

**2019/06**

**GREAT COMBERTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes from the Annual Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at 7pm

**PRESENT** – Cllrs K Collingwood, K Barnes, T Pearce, S Hamilton, S Inglis and A Lavell and District Cllr G Mackison

**SIGNING OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE FORMS** – completed

**ELECTION OF CHAIR / VICE CHAIR** – Cllr Collingwood was nominated as Chair, there were no other nominations or objections – proposed Cllr Barnes, seconded Cllr Inglis – all in favour. Cllr Barnes was nominated Vice-Chair – there were no other nominations or objections – proposed Cllr Collingwood, seconded Cllr Lavell – all in favour

**APOLOGIES** were received from Cllr H Peart

**MINUTES** from previous meeting were approved and signed

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – Cllr K Barnes – Rooftop Housing shareholder  
Cllr K Collingwood – Planning Application 19/00491 – Tibbetts Farm

**OPEN FORUM** – Nothing to report

**MATTERS ARISING**

- a) Lengthsman – the clerk was asked to see if the LM could attend to overgrowth around the notice board
- b) Highway Matters – nothing to report
- c) Police – Nothing to report
- d) Footpaths- The clerk was asked to report damaged stile on footpath in Back Lane (*done*)
- e) New Homes Bonus – currently stands at £4642. Cllr Inglis reported on the recent Village Hall committee meeting where options were discussed as to possible improvements to the hall. It was reported that some committee members were not enthusiastic for any large-scale projects. After some discussion, it was agreed to seek feedback from parishioners as to what they wanted from the hall in terms of facilities. Cllr Collingwood offered to put something together for circulation in the first instance
- f) Rooftop Housing – Cllr Barnes reported:
  - Manhole issues – Still ongoing with CC
  - There had been some staff changes and we have lost Peter Stock. Cllr Barnes will endeavour to build up a working relationship with his replacement
- g) Notice Board – This has been ordered and awaiting delivery
- h) Tree Warden – an invitation had been made to the new Tree Warden, but unfortunately he had been unable to attend. It is hoped he will make it to the next meeting
- i) War Memorial – the clerk to chase up the stone mason for the quote (s)

**COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT** – Nothing to report

**DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT** - copy attached

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**PLANNING**

- 19/00745 – Shelton Farm, Lower End, Great Comberton – new vehicular access off Pershore Road and associated change of use of land from agriculture to domestic drive – *awaiting decision by WDC*
- 19/00761 – Land adj. to The Birches – 4-bedroom dwelling house and separate tractor shed – discussion took place, and whilst there were no objections to the proposal it was agreed that we ask for the dividing hedge between the site and Little Orchard to be retained, as well as the walnut tree in the front hedge. Finally a condition that all works related vehicles and materials be kept within the curtilage of the property
- 19/00492 – Tibbetts Farm, Russell Street – construction of 3-bedroom dwelling *Cllr Collingwood took no part in this discussion* – lengthy discussion ensued, and whilst the dwelling house would fall within the settlement boundary, the drive and garden did not. It was agreed that there were already 10 dwellings within a 10-15 metre stretch of road, along with an overdevelopment of the existing site. It was agreed that we ask the planning officer to make a site visit, in particular to see the impact the development was having on the setting of an historic farm and house
- SWDP – nothing to report

**FINANCE**

- (i) Payments for approval/made since last meeting:

Clerks Expenses	SO	12.00
Clerks Salary	SO	121.81
Lengthsman	681	184.00
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Clerks Salary	SO	121.81
Lengthsman 17/18	682	180.00
Insurance	683	150.25
Electric - Kiosk	684	34.35
Subscription Fees	685	201.44

- (ii) 2018/19 accounts had been circulated to Cllrs for approval. There were no issues raised – Proposed Cllr Hamilton, seconded Cllr Inglis

**AOB/ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

- Smartwater – an offer had been received from the Police and Crime Commissioner for reduced price SW kits. This would be looked into before asking residents if they want to participate
- Thanks – it was agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to Simon Hickey for his contributions to the parish council

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2019