

COMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 8th December 2021 - Approved

Present

Elena Softley (ES) – Chairman
Alan Revell (AR) – Vice Chairman
Michael Green (MG)
Deborah Phillips (DP)
Denise Cripps (DC)
John Hunt (JH)
Cllr Graham (OCC)
Julia Sharpe - Clerk

Members of the Public – Nil

182/21 Apologies

None

183/21 Questions from the Public

None

184/21 Register of Interests

None

185/21 Minutes of the Last Meeting

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 10th November 2021 were read and signed as correct

186/21 Clerk's Report and Progress on Actions

Relocation of Marker Stone – the Chairman and MG have agreed a location for the stone. **Action – Clerk to obtain quotes.**

Gigaclear Update – Church Walk should be completed by end of the year. **Action – DC to investigate access to emergency services during a power outage.**

Post Office Collections – Cllr Graham reported that he has not received a response from Royal Mail to date.

Lighting at Combe Halt – Network Rail have advised that an engineer will be undertaking a site meeting. **Action – Clerk to request a joint visit.**

Playpark – slide repair/overhanging trees/broken zip wire cover/insecure gate – JH reported that the overhanging trees are still outstanding all other repairs completed. **Action – JH to trim back trees.**

CPRE Questionnaire – flooding and pollution – the Chairman reported that comments from Combe have now been reported and logged with CPRE.

Church Walk – accident/fix my street – following an accident in Church Walk the Clerk reported footpath defects to OCC. Job remains outstanding. **Action – Clerk to monitor.**

Treescape Project and Blenheim Wall – the Chairman outlined the project and the report covering Combe that will be produced for Blenheim in the near future. Concern regarding the state of the Blenheim wall in the field adjacent to the sewerage treatment works was raised. **Action – Clerk to contact Blenheim.**

Emergency Plan – the Clerk reported that the plan has been updated and is ready for circulation. The Chairman suggested creating a Parish Council WhatsApp group. All were in agreement. **Action – Clerk to circulate plan and create group.**

School Bus Stop on Church Walk – the bus company have agreed to look at alternative pick-up points.

Fly-tipping – tyres in Horns Lane – WODC notified and dealing.

187/21 Report from County Councillor

Cllr Graham outlined the two options for pursuing a 20mph speed limit through the village, the timescales involved and the need for a period of public consultation to demonstrate public support. It was agreed that the Parish Council have a duty and moral obligation to support the implementation of a 20mph. Cllr Graham said that should the Parish Council decide to go ahead with the implementation that OCC would fund half of the signage costs.

188/21 Report from District Councillor

Neither Cllr Parkinson or Cllr Chapple attended the meeting or provided a report. The Chairman stated that the lack of involvement and information from the District Councillors was disappointing. **Action – Clerk to write seeking reassurance.**

189/21 Planning Applications

None

190/21 To Approve Payments and Note Sums Received

Payments	Gross	VAT
J. Sharpe – Clerks wages – November (SO)	£230.20	
J. Sharpe – Defibrillator pads	£86.40	£14.40
WODC Grass Cutting – October	£54.18	£9.03
Witney Welding – Playpark repairs	£120	£20
Sophie Johnson – VDS design	£250	
Deborah Phillips – VDS Printing	£43.20	£2.80
Combe Courier Donation	£150	
Received	Nil	

191/21 Speedwatch Update

AR reviewed the data for November:

	Total	Number of vehicles		Average Speed		Above 30 mph		Highest Speed		Average Hourly	
		Akeman Street	S'field Road	Akeman Street	S'field Road	Akeman Street	S'field Road	Akeman Street	S'field Road	Akeman 5-6pm	S'field 9-10am
2021											
October	12540	5118	7422	33.7	30.2	69.2%	54.7%	67.1	>70?	575	635
November	12521	4130	8391	33.4	30.3	71.9%	56.5%	59.6	51.7	544	503

A letter from a member of the public expressing concern over the integrity of the SID data was discussed. AR said that he was still waiting for clarification from Solagen. A response will be made once this has been received.

The Chairman proposed that pending the results of a village consultation the Parish Council should proceed with the implementation of a 20mph speed limit through the village, to be funded largely by Council reserves. AR seconded the proposal; all were in agreement and a Resolution was passed. **Action – Chairman to draft consultation process for circulation.**

192/21 Village Design Statement Update

DP reported that 25 people had attended the village consultation session at the Reading Room and that a copy of the document had been available on the Parish Council website and in the Church. No significant modifications had been identified. The document will now go to WODC for their review and comment. The Chairman thanked DP for her excellent work on this project.

193/21 WODC Bins

It was agreed to monitor the bin locations for a further month. **Action – January agenda.**

194/21 Annual Review of Clerk's Wages

As a national settlement has not been agreed this item was deferred until a later meeting.

195/21 2022/23 Budget and Precept

The proposed budget for 2022/23 was circulated and discussed. The proposed budget results in a 1.6% increase in the Parish Council element of the Precept.

AR proposed that the budget be accepted, JH seconded the proposal, all were in agreement and a Resolution passed.

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196/21 Donation Requests

A donation towards the geophysical survey at Combe Mill of up to £250 was proposed by DP, seconded by AR and agreed by all. **Action – Clerk to notify George Speake.**

197/21 Urgent Correspondence

An email from Long Hanborough Parish Council regarding HGVs using Swan Hill was discussed. The Chairman offered to forward the information to the Windrush Valley Traffic Action Group. **Action – Chairman.**

188/21 Next Meeting

The next meeting of Combe Parish Council will be on Wednesday 12th January 2022 at 7.30pm in the Reading Room, Combe