

**2017/01**

**GREAT COMBERTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes from a meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2017, at 6.30pm in the village hall.

**PRESENT** – Chairman K Collingwood, Cllrs T Pearce, H Peart and K Barnes

**APOLOGIES** were received from Cllrs R Williams, S Hamilton and S Hickey, District Cllr G Mackison and County Cllr A Hardman

**MINUTES** from previous meeting were approved and signed

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - None declared

**MATTERS ARISING**

- a) Lengthsman – areas requiring attention:
  - Lengthsman had reported that most of the drains appeared blocked. The clerk had requested a complete gully clearance by CC
  - Ditch in front of Brailles Orchard appeared full of silt. Suggested that a small mini digger would clear this quite quickly, in the drier weather.
- b) Highway issues – It was suggested that a polite request be placed on windscreen of vehicle whose parking restricts vision exiting Hands Orchard – clerk to action. The clerk was also asked to enquire as to the weight limit over the culvert at the bottom of the Eckington Road
- c) Police – Nothing to report
- d) Footpaths – Nothing to report
- e) Planning – A request was made for any pre-planning discussions with WDC planning officers to be disclosed to the parish council. *I have since spoken to DC and any pre-planning discussion are included in the list I circulate*
- f) New Homes Bonus – Monies for defibrillator received to bank.
- g) Phone Box – Awaiting drier / warmer weather. All materials in hand
- h) Allens Caravans – Nothing to report
- i) Defibrillator – awaiting delivery of housing unit
- j) Rooftops Housing – Councillor Barnes has been working with Rooftops to ratify some of the issues in and around Hands Orchard. Outstanding Issues:
  - Repairs to fencing – These are expected to be rectified imminently
  - Footpath from lay-by to Hands Orchard – following several incidents where pedestrians had fallen, a request has been made to have the footpath re-surfaced – in hand
  - A request made for markings in the road in Hands Orchard to keep dropped kerb area clear of vehicles to enable less mobile clear access – to be investigated further
  - Rooftops Community Fund – Cllr Barnes advised the parish council, that there is a Community Fund available from Rooftops. He was asked to enquire whether they may consider a donation for the Youth Bus
- k) War Memorial – Following requests to enhance the area surrounding the Memorial, options and costs are being sought. *Action Cllr Pearce*

**COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT** – Copy available

**DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT** - Suggestion made by CC Hardman that repairs to footways would be considered in the next financial year

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**FINANCE**

- (i) Bank Reconciliations / accounts to date – Circulated to all councillors. No issues raised
- (ii) Budget / Precept – It was agreed to increase the precept to £2870 (an increase of 1.89%)

**AOB/ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

- Pershore Public Transport Forum – Helen Whitwell (resident) has been co-ordinating with the Forum, to improve the services in those areas which have a poor service, and to keep or improve those already existing. It was mentioned that there are no timetables available for the Hopper Service at the bus shelters in Broad Street. The clerk would see if these could be provided

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Wednesday 11th January 2017