

COMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 10th July 2024 – Approved

Present

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

Members of the Public – 0

78/24 Apologies

Cllr Graham (OCC), Cllr Sumner (WODC)

79/24 Questions from the Public

None

80/24 Register of Interests

None

81/24 Minutes of the Last Meeting

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

82/24 Report from County Councillor

None

83/24 Report from District Councillor

Cllr Early reported that the Stonesfield Neighbourhood Plan presentation and assessments are available on the Stonesfield village website. WODC has contracted with Ubico for waste collection, street cleansing, grounds and other ancillary services since 1 April 2015 and their contract with WODC is due to end on 1 April 2026. The end of contract review has begun and will start to generate findings in the coming months. Residents are asked to contact Cllr Early with any feedback or concerns regarding the timing of cutting verges, removing flowering plants before they have set seed, and the impact on insect populations.

84/24 Clerk's Report and Progress on Actions

Playpark update – Monthly inspection showed that the zip wire needs tightening – **Action – Clerk to arrange.**

SID update – The June data was briefly discussed. **Action – AR to circulate summary report,**

Verge erosion outside Blacksmiths Cottage – no update

West End verge – Waiting for quote from OCC.

Boltons Lane/Railway Bridge – A village resident has individually reported all 15 potholes on Fix my Street.

Meeting with Carl Vine (CV) – The Chair reported that CV had agreed to repair the corner of the green outside Corner Cottage once building works are completed but that he is reluctant to accept responsibility for the erosion to the east side of the main village green. Concern about the number of contractors' vehicles now parking off site was discussed. It was agreed to continue to monitor the situation and report issues directly to the site manager.

85/24 To Approve Payments and Note Sums Received

Payments	Gross	VAT
J. Sharpe – Clerk's wages – June	£272.83	
HMRC PAYE	£545.66	
Stonesfield Scout Hut	£150	
Trevor Stewart – Playpark	£732	£122

WODC – Grass Cutting	£588	£98
J. Sharpe (TsoHost, AED pads, Flockmail)	£198.31	£21.99
P. Merry – Village cleaning	£50	

Received

None

89/24 First Quarter Accounts and Summary Payments

The Chair proposed that the first quarter accounts and summary payments be accepted. PS seconded the proposal; all were in agreement and a Resolution passed. **Action – Clerk to add to the PC website.**

90/24 Planning Applications

Planning application number 24/01569/LBC – for internal alterations to replace an existing staircase at Combe House was discussed. There were no comments or objections.

Planning Application 24/01507/FUL – the erection of one self-build detached dwelling at Sutterton, Horns Lane (re-submission of application 21/01802/FUL) was discussed. There were no comments or objections.

Action – Clerk to notify WODC.

91/24 The Cock Inn Public House

The updated application form to renew the listing of The Cock Inn as an Asset of Community Value was agreed. The general state of disrepair of the building and untidiness of the property was discussed. **Action – Clerk to submit form to Legal Services, WODC and to email Lionhearth requesting action is taken to clear weeds and generally tidy the area.**

92/24 Donation

A request from Cleanslate for funding to help with the domestic abuse crisis affecting women and children in Oxfordshire was discussed and declined.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of Combe Parish Council will be on Wednesday 14th August at 7.30pm in the Reading Room, Combe followed by the annual village walk.