

COMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 9th August 2023 - Approved

Present

- Deborah Phillips (DP) – Chair, Elena Softley (ES) – Vice Chair, Denise Cripps (DC), Alan Revell (AR), Cllr Sumner (WODC), Julia Sharpe – Clerk
- Members of the Public – 0

98/23 Apologies

Michael Green

99/23 Questions from the Public

Mobile Telephone Mast – A request for a mast to be located in Combe to improve the mobile phone signal was discussed. AR agreed to investigate the process and cost and report back to the September meeting.

Action – AR.

100/23 Register of Interests

None.

101/23 Minutes of the Last Meeting

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

102/23 Clerk's Report and Progress on Actions

New Parish Councillor – The Chair confirmed that Peter Sloan has been appointed as the new Parish Councillor and that he will take up the role from September.

Combe House – The owner confirmed that the stones were being dressed and stacked in preparation to rebuild the ha-ha and not to build a wall.

Soil Sample update – MG circulated the analysis results. It was agreed that further clarification is required.

Action – MG.

Kidlington Airport – DC and ES highlighted the changes to the map which now includes parts of Combe. It was agreed to write to the flying school to encourage use of the new map. DC reported that she would monitor proposed changes to the Brize Norton airspace. **Action – DC/Clerk to write to the flying school.**

Playpark – The Clerk reported that inspections had been completed and that there was nothing new to report.

Combe Feast – The Clerk reported that Hebborns have confirmed their attendance. The VH&RG have agreed to provide a pop-up pub. Use of Reading Room facilities agreed with the RR committee.

S3 Bus – DC circulated a poster encouraging people to use the bus. **Action – DC to update, print the poster for circulation around the village and write article for the Courier,**

SID – Akeman Street – Still awaiting repair estimate. One Speedwatch session has been completed. The results show that average speeds through the village were slightly lower than the last time a session was held but are still not compliant with the 20mph limit. Further Speedwatch sessions, including some involving school parents, will be held during September. **Action – AR.**

Village Design Statement – The Chair reported that the VDS has finally been formally adopted by WODC as a Supplementary Planning Document. **Action – Chair to write article for the Courier.**

Volunteer Leaflet – The final draft was agreed. The Chair thanked Deborah Manning and Rob Smith for producing the excellent Volunteer leaflet. The Chair proposed that the quote from Rob Smith be accepted, ES seconded the proposal, all were in agreement and a Resolution was passed. **Action – Clerk to make payment on receipt of final invoice.**

Permissive Paths Map – It was agreed to put a link to the OCC map of public footpaths on Combe Community Facebook and the Parish Council website and to ask people to suggest new paths that they would like to see added. **Action – DC and Clerk.**

Electric Vehicle Charging Points – It was agreed to investigate where and how an EVCP could be installed in the village and to produce an initial report for the September meeting. **Action – AR/PS,**

103/23 To Approve Payments and Note Sums Received

Payments	Gross	VAT
J. Sharpe – Clerks wages – July	253.63	
WODC – Grass cutting – June	407.76	67.66
P. Merry – village maintenance	310.00	
OALC – Courses	162.00	27.00
J. Sharpe - Defib Battery	246.00	41.00
Combe Reading Room – Room Hire	175.00	
Received		
Mug Payments	13.99	

104/23 Firework Purchase and Arrangements

Donald Slatter reported that he had designed a display for this year for approx. £1,547 (+ VAT) and requested permission to order the fireworks in September to take advantage of the sale price. He assured the meeting that the selected fireworks were in the average noise band. The Chair proposed that the purchase should go ahead, DC seconded the proposal, all were in agreement and a Resolution was passed. The location for the firework display site cannot be confirmed until the occupancy of Alma Grove has been confirmed. The Chair thanked DS for his work so far. **Action – DS to purchase fireworks.**

Next Meeting

The next meeting of Combe Parish Council will be on Wednesday 13th September at 7.30pm in the Reading Room, Combe.