

**2018/25**

**LITTLE COMBERTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes from a meeting of the Parish Council, held on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 6pm

**OPEN FORUM/PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** – Nothing to report

**PRESENT** – Chairman C Rabbette, Vice chairman J Gough and Cllr A Dermont

1. **APOLOGIES** – Cllrs P Morris, S Kottler, M Kibble and S Britten

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – None declared

3. **SWDP** – The clerk, chairman and vice chairman recently attended a SWDP information event at CC advising of the forthcoming review for the new SWDP. The new review will extend the current ‘Plan’ to take into account the necessary growth requirements up to 2041. Exhibitions had been held in and around Wychavon, Malvern Hills and Worcester Town Councils with an opportunity for the public to visit and ask questions. Most Cllrs had attended the event in Pershore on 21<sup>st</sup> November.

There is, at present, a consultation on the ‘Issues and Options’ document – inviting town and parish councils to comment on any changes they would like to see included. It was agreed that Little Comberton make the following comments on the document:

*Little Comberton Parish Council would like to make the following comments on the SWDP Issues and Options Consultation. We would like to see:*

- *Stronger policies for development affecting the setting of Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty; we anticipate the AONB being adversely affected by recently permitted large scale horticultural and caravan development in the open countryside close to the AONB boundary. These will have a negative impact on the tranquil rural landscape on key approaches to the Cotswolds AONB*
- *Stronger policies for inappropriately-located, large scale horticultural development which not only has an adverse visual impact but also raises issues of frequent HGV movements on unsuitable access roads, conflict with cyclists and pedestrians, light pollution and requires permanently located accommodation for seasonal workers.*
- *Stronger policies to control static caravan development. We feel that the current SWDP policy for static holiday caravans is too weak. A recently approved application for 81 static holiday caravans within Great Comberton, a village of 130 dwellings that has no facilities, is an example. These are permanent structures that have been permitted in open countryside, whereas housebuilding of any scale would be completely unacceptable. We feel static caravans should be subject to the same planning regulations as houses. With the pressures being placed for more houses, we should not be giving priority to, what are in reality, second homes. We would support a change to SWDP2 to remove the provision for static caravans to be allowed in open countryside, in particular for any close to an AONB / Conservation area, as is the case of Great Comberton.*

**4. FINANCE**

- a) British Legion – it was agreed to make the usual donation of £50 to the Royal British Legion
- b) Xmas Wine – it was agreed that we purchase wine for the volunteers who regularly attend to the Memorial Garden. The clerk would attend to this