

**2019/12**

**LITTLE COMBERTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes from a meeting of the Parish Council, held in the village hall on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at 7pm

**PRESENT** – Cllrs C Rabbette, A Dermont, M Kibble and S Britten, one member of the public P Morris

**SIGNING OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE FORMS** – completed. The clerk distributed Register of Interest forms, reminding Cllrs of their responsibility to complete and return to WDC

**ELECTION OF CHAIR/VICE CHAIR**: Cllr Rabbette offered to re-stand as chair, there were no nominations put forward. Cllr Britten proposed, seconded by Cllr Dermont – all in favour of Cllr Rabbette acting as Chairman.

A proposal was put forward for Cllr Kibble to act as Vice-Chairman. There were no other nominations put forward. Cllr Rabbette proposed, seconded by Cllr Dermont – all in favour of Cllr Kibble acting as Vice Chairman

**CO-OPTION**: Mr P Morris had asked to be considered for co-option onto one of the vacant seats. There were no objections to this, proposed Cllr Dermont, seconded Cllr Rabbette – all in favour. Cllr Morris took his seat with the parish council. Cllr Rabbette would circulate on the village email list that we had a further two seats to fill by co-option

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

1. **APOLOGIES** – None received
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – None declared
3. **MINUTES** from the previous meeting were approved
4. **PROGRESS REPORTS**
5.
  - a) Highway Matters
    - Speeding / Speed Data – Cllr Dermont reported of the on-going saga with regard the unresolved issues with the VAS sign. Despite a number of phone calls to SWARCO we were no further forward. SWARCO had admitted that there had been problems with the newer models. There was also a question raised regarding the battery length, despite paying more for the reportedly longer life batteries. After lengthy discussion it was agreed that the clerk contact them, again, advising that we were extremely disappointed with the current situation and unless a satisfactory outcome is achieved we would ensure that our experiences would be made known to other organisations who recommend their products, with regard the appalling customer service
    - Pool Close – a request was made for the LM to weedkill the highway in Pool Close? The clerk was asked to report 2 dangerously large potholes adjacent to the back gate of 2 Bredon View, Wick Road (*this has been done*)
  - b) Footpaths/Rights of Way – A second person had come forward offering to assist the Footpath Warden. He will be looking at the options available
  - c) Lengthsman – The clerk would ask the LM to check Manor Lane to ensure there are no H & S hazards with the forthcoming Street Market fast approaching

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### d) Planning -

- Fence at Orchard View, Manor Lane – Still with Wychavon District Council enforcement officers
- 19/00378 – The Old Rectory – erection of single storey extension to form residential annex – refused by WDC
- 19/00627 – Hickley Piece – Change of use of agricultural land to residential curtilage, construction of 3-bay garage and resiting of existing hedgerow – *there were no objections to this application*
- 19/00759 – Tythe Court, Manor Lane – application for prior notification of agricultural or forestry development for proposed hay and implements barn – *nothing to report as only an application of prior notification*
- SWDP – nothing to report

### e) BHCG – Cllr Britten reported:

- that there was a potential site issue in Eckington
- planning applications for Mitton Bank were awaiting highway decisions
- 3 sites had been put forward for housing development in Beckford for between 20 and 30 dwellings, and a further 44 dwellings in Eckington

f) Ditches/ Water Courses – Work has stopped on the repair works at the junction with the Gt Comberton due to the discovery of a gas mains. The clerk is to speak to WCC to see what they intend doing next.

g) Phone box – The exterior has been re-painted, however on close inspection it was agreed that the finish was poor. The clerk would ask for it to be rubbed down again and a further coat applied.

h) Trees – The Wild Service tree has arrived and due to be planted. Cllr Kibble reported that one of the other new trees had died, but Pershore College had advised it would be replaced

## 6. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT – nothing to report

## 7. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT – Nothing to report

## 8. FINANCE –

### a) Payments for approval / made since last meeting – approved.

Hall Hire		667	13.00
PAYE		668	127.00
Lengthsman Expenses		669	40.00
Phone Box Spares		670	353.56
Insurance		671	167.97
Subscription Fees		672	215.83

### b) Copies of the accounts had been presented to councillors

#### Account Balances:

Current A/c (after u/p cheques)	3598.97
Deposit Account:	4919.30
Petty Cash	61.21

### c) Accounts 2018/19 had been circulated for final approval – there were no issues raised, proposed Cllr Rabbette, seconded Cllr Britten – all in favour

## 9. HEALTH & SAFETY – Cllr Morris reported that works on the new fire exit were in progress

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**10. BONFIRES** – Several complaints had been received by the parish council with regard bonfires, being particularly problematic over the bank holidays and during the warmer weather. It was agreed that a notice be placed in the next LINK, along with a reminder for dog owners to clean up after their dog.

**11. TREE AT MEMORIAL GARDEN** A branch had fallen from one of the trees at the Memorial Garden, narrowly missing a near neighbours car. As a precaution the clerk had arranged for a local tree surgeon to see if there was any obvious immediate danger from the rest of the tree and the adjacent tree. There was nothing apparent but he did advice that it may be beneficial to have a tree report carried out. This was agreed by all, especially as the two trees are ‘banded’ together for stability. The cost of this to be taken from the tree maintenance reserve. The clerk would organise.

### **12. CRIME :**

- Neighbourhood Watch – Cllr Rabbette had received interest from several villagers prepared to get involved in the NW scheme, and support from one resident who volunteered to be the overall village co-ordinator
- Police & Crime Commissioner Visit, 11<sup>th</sup> April – this had been well attended

### **13. MATTERS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS / DISCUSSION :**

- **Cllr Training** – the clerk advised that there may be some training session being held in Elmley Castle Village Hall – further information to follow

**14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June