

COMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 11th November 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)
- John Hunt (JH)
- Cllr Hudspeth
- Cllr Bishop
- Julia Sharpe - Clerk
- Members of the Public – None

254/20 Apologies

None

255/20 Questions from the Public

None

256/20 Register of Interests

None

257/20 Minutes of the last meetings

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 14th October 2020 were read and signed as correct.

258/20 Clerks report and progress on actions

Akeman Street – the potholes along the Alma Grove wall had been repaired but the gullies and grips do not appear to have been cleaned.

Action – Clerk to contact OCC Highways

Motorcycles – a small group of youths riding potentially dangerous mini motorcycles and causing a public nuisance have been reported to the PCSO.

Action – All to monitor

Defibrillator – DP offered to be added to the defibrillator register as the additional guardian required.

Action – Clerk to update records

Chatterpie Lane – The landowner has agreed to cut back the hedge.

Playpark – The recent RoSPA playpark inspection has highlighted concerns about the safety of the zip wire and early signs of the posts rotting.

Action – Clerk to contact Trevor Stewart and add to December agenda

Oil Buying Group – a request to host annual raffle at December meeting was approved.

Volunteer Link Up – it was agreed to add the request for a donation to the December agenda.

Christmas Lights – Paul Williams has kindly agreed to put the lights in the tree on the little green from 4th December.

259/20 Report from County Councillor

Cllr Hudspeth – the County Councillor's November report was circulated prior to the meeting, there were no questions arising. Cllr Hudspeth reported that there was no funding available to relocate the 30mph speed restriction along Stonesfield Road and suggested that this could be addressed within the proposals for an overall 20mph speed limit throughout the county.

Action – April Agenda

260/20 Report from District Councillor

Cllr Bishop – the District Councillor’s November report was circulated prior to the meeting, there were no questions arising. Cllr Bishop said that he saw no reason to suppose that the WODC grant to the VH&RG committee for the car park resurfacing would not be successful.

261/20 Planning Applications

There were no planning applications.

Salt Cross – AR reported that he had submitted a response on behalf of the Parish Council in line with the previous response.

Planning White Paper – DP confirmed that she had submitted the response on behalf of the Parish Council.

The Chairman thanked both Councillors.

262/20 To Approve Payments and Note Sums Received

Payments	Gross	VAT
J. Sharpe – Clerks wages – October (SO)	£224.64	
J. Sharpe - Zoom licence	£14.39	
Donation to Combe Courier	£100	
RoSPA – Annual Inspection	£124.20	£103.50
CPRE – Annual Membership subscription	£36	
Royal British Legion – Poppy wreath	£25	
P. Merry – October village maintenance	£30	
Received – Nil		

263/20 To approve and adopt procedures and policy documents

Updated copies of the Code of Conduct, Complaints Procedure, Financial Regulations, Publication Scheme, Risk Assessment and Standing Orders had been circulated prior to the meeting. MG proposed that the documents be adopted on block, the Chairman seconded the proposal, all were in agreement and a resolution passed.

264/20 Speedwatch Update

The Clerk reported that the Speed Indicator Devices were scheduled to be delivered by 13/11/20 and the posts erected on 17/11/20. AR and JH agreed to assemble the devices.

Action JH & AR

265/20 Village Design Statement Update

DP reported that a response from WODC Planners regarding the structure of the report was still outstanding.

266/20 Gigaclear Update

The Chairman reported that Gigaclear had confirmed that all remedial work would be completed within 6 months and that signs would be put up around the village to inform residents of this. Gigaclear are still working on a plan to connect Church Walk and to split the free connection between the Hub and the VH&RG.

Action – The Chairman to monitor

267/20 To agree donation to the War Memorials Trust

MG proposed making a nominal donation of £25, JH seconded the proposal, all were in agreement and a resolution passed.

Action – Clerk to raise cheque for December meeting

268/20 To approve meeting dates for 2021

The proposed dates for the 2021 Parish Council and provisional planning meetings were circulated prior to the meeting and all were in agreement.

269/20 To agree 2021/22 Budget

A copy of the provisional budget was circulated prior to the meeting. It was agreed to defer setting the budget until the Precept figures from WODC had been received.

Action – December Agenda

270/20 To agree relocation of rubbish from outside The Cock Inn

Although in principle it was agreed to relocate the bin, the actual decision as to where it should be relocated to was deferred until the outcome of the WODC Cabinet Meeting in December is known.

Action – January Agenda

271/20 Urgent Correspondence

None

272/20 Next Meeting

The next meeting of Combe Parish Council will be on Wednesday 9th December at 7.30pm in the Reading Room, Combe or via Zoom if the current restrictions continue.