate of £200 received. Simon Oliver to obtain agreement from residents. Combe Feast –return of deposit – agreed	SO SO JS
83/16	Report from County Councillor	Not present. Cllr Hudspeth’s September report was circulated, there were no matters arising. The report is available on www.ianhudspeth.com/id11.html .	
84/16	Report from District Councillor	Cllr Bishop updated the Council regarding the recent success of WODC’s placement of a number of Syrian refugees. He reported that the devolution debate had reached a stalemate situation and that the outcome was not certain but the District was in firm opposition to the County’s point of view. With regard to the recent resignation of David Cameron he said that he would be attending a briefing after which he would report back.	
85/16	To appoint Parish Councillor	Following the interview of 3 prospective candidates Michael Green proposed appointing Deborah Phillips, Alan Revell seconded the proposal, all were in agreement and a decision to offer Deborah the post was made. Clerk to notify all parties and WODC.	JS
86/16	Planning Applications	Michael Green left the meeting at this time. Applications – Whittons, Park Road, 16/02888/HHD & 16/02889/LBC – No comments or objections relating to this application. Concern about a colony of pipistrelle bats was discussed and it was agreed to notify WODC. Littleworth Farm, Akeman Street, 16/02897/FUL – No comments or objections Decisions – None	JS

87/16	To Approve Payments and Note Sums Received	<p>Payments</p> <p>J. Sharpe – Wages (August) – £196</p> <p>Reading Room (Hire charge) £174.25</p> <p>WODC – grass cutting £320.33 £53.39</p> <p>Cotswold Line Annual Membership £10</p> <p>South Central Ambulance Service £25</p> <p>BDO External Audit £120 £20</p> <p>P. Merry £225</p> <p>Monthly post maintenance & repair to play park wall</p> <p>Received – Nil</p>	VAT	
88/16	To accept External Auditors Report	The report from BDO for the Audit year ending 31 st March 2016 stating that there were no matters that came to their attention which required a separate additional issues arising report was noted.		
89/16	Play Park Update	Simon Oliver reported that Anne-Marie Ferrett was still currently undertaking the weekly inspections but that he would be taking over from her in the near future. The replacement cover for the zip-wire is on order. Simon Oliver said that he would look again at the gate closing issue.		SO
90/16	Methodist Chapel /Combe Community Hub Update	The Chairman reported that the contract had still not been received from the Methodists and that all parties were being urged to progress the matter. The Chapel has been disconnected from the septic and connected to mains drainage.		
91/16	Walk actions	All tasks identified were allocated and have been dealt with accordingly.		
92/16	Speeding and increase in traffic	Alan Revell reported that, in his opinion there appeared to be more traffic travelling faster through the village and an increase in the volume of traffic. The pros and cons of introducing traffic calming systems were discussed. It was agreed to request the PCSO's to attend to carry out speed check at relevant times and also to investigate borrowing equipment to undertake checks ourselves. It was also agreed to ask members of the community to become involved in a speed reduction campaign.		JS
93/16	To approve Clerk's Pension Letter	A letter to the Clerk, detailing employees' rights to a workplace pension was agreed and signed by the Chairman.		
94/16	Response to WODC Council Tax Support Scheme	A WODC Council Tax Support consultation document was discussed and it was agreed to ask residents of the village to respond individually.		JS
95/16	Urgent Correspondence	None		
96/16	Next Meeting	The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 12 th October at 7.30 in the Reading Room, Combe		