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GREAT COMBERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 3rd March 2021 at 7pm **held via Zoom**

1. **PRESENT** – Chair K Collingwood, Cllrs S Hamilton, S Inglis, A Lavell and G Hodgson, County Cllr A Hardman, District Cllr T Rowley and eight members of the public
2. **APOLOGIES** – were received from Cllrs K Barnes and H Peart
3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – None declared
4. **MINUTES** from the previous meeting were approved, proposed Cllr Lavell, seconded Cllr Hamilton, all in favour
5. **MATTERS ARISING**
 - a) Lengthsman – Nothing to report
 - b) Highway Matters –
 - Drainage / Joes Farm – Covered in Annual Parish Meeting
 - Footways – Discussion took place on what works could be sympathetically carried out to improve the condition of the footway by Stowe Cottage, without looking ‘too urban’ which would quite likely be the outcome if WCC get involved. It was agreed in the first instance that a site visit be held with Cllrs Collingwood, Inglis, Cllr Hardman and an engineer from WCC – though this would not be until May.
 - Flooding, Russell Street – Cllr Hardman reported that he was not entirely sure as to what could be done to resolve the issues, as the problem is caused by surface water off the hill, although he did suggest it may well be a land drainage issue. Cllr Rowley reported on ‘timber dams’ which are being used in Charlton to alleviate their flooding issues. The Tree Warden felt that tree planting may alleviate some of the problems. *Since the meeting Cllrs Collingwood and Inglis have walked the area and have reported back by email to Cllrs.*
 - c) Police – Covered in Annual Parish Meeting
 - d) Footpaths/PRoW – The clerk reported that WCC had confirmed that Footpath 509 has now been cleared.
 - e) Rooftop Housing – Nothing to report
 - f) Tree Warden – Covered in Annual Parish Meeting
 - g) War Memorial – The clerk is awaiting a reply from Pershore Abbey re a contact for a stone mason to complete the application for grant funding
 - h) Severn Trent Foul Water - Sewerage Issues – This is still ongoing. Cllr Collingwood reported that all we could do was to continue reporting problems with the sewerage system and foul drainage to Severn Trent.
6. **COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT** – Cllr Hardman contributed to discussion during the meeting
7. **DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT** - Cllr T Rowley reported:
 - The elections in May would include a bi-election for a new District Cllr to cover the Elmley Castle / Somerville Ward
 - Boundary Commission Review – consultation to follow and there could be some changes made by Wychavon District Council

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- SWDP Consultation Review – Regulation 18 (to look at alternative sites only) is out to consultation. Traveller and Travelling Show People consultation will go out after the May elections

8. PLANNING:

- 20/02678 – Mill Croft – demolition of garage and erection of new detached garage and extended drive surface – *approved by WDC*
- 20/02702 – Mill Croft – proposed change of use of land for the siting of two temporary holiday accommodation units with parking area – *awaiting decision by WDC. It was noted that the shepherds hut was already on site.*
- 20/02800 – Pool House – proposed single storey replacement ancillary accommodation – *awaiting decision by WDC*

9. FINANCE

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

Clerks Training	746	50.00
Lengthsman Decemt	747	144.00
Toilets Refurb (on ho	748	12540.00
Clerks Expenses	SO	12.00
Clerks Salary	SO	129.26

Proposed acceptance of payments and full accounts circulated by Cllr Lavell, seconded Cllr Hodgson, all in favour

The clerk reported that the VAT applied for, for the VH toilet refurbishment has now been received from HMRC into the parish council bank account

10. CORONAVIRUS / COVID 19 UPDATE: Cllr Hamilton reported that she had helped a resident with an application for grant funding. Whilst quiet, there is still a lot of community support for those that require assistance

11. BROADBAND – Cllr Hamilton reported that she had submitted the relevant paperwork / application. A further roll-out of funding is expected to be made available in April. Cllr Hardman thanked Cllr Hamilton for all of her help

12. POLICIES – for approval by the parish council:

- Freedom of Information Policy – *updated and circulated to Cllrs in advance of the meeting for consideration*
- Complaints Procedure - *updated and circulated to Cllrs in advance of the meeting for consideration*

There were no objections to the draft policies – proposed acceptance / adoption Cllr Inglis, seconded Cllr Lavell – all in favour

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13. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS/DISCUSSION - nothing raised

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Wednesday 5th May – Annual Parish Council Meeting – it was agreed we invite Rooftop Housing and the Lengthsman – both who were unavailable at the Annual Parish Meeting