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GREAT COMBERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 8th September 2021 at 7pm in the Village Hall

1. **PRESENT** – Chair K Collingwood, Cllrs S Hamilton, S Inglis, A Lavelle, H Peart and G Hodgson, County Cllr A Hardman and District Cllr E Kearsy

2. **APOLOGIES** – were received from Cllr K Barnes

Open Forum – No parishioners present

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

4. **MINUTES** from the previous meeting were approved

5. **MATTERS ARISING**

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

b) Highway Matters –

- Drainage / Joes Farm – WCC have advised that it is hoped for these works to be carried at the end of 2021
- Footways, Stowe Cottage / Whiteoaks and also from noticeboard to War Memorial – Defer to next meeting
- 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 – Following a request for the mobile police station to visit Great Comberton, Cllr Lavell reported that we are 'on the radar' for a site visit at some time, although no timescale was known.

d) Footpaths / PRoW – nothing to report

e) Rooftop Housing – Whilst not in attendance, Cllr Barnes had reported that the playpark is still under review and still waiting to hear about ownership of main road footpaths off Hands Orchard.

f) Tree Warden – Nothing to report

g) War Memorial – Cllr Lavell is taking on this. The clerk had spoke to the War Memorial Grants and they have advised that the next round of grants is due to be considered in November. Further quotes, or evidence seeking quotes, is required by the WM Grants before they will consider our application for funds. Clerk to send Cllr Lavell all communication with WMG

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

i) Quay Lane – Communication has been received from Allens regarding access via Quay Lane. It was agreed that the parish council should engage in communication direct with Allens rather than via email. Cllr Hamilton offered to set up an initial meeting with them with Cllrs Lavell and Hodgson, and also District Cllr Kearsy.

6. **COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT** – Cllr Hardman reported:

- Covid – there are still 204 cases in the Wychavon area, with 42 in acute hospital care, with 3 in intensive care.
- Worcs. County Council are starting to feel the effect of the Covid pandemic financially.
- Eckington Bridge has now re-opened but is expected to be closed in February, for approximately 1 week, possibly over half-term.

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- Hopper Bus Service – bus services have been reduced, due to passengers reducing to 22% of previous numbers. Some local communities are looking at transport schemes, working together with neighbouring villages. A new timetable has been made available and will be circulated to residents.
- Pershore School Pyramid – there is a scheme being considered looking at taking education within the Pershore back to a two-tier system (losing the middle school). Consultation will be shared with parish councils

7. DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT - District Cllr Kearsley reported:

- Flower Show – well done for an excellent event
- SWDP Review – final consultation document has been delayed
- Boundary Commission Review closes soon
- Annual Residents Survey – an opportunity for residents in Wychavon to have their say has been circulated to parishioners
- Wychavon ‘Meet Your Council’ Campaign – an opportunity for residents to meet their District Cllrs. Cllr Kearsley will plan an event for parishes in her ward next Spring
- Community Grants
- Hayloft Nursery – a resident from a neighbouring village had been contact with Cllr Kearsley and a meeting to be arranged with Hayloft and the planning officer. She would also raise, at the same meeting, any other planning issues regarding Hayloft

8. PLANNING:

- Pool House – concerns had been brought to the parish councils attention regarding the development at the site, questioning whether there were any breaches of permission. Cllr Collingwood would bring the concerns to the attention of the Head of WDC Planning at their meeting
- 21/01594 Millcroft – *awaiting decision by WDC, however since the meeting we have been advised that the application was refused*
- 21/01850 – Tibbetts Farm – *using delegated powers, the application was circulated to Cllrs, who voted to support it – approved by WDC*
- 21/01364 – Waterbrook House – Demolition of existing stables and outbuildings and erection of a 4-bedroom dwelling and ancillary outbuilding- *lengthy discussion took place. Concerns were raised re the size of the new dwelling and the visibility splay. Clarification sought that the hedge is to remain and on the boundary of the plot. Cllr Kearsley noted the concerns raised by the parish council and would take these to the planning officer before any comments are made*
- 21/01889 – Waters Edge – replace glazed roof to orangery and entrance, and two storey rear extension – *there were no objections to this application*

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9. FINANCE

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

4th August	Clerks Salary	SO	167.50
4th August	Clerks Expenses	SO	12.00
9th August	Lengthsman June	763	144.00
9th August	Lengthsman July	764	144.00
23rd August	Brailles Rent	765	112.50
23rd August	Clerks PAYE	766	125.60
23rd August	ICO Renewal	767	40.00
September	Clerks Expenses	SO	12.00
September	Clerks Salary	SO	167.50

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

10. BROADBAND – Cllr Hamilton reported that Airband were in attendance at the recent Flower Show, with a number of similar events taken place throughout local villages. Un update is awaited.

11. CLERKS VACANCY – Two applicants were interviewed, both did very well in the interview. A decision was made regarding which candidate to offer the position to, with a start date of middle of October

12. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS/DISCUSSION :

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Wednesday 3rd November at 7pm