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LITTLE COMBERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes from a meeting of the Parish Council, held in the village hall on Tuesday 2nd July 2019 at 7pm

PRESENT – Chairman C Rabbette, Cllrs A Dermont and P Morris, N Jamieson as proposed Co-Option candidate and Bigg – Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator

CO-OPTION – As well as the application received from Nigel Jamieson, a second had been received from Laura Haycock to fill both vacant seats on the parish council. There were no objections to this and Mr Jamieson took his seat with the parish council after signing his Acceptance of Office forms. The clerk would arrange for the necessary paperwork to be given to Laura Haycock.

1. **APOLOGIES** were received from Cllrs S Britten and M Kibble, and Laura Haycock

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

3. **MINUTES** from the previous meeting were approved and signed

OPEN FORUM – Roger Bigg attended in his capacity as the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator, advising of his plan to organise a meeting in the village hall to raise awareness and to promote the scheme. A leaflet would be distributed to all households. It is intended to place NW signs at each of the entry points of Little Comberton. The clerk would make enquiries to see if these could be fitted to the existing 30mph sign posts, and whether there was any issues in Conservation Areas or AONB

4. **PROGRESS REPORTS**

a) Highway Matters

- Speeding / Speed Data – A meeting had been arranged with SWARCO and Cllr Dermont on 18th July, hopefully to take delivery of a new VAS which will be set up and configured to work as agreed
- Pool Close – Nothing further to report
- It was reported that the verges from the last house in Wick Road down to Willowbank are overgrown. The clerk would raise this with WCC

b) Footpaths/Rights of Way – There were some paths that required attention around Old House Farm. The clerk would speak to the Footpath Warden to see if there was any response from WCC

c) Lengthsman – 30mph/village signs need overgrowth cutting back

d) Planning -

- Fence at Orchard View, Manor Lane – This is still with Enforcement Officers at WDC. The clerk was asked to raise with WDC how much officer time had been spent on this to date, and if possible some indication as to costs.
- SWDP – nothing to report other than sites are starting to be reviewed and filtered

e) BHCG – next meeting October 17th

f) Ditches/ Water Courses:

- Gt Comberton Junction – work is scheduled to be carried out to finish off the pipework. Trial hole excavations may be carried out to establish the situation with regard the gas main.

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- Drainage at Crossroads – following heavy rainfall it was evident that there was a problem with drains in and around the crossroads. Jetting and a camera survey have been carried out, identifying a collapsed drain in Manor Lane. Timescales for repair are awaited
- g) Phone box – The base of the kiosk had been replaced. The remaining internal works would be carried out asap
- h) Trees:
- Tree Warden – the tree warden had stepped down from the role because of other commitments taking up the majority of his time. The clerk would arrange for a notice to go in the LINK for a replacement
 - Trees at Memorial Garden – the parish council had organised a full survey of the tree at the Garden, with particular attention to be paid to the bracing of the split trunk. The report found nothing that would give us any cause for concern with a recommendation that a further survey be carried out in 5 years. This was noted.
- (i) Bonfires – there had been no further reports of nuisance bonfires but the situation is being monitored and a diary being kept
- (j) Dog Waste Bin - £400 had been received from Cllr Hardman towards the costs and the bin would now be ordered. Proposed Cllr Rabbette, seconded Cllr Dermont

5. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT – nothing to report

6. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT – Nothing to report

7. FINANCE –

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

Grass Cutting - Church	679	125.00
Hall Hire	680	13.00
Re-painting Phone box	681	350.00
Clerks Salary	SO	261.56
Clerks Expenses	SO	12.00
PAYE	682	193.80

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

Account Balances:

Current A/c (after u/p cheques) 5057.79

Deposit Account: 4921.75

8. HEALTH & SAFETY – Nothing to report other than H & S is monitored regularly

9. WCC PASSENGER TRANSPORT STRATEGY CONSULTATION – the clerk had circulated to Cllrs details of the Consultation currently underway. It was considered that we should respond with the risk of losing the bus service ever present. It was agreed that details of the consultation be circulated to all those on the email list with a copy of the questionnaire/survey, advising parishioners that if they wanted to send them back to the clerk, there would be a deadline of 23rd August

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10. MATTERS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS / DISCUSSION :

- **Cllr Training** – The clerk would ask Cllr Haycock if she would be interested in the Elmley Castle training session

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 3rd September 2019