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GREAT COMBERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 22nd July 2021 at 7pm in the Village Hall

1. **PRESENT** – Chair K Collingwood, Vice Chair K Barnes, Cllrs S Hamilton, S Inglis, A Lavelle and G Hodgson and District Cllr E Kearsey

2. **APOLOGIES** – were received from Cllr H Peart

Open Forum – No parishioners present

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

4. **MINUTES** from the previous meeting were approved, proposed Cllr Barnes, seconded Cllr Hamilton, all in favour

5. **MATTERS ARISING**

a) Lengthsman – The LM continues to work within the parish

b) Highway Matters –

- Drainage / Joes Farm – Nothing further to report and it was agreed that photographs be sent to WCC with view to stress the urgency of these works being completed.
- Footways, Stowe Cottage / Whiteoaks and also from noticeboard to War Memorial – concerns still raised with regard the condition of the footways adjacent to Stowes Cottage, but also from the notice board to the War Memorial – the clerk would request a site visit by WCC to discuss what the options available would be to improve the surface for pedestrians.
- Road Closures – works are currently being carried out by Severn Trent in Church Street with a further road closure on the main road scheduled for the Autumn. In addition, the impact of the road closure in Eckington was discussed, and the effect the additional traffic through Great Comberton was having, regarding volume and speed. A request had been made to WCC for a weight restriction, but the response was not favourable.

c) Police – It was recorded that the police are organising mobile police ‘station’ visits – it was agreed that we should ask the police to make a visit to GC as soon as practically possible.

d) Footpaths/PRoW – A request was made in light of the extra traffic (Eckington Road Closure) that all grass verges be cut to aid visibility

e) Rooftop Housing – Cllr Barnes reported, following a meeting with the new Housing Officer:

- Rear of Garages – plans to clean up the area at rear of the garages and install ‘motion’ sensor lights as a deterrent.
- Parking is still an issue with one suggestion made to remove the ‘green’ – this would require a full consultation with residents in the first instance
- Path with Handrail – this has now, finally, been attended to
- Playground – Rooftop have now removed all their signage. The grass needs cutting and the equipment needs updating. *To push Rooftop to get this done*

f) Tree Warden – Nothing to report

g) War Memorial – The clerk reported that this is still ongoing and is frustrated with the amount of time it is taking. Cllr Lavell offered to assist to get this resolved.

h) Severn Trent Foul Water - Sewerage Issues – Nothing further to report

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- i) Quay Lane – Quay Lane has been used by Allens Caravans, as an access to their own land. After lengthy discussion, it was agreed that they had several options open to them to access their own land without the need to go down Quay Lane.

6. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT – Nothing to report

7. **DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT** - District Cllr Kearsey reported that since being elected in May, she had been extremely busy embarking on a series of training sessions and inductions. She had undertaken planning training, was a member of the Community Funding Panel and was keen to encourage the parish council to communicate with her if there were any concerns on any planning applications

8. PLANNING:

- 20/02702 – Mill Croft – proposed change of use of land for the siting of two temporary holiday accommodation units with parking area – *withdrawn by applicant*.
- 20/02800 – Pool House – proposed single storey replacement ancillary accommodation – *to consider amendment to application. Approved by WDC*
- 21/00571 – Pool House – to replace existing front porch with single storey extension – *Approved by WDC*
- 21/00460 – Pear Tree Cottage - Loft conversion and internal alterations – *approved by WDC*
- Hayloft Nursery – a late application had been brought to the attention of the parish council for a live/work unit on the site. Concerns were raised as this is yet another step in the door. Cllr Collingwood would draft a response to the application

9. FINANCE

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

Zoom / SLCC Share	755	45.26
Electricity Kiosk	756	40.69
Subscription Costs	757	218.35
Clerks Salary u/Pmt April	758	37.85
Clerks Expenses	SO	12.00
Clerks Salary	SO	167.50
Insurance	759	118.66
Lengthsman April	760	138.00
Clerks Expenses	SO	12.00
Clerks Salary	SO	167.50
Clerks PAYE	761	125.40
Lengthsman May	762	138.00
Clerks Expenses	SO	12.00
Clerks Salary	SO	167.50

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

10. **BROADBAND** – Cllr Hamilton reported that a ‘pop up’ event is to be organised by Airband (a recent event in Little Comberton was very successful. Cllr Hamilton is pushing for further information.

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11. DEFIBRILLATOR – following a recent request from a parishioner to move the defibrillator to the phone box, discussion took place and it was agreed it remains at the VH. It was also agreed that residents should be made aware that the housing unit is not locked

12. CLERKS VACANCY – following the recent resignation of the current clerk, it was agreed that the vacancy should be advertised on the CALC website, at 20 hours per week and using the NALC / CALC standard working for the advert – approved by all Cllrs

13. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS/DISCUSSION :

- Bonfires – complaints had been received from residents complaining about the lighting of bonfires – it was agreed that the best approach would be for parishioners to have a polite conversation with those lighting the bonfire in the first instance.
- New Cllrs Pack
- New Residents Pack

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Wednesday 8th September 2021 at 7pm