

COMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 10th June 2020 - approved

Present

- Elena Softley (ES) – Chairman
 - Alan Revell (AR) – Vice Chairman
 - Michael Green (MG)
 - Deborah Phillips (DP)
 - Denise Cripps (DC)
 - John Hunt (JH)
 - Cllr Hudspeth
 - Cllr Bishop
 - Julia Sharpe - Clerk
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- Members of the Public – None

81/20 Apologies

None

82/20 Questions from the Public

Complaint received regarding horse riders using Alma Grove path – it was agreed to purchase new signs for Alma Grove and the Little Lane

83/20 Register of Interests

None

84/20 Minutes of the last meetings

The minutes of the Annual meeting of the Parish Council and the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 13th May 2020 were read and signed as correct

85/20 Clerks report and progress on actions

Chatterpie Lane Hedge – letter received from landowner agreeing to cut hedge in the Autumn
Village maintenance update – JH reported that he has cut the overhanging hedges outside Winthorpe, Akeman Street and that he would submit a quote to remove the ivy from the recreation ground wall. MG reported that he had cleared the stones from the Alma Grove footpath and that he would investigate the permissions required to close the footpath to comply with current social distancing guidelines. He confirmed that the wall will be repaired in due course.

Website progress – The Clerk reported that work to design the replacement website was in hand and progressing well.

Swan Bridge – The Chairman reported that despite emailing the landowner requesting that he cut back the vegetation nothing had progressed. Cllr Hudspeth agreed to contact OCC Highways to undertake a site visit to evaluate the possibility of introducing a priority traffic system and to contact the landowner.

Verges at Railway Bridge – JH reported that the verges are very overgrown and need cutting.

Action – Clerk to contact OCC Highways

86/20 Report from County Councillor

Cllr Hudspeth's June report was discussed. In particular Cllr Hudspeth outlined a request that he has submitted for Woodstock and all villages in his division to have a 20mph speed limit along with cycle racks by bus stops subject to appropriate funding. There were no other questions.

87/20 Report from District Councillor

Cllr Bishop provided statistics of the recent work undertaken by WODC to maintain services throughout the lockdown period to date and thanked staff, members of the community and the general public for their cooperation.

88/20 Planning Applications

None

89/20 To Approve Payments and Note Sums Received

Payments	Gross	VAT
J. Sharpe May Wages paid by SO	£224.24	
J. Shape Zoom licence	£14.39	£2.40
Received		
County Councillor's Priority Fund	£7,318	

90/20 2019/2020 Accounts

The Clerk reported that the Audited accounts had not been received back from the internal auditor.

Action – Deferred to July meeting

91/20 Speedwatch Update

The Chairman and all members of the Parish Council thanked Cllr Hudspeth for the grant of £7,318 from the County Councillor's priority fund which will enable the purchase of 2 Speed Indicator Devices. In light of the news of the possible 20mph speed limit the need for the devices was discussed. Cllr Hudspeth said that any changes would not be imminent and that any speed limit would still need monitoring. It was agreed to go ahead with the purchase of the devices and to have them in place by September for the start of the school term.

Action – AR to contact suppliers and confirm price and availability

92/20 Village Design Statement Update

DP reported that feedback from Astrid Harvey (WODC Planners) had been encouraging and that they were happy with the quality of the data and happy to support us going ahead. The possibility of the need for a Neighbourhood Plan to protect the green spaces was raised, however the scope of the plan would be different from the current VDS. It was agreed that DP would research the implications and report back at the July meeting. It was agreed to share the current VDS report to the village.

Action: DP to prepare final version for dissemination to the village and research the Neighbourhood plan implications for the July meeting.

93/20 Gigaclear Update

DC reported that Gigaclear had hosted a Community meeting to which 17 residents attended. Gigaclear still plan for work to start mid-June and have agreed to provide a schedule of works. It was agreed that residents with issues arising from the installation should contact Gigaclear in the first instance. The Chairman thanked DC for continuing to liaise with Gigaclear.

Action – DC to circulate Gigaclear contact details on all village media sites

94/20 Urgent Correspondence

None

95/20 Next Meeting

The next meeting of Combe Parish Council will be on Wednesday 8th July at 7.30pm in the Reading Room, Combe or via Zoom.