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GREAT COMBERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes from a meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 12th September 2017, in the village hall at 6.30 pm

PRESENT – Cllrs K Collingwood, H Peart and K Barnes

APOLOGIES were received from Cllrs S Hickey and Hamilton

MINUTES from previous meeting were approved and signed

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – K Barnes – Rooftop Housing. The clerk had handed out guideline for declarations of interest for the benefit of Councillors

MATTERS ARISING

- a) Lengthsman:
 - A request made to pay attention to hedges when making road signs visible. A complaint had been received that part of a hedge had been cut back excessively
- b) Highway issues:
 - Block Drains – several requests had been made for the drains to be jetted, as yet no action seems to have been taken although some had been ‘marked’ up. Clerk to chase this up
- c) Police – Nothing to report
- d) Footpaths – Nothing to report
- e) Planning :
 - 17/01435 – Allens Caravans – nothing to report at this stage. The clerk had advised that the application was not included in the agenda for the next planning committee meeting on 21st September
 - 17/01216 – Tibbetts Farm – Replacement barn. This was discussed in detail and it was agreed that the parish council would object to the application on the grounds that the barn is an important historic feature in the village and its replacement with a facsimile would be detrimental to the character of the Conservation Area. In addition, raising the roofline by 1.5 metres would overshadow nearby properties and be out of scale with the other buildings in the farm group.
- f) New Homes Bonus – £3076 available
- g) Phone Box – It had been discussed at length with local parish councils and it was agreed that a professional finish was required, which could be lengthy. The clerk is seeking ‘mobile’ sand blasting companies for quotes
- h) Allens Caravans – Nothing to report
- i) Defibrillator
 - CPR Training – Two sessions had been organised and well attended
- j) Rooftop Housing – Councillor Barnes has been working with Rooftop to ratify some of the issues in and around Hands Orchard. Outstanding Issues:
 - Footpath from lay-by to Hands Orchard – a 20-day order had been placed for this to be investigated and a solution agreed
 - Hand rail – it was agreed that all that was required was some minor works – which could be carried out by the parish council
 - Youth Bus Contribution – Cllr Barnes advised that a £100 donation had been made by Rooftop Housing. The clerk to establish from WDC if this had been received
 - Disabled Access – this is to be investigated and quotes obtained, although it had been pointed out that this may have to be financed by the parish council. The clerk is to investigate if NHB would cover this
 - Playground – discussion had taken place and it was suggested that there MAY be a possibility in the near future for the playground to be assessed for some re-furbishment.

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COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT – Nothing to report

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT - Nothing to report

FINANCE

(i) Bank Reconciliations / accounts to date – Circulated to all councillors. No issues raised

(ii) Payments for approval/made since last meeting

WDC Youth Bus		623
CPR Training Donation		624
Cheque Cancelled		625
L Yapp		626
B Arrowsmith (July)		627
B Arrowsmith (August)		628
Village Hall		629
B Arrowsmith (Kents Barn)		630
Fisher Germain		631

(iii) Policies – It was agreed to adopt:

- Financial regulations
- Standing Orders
- Health & Safety Policy
- Freedom of Information Policy
- Equality & Diversity Policy
- Procedure for Co-Option
- Complaints Procedure
- Members Code of Conduct

Proposed Cllr Barnes, seconded Cllr Collingwood

AOB/ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION - None

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Wednesday 1st November at 7pm