

COMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 9th September 2020 – Approved

This was a virtual meeting hosted by Zoom

Present

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

215/20 Apologies

John Hunt (JH)

216/20 Questions from the Public

None

217/20 Register of Interests

Chairman and AR – item 12

218/20 Minutes of the last meetings

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 12th August were read and signed as correct

219/20 Clerks report and progress on actions

Website progress – the clerk reported that the new website is live with ongoing work to finalise the gallery page, make further corrections/amendments and set up the Councillor's email access – ongoing.

Playpark – repair to tractor wheel undertaken. Awaiting RoSPA Inspection

Village maintenance – quote for removing ivy from playing field wall – **Action - Clerk to contact VH&RG to suggest shared-payment.**

Swan Bridge – Awaiting pollarding of willow tree at the end of the month, other vegetation has been cleared – **Action - Chairman to follow up if necessary**

Village walk – update on actions – all completed

Water in Horns Lane from the school – **Action Clerk to inform school**

Gigaclear repairs – The Chairman reported that she had taken photographs of unsatisfactory repairs to be addressed by Gigaclear. **Action – Chairman and councillors to forward photographs to DC and then DC to discuss with Gigaclear.**

220/20 Report from County Councillor

Cllr Hudspeth presented his September report – there were no questions. Reports of incidents of anti-social behaviour in neighbouring villages similar to those experienced in Combe were discussed. Cllr Hudspeth said that the Stonesfield Parish Clerk had agreed to set up a system to establish a more coordinated approach.

Action – Clerk to contact Stonesfield Parish Clerk

221/20 Report from District Councillor

Cllr Bishop reported that there were no new planning issues for Combe but that he was involved dealing with requests for help/support from the Combe Community Hub and the Village Hall and Recreation Ground committee.

222/20 Planning Applications

None

223/20 To Approve Payments and Note Sums Received

Payments	Gross	VAT
Combe Hub – 2 years' grant payments	£6,000	
J. Sharpe – Clerks wages - June (SO)	£224.24	
J. Sharpe - Zoom licence	£14.39	
Dragon IT - Email issues and G suite licence	£215.52	£35.92
Cherwell Digital – Website	£1,000	
P. Merry – August village maintenance & playpark repair	£85	

Received – Nil

224/20 Speedwatch Update

The location of the SID in Akeman Street was agreed. Chairman and AR to meet to finalise location of Stonesfield Road SID. Cllr Hudspeth and Cllr Bishop agreed to make enquires regarding funding for re-siting the 30mph speed limit along Stonefield Road.

Action – Chairman and AR to mark SID post locations. Clerk to arrange for post to be installed. Cllrs Hudspeth and Bishop to make relevant enquiries.

225/20 Village Design Statement Update

DP said that a meeting has been arranged with members of the working group and WODC Planning in September and that there would be an update for the October meeting.

Action – October agenda item

226/20 To approve the recipient of the Gigaclear free connection

DC reported that she, MG, DP, and JH (vote by proxy) had met and had considered written applications from the VH&RG and Combe Community Hub. Following a lengthy discussion, a vote was taken resulting in 3 votes for the Combe Community Hub and 1 vote for the VH&RG. Therefore, the Combe Community Hub would be the recipients of the free connection.

The Chairman said that there could be a possibility of providing a satellite system for the VH&RG. DC agreed to discuss the possibility with Gigaclear. It was also agreed to announce the decision once this possibility had been explored.

Action - DC to make enquiries

227/20 To agree arrangements for the 2020 Bonfire and Firework evening

The current Government guidelines on mass gatherings, together with notification that Alma Grove field would not be available for the setting off of the fireworks this year were discussed. It was unanimously agreed that, following the Government guidelines, the bonfire and firework display would not take place this year.

Action – Clerk to notify all concerned and to contact land owner re use of field in future years.

228/20 To agree response to Government Planning White Paper

DP agreed to undertake additional research on the white paper and draft a response for agreement at the October meeting.

AR agreed to attend the presentation on the Salt Cross development and report back to the October meeting.

Action – DP and AR to report back to the October meeting. Clerk to add Agenda item.

229/20 To agree action for the proposed Blenheim cycling route

The proposed routes through the park for children cycling to and from school in Woodstock from Combe and Stonesfield together with general road safety issues, entrance and exit points, the joint use of cyclists and pedestrians using the roads in Blenheim were discussed. DC agreed, in the longer term, to join the group and AR agreed to make contact with the group in the interim.

Action – DC and AR to contact Sustainable Woodstock

230/20 To agree arrangements for an autumn litter pick

AR proposed that the Parish Council arrange a village autumn pick. The matter was discussed and taking into consideration the Government guidelines it was agreed not to organise a formal litter pick event but to ask people to collect litter whilst out on their usual walks. It was agreed to nominate the weekend of the 17th and 18th October for the litter pick weekend. A small supply of equipment will be available for collection from the Clerk.

Action – Clerk to arrange advertising and make necessary arrangements with WODC.

231/20 Urgent Correspondence

None

232/20 Next Meeting

The next meeting of Combe Parish Council will be on Wednesday 14th October 2020 at 7.30pm in the Reading Room, Combe or if the current restrictions apply the meeting will be held virtually via Zoom.