

COMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 12th January 2022 - Approved

Present

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

1/22 Apologies

Michael Green (MG).

2/22 Questions from the Public

None.

3/22 Register of Interests

None.

4/22 Minutes of the last meetings

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 8th December were read and signed as correct.

5/22 Clerks report and progress on actions

Relocation of Marker Stone – position agreed. **Action - Clerk to liaise with P. Merry.**

Post Office afternoon postal collection – still no response.

Network Rail, Lighting at Combe Halt – awaiting date for meeting with engineers.

Playpark, overhanging trees – work completed, no outstanding issues.

Church Walk, loose pavements – awaiting site visit from OCC. Other areas requiring fixing identified.

Action – Clerk to notify OCC. JH to provide updated estimate for work to repair the footpath at Church end of Church walk.

Treescape Project Report – The Chairman reported that the detailed report indicates where trees could potentially be planted in Combe Parish. **Action – Clerk to circulate to PCs for discussion at the February meeting.**

Blenheim Wall, Grintley Hill – assurance from Blenheim that the wall will be restored in due course.

Sparrow Hall Wall – it was agreed that the wall has been left in an un-safe condition – **Action – Clerk to write to owner requesting urgent action and proposed timeline for reinstatement of the wall.**

VTN meeting with Blenheim – DC reported on a trial project within the park to establish a cycle route to join up part or all of Woodstock, Bladon, Hanborough and Combe. **Action – DC to circulate Sustainable Woodstock newsletter to PCs.**

6/22 Report from County Councillor

Cllr Graham reported that the OCC budget for 2022/23 provides additional funding for Adult and Social Care, Climate Change, Active Travel, Home to School transport and Youth Services. He was able to report that positions for four youth support workers had been secured with one of those to be allocated to our division to address youth support in rural areas.

7/22 Report from District Councillor

Neither Cllr Parkinson or Cllr Chapple attended, sent apologies or provided a report.

8/22 To Approve Payments and Note Sums Received and to Approve Accounts and Summary Payments for the Third Quarter

Payments	Gross	VAT
J. Sharpe – Clerks wages – December (SO)	£230.20	
HMRC – PAYE	£460.41	
Combe Reading Room – Room Hire	£175.50	
P. Merry – village maintenance	£55.00	

DC proposed that the accounts and summary payments for the third quarter be accepted, DP seconded the proposal, all were in agreement and a Resolution passed.

9/22 Planning Applications

21/04004/HHD – 10 Stonesfield Road – erection of single storey rear extension, alterations to include timber cladding to external elevations together with changes to window and door openings – no objections or comments. **Action – Clerk to notify WODC.**

10/22 20mph Public Consultation and Response to Letter

The process for the public consultation together with the content of the written survey for the proposed speed limit reduction to 20mph in Combe was agreed. It was also agreed to hold a public consultation meeting in the Reading Room on Saturday 26th February. **Action – Clerk to check availability and book Reading Room.**

AR agreed to draft a response to the letter received from Mr Smith regarding the integrity of the SID data and other related issues. **Action – AR.**

11/22 Gigaclear Update and Emergency Services Calls

DC reported that Gigaclear had confirmed that the majority of the work outstanding in Church Walk had now been completed. DC to report to the February meeting regarding calls to emergency services in the event of a power outage. **Action – DC to provide report for February meeting.**

12/22 Review of WODC Bins

It was agreed that keep the situation regarding the new distribution and location of the WODC litter and dog waste bins under review for a further month. **Action – ALL.**

13/22 Urgent Correspondence

None

Next Meeting

The next meeting of Combe Parish Council will be on Wednesday 9th February at 7.30pm in the Reading Room, Combe.