

**2019/09**

**GREAT COMBERTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes from the Annual Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2019 at 7pm

1. **PRESENT** – Cllrs K Collingwood, Vice Chairman, K Barnes, Cllrs T Pearce, S Hamilton, S Inglis, H Peart and A Lavell
2. **APOLOGIES** – none received
3. **MINUTES** from previous meeting were approved and signed
4. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – Cllr K Barnes – Rooftop Housing shareholder

**OPEN FORUM** – Nothing to report

**5. MATTERS ARISING**

- a) Lengthsman – the clerk advised that she had received a complaint with regard the overgrowth at the seat by the phone box and from adjacent trees. He would attend to the overgrowth whilst investigations are big carried out to seek who previously attended to it
- b) Highway Matters:
  - Pot-holes – Cllr Hamilton advised there were a couple of potholes that she would report on the CC hub
  - Road Verge Management & Biodiversity – Information had been received by the clerk and circulated to Cllrs with regard the proposals by WCC to encourage roadside verge nature reserves. This was discussed with a great deal of interest and agreed that it would be useful to have a site meeting with WCC's Robert Deri to see what could be done in Great Comberton. The clerk would arrange this, with Cllrs Collingwood and Lavell agreeing to meet.
- c) Police – The clerk advised there had been no crimes reported
- d) Footpaths- It was reported that the footpath at the rear of Blackberry Farm was overgrown, with the point raised that a stock proof fence would make it difficult for any cutting of the overgrowth.
- e) The New Homes Bonus – currently stands at £4642. An email/letter to all residents had been sent, asking for their thoughts on how the NHB could best be spend to benefit the village. A number of responses had been received by the clerk, which would be analysed and circulated to Cllrs, for further discussion at our next meeting in September
- f) Rooftop Housing – Cllr Barnes reported:
  - Manhole issues – This had been dealt with by WCC
  - Footways – this is an ongoing issue and is in the hand of WCC
  - Footpath – this has been promised for maintenance but no time scale has been provided
- g) Notice Board – This has been ordered and awaiting delivery. There had been a change in staff member dealing with this, and been 'lost in the system'. This is now being processed
- 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 – An inspection had been carried out and quotes for work received. It was agreed that in the first instance we should see if we would qualify for any grant funding, which is current available from the War Memorials Trust – this would be in the format of a pre-grant application which the clerk would look into. Cllr Hamilton had taken some photographs which would be

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included with the application.

6. **COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT** – Nothing to report

7. **DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT** - Nothing to report

## 8. **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 – *approved by WDC*
- 19/00761 – Land adj. to The Birches – 4-bedroom dwelling house and separate tractor shed – *approved by WDC*
- 19/00492 – Tibbetts Farm, Russell Street – construction of 3-bedroom dwelling *refused by WDC*
- SWDP – nothing to report

## 9. **FINANCE**

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

Lengthsman		687	144.00
Brailles Rental		688	112.50
PAYE		689	92.20
Hall Hire		690	27.00
Clerks Salary		SO	125.94
Clerks Expenses		SO	12.00

(ii) Accounts had been circulated to Cllrs

(iii) Current Account Balance (less u/p cheques): £2098.91

Deposit Account Balance: £4849.65

10. **BREDON HILL CONSERVATION GROUP REPRESENTATIVE** - Cllr Collingwood advised she was still happy to represent the parish council, and there was no other interest

11. **SMARTWATER** – Cllr Lavell gave a presentation to Cllrs with regard a scheme currently on offer from the PCCC to purchase ‘whole community’ Smartwater kits at a considerably reduced cost. This was discussed at length, with the cost to the parish council being £574.72. This would cover enough SW kits for every household and signage for the village. It was agreed in the first instance we contact all residents to see if there would be any interest in this scheme

## 12. **ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS/DISCUSSION**

13. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019