

2017/11

GREAT COMBERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes from a meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 1st November 2017, in the village hall at 7 pm

PRESENT – Cllrs K Collingwood, H Peart, S Hamilton, T Pearce and K Barnes, District Cllr G Mackison

APOLOGIES were received from Cllr S Hickey

MINUTES from previous meeting were approved and signed

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – K Barnes – Rooftop Housing.

MATTERS ARISING

- a) Lengthsman – the clerk raised the issue that the LM budget had not increased since we became part of the scheme, however there is more emphasis on the LM being asked to undertake additional tasks. At the moment our budget only allows between 10 and 12 hours per month. The clerk would write to CC and ask if there are any plans to increase the budget. The clerk would ask the LM to cut back overgrowth at the junction opposite Kents Barn
- b) Highway issues:
 - Block Drains – CC had advised that drains are to be jetted – to be monitored
- c) Police – Nothing to report
- d) Footpaths – Cllr Hamilton commented on the number of gates left open by walkers.
- e) Planning :
 - 17/01435 – Allens Caravans – nothing to report at this stage. All present were in favour of Cllr Collingwood making representation on behalf of the parish at the committee meeting when the application is decided. Cllr Pearce raised the point that documentation received by Wychavon DC several weeks previous was only put on the website on the cut-off date for comments, hence giving no-one the opportunity to comment
 - 17/01216 – Tibbetts Farm – Replacement barn. Not all Cllrs had had an opportunity to view the planning documents in detail. It was agreed that this be agreed via email. Cllr Collingwood would liaise with Cllr Peart
 - 17/02001 – Mill Croft, Back Lane to Pershore Road – Construction of timber pontoon style landing stage – the parish council objected to this on the grounds that it was too big and out of context to the area. They would prefer to see something smaller and grass covered, similar to what is existing at the Quay
- f) New Homes Bonus – £3076 available
- g) Phone Box – The clerk is seeking ‘mobile’ sand blasting companies for quotes
- h) 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 – Awaiting approval
 - Hand rail – this had now been rectified
 - Youth Bus Contribution – Cllr Barnes advised that a donation had been made to WDC
 - Playground – Rooftop Housing are looking at play grounds that would be suitable for improvement. It is hoped that Hands Orchard is included
 - Car Park to the rear of Hands Orchard is overgrown and Rooftop have been notified

COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT – Nothing to report

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT - Copy available from clerk

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NAVIGATION TRUST – SIGN AT QUAY – Discussion took place regarding the new sign which had been placed at The Quay by the Navigation Trust. It was considered visually intrusive and unnecessary as leaflets had also been issued to boaters. It was also considered that it would have been courteous of the Trust had contacted the parish council in the first instance. The clerk was asked to write voicing the parish councils objections

FINANCE

- (i) Bank Reconciliations / accounts to date – Circulated to all councillors. No issues raised
- (ii) Payments for approval/made since last meeting

HMRC PAYE		634	76.60
L Yapp		SO	12.00
L Yapp		SO	102.20
B Arrowsmith		635	120.00
B Arrowsmith (weedkiller)		636	30.00
S Harte (BHCG)		637	30.00
L Yapp		SO	12.00
L Yapp		SO	102.20

- (iii) External Audit – this had been carried out with no issues raised

AOB/ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION - None

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Wednesday 10th January 2018