

COMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 9th February 2022 - approved

Present

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

- Members of the Public – None

14/22 Apologies

Alan Revell

15/22 Questions from the Public

None

16/22 Register of Interests

JH – Item number 12 – Church Walk repairs

17/22 Minutes of the Last Meeting

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 12th January 2022 were read and signed as correct

18/22 Clerks Report and Progress on Actions

Relocation of Marker Stone – the stone has now been relocated. No further action required.

Gigaclear Update – Church Walk resident still awaiting connection and dealing with Gigaclear direct.

Post Office — still no response regarding afternoon collections – **Action - Clerk to contact again.**

Network Rail - Lighting at Combe Halt – still waiting date of meeting.

Playpark – zip wire break not working correctly **Action – Clerk to contact Trevor Stewart.**

Church Walk Repairs – OCC have advised that the Minor Civils team have been notified and are dealing.

OCC – Local Transport Connectivity Plan – the Chairman and DC attended the OCC webinar. The Chairman reported that the LTCP was a high-level strategy and suggested that Councillors respond to the questionnaire individually. **Action - ALL**

Bin Locations – it was agreed that no further action is required at this stage.

19/22 Report from County Councillor

Cllr Graham reported that the OCC budget had been agreed resulting in a 4.99% increase which is equal to £1.50 for Band D properties. He said that the budget focused on funding to support communities. Cllr Graham also reported that a cross party motion requesting Thames Water to supply specific data relating to spillages and requesting funding/finance details had been agreed.

20/22 Report from District Councillor

Cllr Parkinson reported on the WODC Hedgehog Highway initiative and that 1,712 Covid business grants had been processed. Cllr Parkinson said that Thames Water would be holding surgeries in April/May which Clerks will be invited to attend.

21/22 Planning Applications

None

22/22 To Approve Payments and Note Sums Received

Payments	Gross	VAT
J. Sharpe – Clerks wages – January (SO)	£230.20	
J. Sharpe – printer cartridge	£39.59	£6.60
PCC – geophysical survey	£250	
P. Merry – village maintenance & bus shelter/telephone box	£175	
CPRE – Annual membership	£36	
Received –	Nil	

23/22 20mph Consultation Arrangements

Arrangements for the public consultation were confirmed. The survey form was updated and approved.

Actions – Clerk – liaise with the Courier re distribution of questionnaire, design online questionnaire and update website, DC – design poster and arrange printing of questionnaire and posters, DP - circulate poster on social media, Chairman – display posters around village.

24/22 Village Travel Network Update

The Chairman reported that she had attended a very positive meeting and that the LTN group are focused on active travel linking up the villages and are working with Blenheim to organise a series of events over a two-week period in the park. DC has been elected onto the Communications Group. Each Council can have 3 members but only have 1 vote. Councillors urged to consider joining. **Action – Chairman to circulate Terms of Reference and minutes of previous meetings.**

25/22 Church Walk Repair Quote

The original quote received from Garden Wizard in 2020 was resubmitted and approved.

26/22 Annual Spring Clean

It was agreed to hold the Spring Clean on the 2nd April subject to the Reading Room being available. Alternative dates of 26th March or 9th April were provisionally agreed. **Action – Clerk to book Reading Room and notify Ubico.**

27/22 Treescape Report

Councillors agreed that although the report is of great interest there is little action that the Parish Council can take alone as the majority of land concerned is either farmed by MG Farms or owned by Blenheim Estate. **Action - MG to revisit the report and report back at the next meeting.**

28/22 Speaker for Annual Parish Meeting

It was agreed to invite a member of the Grow Green Carbon group responsible for the Treescape Report to speak at the Annual Meeting. **Action – Chairman.**

29/22 Urgent Correspondence

None

Next Meeting

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