

COMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 8th May 2024 - Approved

Present

Deborah Phillips (DP) – Chair, Peter Sloan (PS) - Vice Chair
Elena Softley (ES), Denise Cripps (DC), Alan Revell (AR), Michael Green (MG),
Julia Sharpe - Clerk

Members of the Public – None

57/24 Apologies

None

58/24 Questions from the Public

None

59/24 Register of Interests

None

60/24 Minutes of the Last Meeting

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 10th April 2024 were read and signed as correct.

61/24 Clerk's Report and Progress on Actions

Playpark update – A quote for replacement swing seats was considered, The Chair proposed that the quote be accepted, Alan Revell seconded the proposal, all were in agreement and a Resolution was passed. There were no other new issues. **Action – Clerk to make necessary arrangements.**

SID update – The Clerk reported that the insurance company had agreed to cover the additional cost for the Data Logging system and that the SID was due to be returned by the end of May.

PC website update – The Clerk reported that enquires are ongoing.

Verge erosion outside Blacksmiths Cottage and West End – Peter Sloan reported that Councillors had met with James Wright from OCC, Highways and that the only viable option would be to install a number of heavy posts. Plans and quotes from James Wright are outstanding. **Action – Clerk to follow up.**

Akeman Street (Alma Grove Field) verge – Councillors met with Chris Grain and Nick Watson from OCC Highways. Plans and quotes from Chris Grain are outstanding. **Action – Clerk to follow up.**

Flood risk management funding opportunity from Oxfordshire County Council – The Chair confirmed that an expression of interest had been submitted and thanked Michael Green, Geoff Miles and Don Slatter for their advice.

Botley West speaker – The Clerk confirmed that Tom Lewis would be attending the June meeting.

62/24 Approve Payments and Note Sums Received

Payments	Gross	VAT
J. Sharpe – Clerks wages – April	£272.83	
WODC – 2023 Election Expenses	£200	
P. Merry – Village Maintenance	£40	
Moore – External Audit	£152	
OG Stonemasons – 50% deposit	£411.00	£68.40
Insurance Renewal	£1,743.99	
Received		
Precept	£7,598.50	
Grass Cutting Grant	£429.88	

63/24 Annual Governance Statement and Accounting Statements for 2023/24

Peter Sloan proposed that the Annual Governance Statement and Accounting Statements for 2023/24 be approved and accepted, Alan Revell seconded the proposal, all were in agreement and a Resolution was passed.

64/24 Planning Applications

Application number 24/00952/HHD, Fern Cottage, Church Walk. The application was considered and there were no objections or comments. **Action – Clerk to notify WODC.**

The WODC planning policy relating to building in front of the existing building line was discussed. **Action – Clerk to clarify with WODC.**

65/24 Insurance Quote

The renewal quote from Hiscox for the Parish Council Insurance 2024/5 of £1,743.99p was considered. Alan Revell proposed that the quote be accepted, Elena Softly seconded the proposal, all were in agreement and a Resolution was passed. **Action – Clerk to renew insurance.**

Next Meeting

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