

**2020/01**

**LITTLE COMBERTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes from a meeting of the Parish Council, held in the village hall on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 7pm

**OPEN FORUM** – Nothing to report

**PRESENT** – Chairman C Rabbette, Cllrs M Kibble, L Haycock and P Morris, County Cllr A Hardman and one parishioner. Also in attendance was the applicant and his architect for planning application ref: 19/02674

1. **APOLOGIES** were received from Cllrs S Britten, A Dermont and N Jamieson
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – None declared
3. **MINUTES** from the previous meetings were approved and signed.

An introduction was made by the applicant of the planning application, Land off Pershore Road, Great Comberton who gave details of the plans for the site and the future of their business, currently being run from Netherton and the reasons for the re-location at Great Comberton

**4. PROGRESS REPORTS**

- a) Highway Matters
  - Pool Close – work was due to be carried out before Xmas on the resurfacing of Pool Close, however, this has been temporarily put on hold whilst flooding and drainage issues are being investigated.
- b) Footpaths/Rights of Way – The clerk had received interest from a resident with regard the role of Footpath Warden. The clerk would forward some guidance from WCC to her with a view to having an informal meeting to answer any questions / queries. It was reported that there is increase amount of dog fouling on one of the footpaths and it was thought this could be from a non-resident. The clerk would speak to Cllr Dermont on his return
- c) Lengthsman – It was reported that the LM had been seen actively digging out grips at Marybrook
- d) Planning -
  - Fence at Orchard View, Manor Lane – A Legal Notice is being prepared by WDC Enforcements to be served on the occupants
  - 19/0841 – Hollyoak Nursery – new agricultural building – This was approved by WDC at full planning committee
  - 19/02268 – The Old Rectory – single storey extension to form annex, relocation of outbuilding and demolition of garden wall – *refused by WDC*
  - 19/02674 – Land off Pershore Road, Great Comberton – creation of new access and a rural workers dwelling – discussion took place, with some input from the applicant and his architect. It was agreed that the parish council had no objections to the application but did have concerns with regard the erosion of the gap of open countryside between Pershore College and The Combertons. It was agreed that the clerk comment as supporting the application but also for our concerns to be made known to officers
  - SWDP – Response was submitted and awaiting outcome

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- e) BHCG – To consider 40mph speed limit around Bredon Hill – this was discussed, and Cllrs felt that there was no need to impose a speed limit and additional road signage. It was considered that if there were any particular hot spots, these should be addressed by the relevant parish council
- f) Ditches/ Water Courses:
- Gt Comberton Junction – It was reported that WCC are still awaiting parts to complete works. County Cllr Hardman would chase this up
  - Drainage at Crossroads – It was reported that there appeared to be no further issues with flooding
  - Pool Close Flooding – root cutting had been carried out by WCC and it is hoped that this will resolve any issues. We will need to rely on feedback from residents to see if this has been successful
  - Orchard Drive – Notification had been received from WCC that a ‘4-week’ works order had been raised to rectify the issues with collapsed drain.
- g) Trees / Tree Warden – The clerk had been advised there was a possible dead tree on the Elmley Road. This had been looked at and before any action is taken to remove it, it was agreed we wait until the Spring to see if it shows any sign of life. The clerk advised that the Tree Warden in Great Comberton may consider looking at the trees in Little Comberton
- (i) Dog Waste Bin – This has now been installed

### 5. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT – nothing to report

### 6. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT – County Cllr Hardman apologised for his absence on previous meeting and reported:

- WCC are starting to consult on their next budget
- WDC are reviewing bus services, and it is hoped that there will be little, or no change at all
- Cllr Hardman advised that he would speak to one of the officers at CC with regard moving the speed sign closer to Little Comberton village

### 7. FINANCE – Payments for approval / made since last meeting:

Lengthsman October	704	120.00
Clerks Tax refund PAYE	705	462.00
Clerks Salary	SO	261.36
Clerks Expenses	SO	12.00
Lengthsman (November)	706	120.00
Wine - Memorial Garden	707	76.70
Clerks Salary	SO	261.36
Clerks Expenses	SO	12.00
Cheque cancelled	708	
Hall Hire	709	13.00
Dog Waste Bin	710	617.71
Lengthsman December	711	144.00

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

##### Account Balances:

Current A/c (after u/p cheques) 4,105.58

Deposit Account: 4,926.66

- b) The clerk had prepared a proposed budget and circulated to Cllrs. A suggested increase of 6.2% was put forward, allowing us to build up a reserve for tree maintenance and to cover any inevitable increases in subscription costs, insurance and general running expenses. This increase is **less** than the 9.6 % increase last year. The budget was agreed, proposed by Cllr Morris, seconded Cllr Rabbette – all in favour

- 8. HEALTH & SAFETY** – Cllr Morris reported the Village Hall Committee were still having problems with the fire alarm in the village hall
- 9. CRIME:**
  - Neighbourhood Watch – The clerk would ask for an update on the NW group from the NW Co-ordinator
- 10. CODE OF CONDUCT:** A revised Code of Conduct had been sent by WDC for consideration and adoption by all parish and town councils. This had been circulated to all councillors and accepted. Proposed adoption of the new code by Cllr Rabbette, seconded by Cllr Kibble
- 11. MINERALS CONSULTATION:** The clerk reported that concerns had been raised in Charlton and neighbouring villages regarding investigating excavation of minerals. A public meeting is being held in Cropthorne later in January to advise residents of the impact this will have, including HGV lorries through the villages.
- 12. MATTERS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS / DISCUSSION:**
  - **Vice Chairman** – following the decision by Cllr Kibble to step down as vice-chairman, we would need to elect a replacement at the next meeting
- 13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February