

**2018/19**

**LITTLE COMBERTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes from a meeting of the Parish Council, held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2018 at 7pm

**OPEN FORUM/PUBLIC QUESTION TIME** – Nothing to report

**PRESENT** – Chairman C Rabbette, Vice chairman J Gough, Cllr A Dermont, S Kottler, M Kibble and Cllr P Morris and Footpath Warden P Gough

1. **APOLOGIES** – Cllrs S Britten

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

3. **MINUTES** from the previous meeting were approved and signed

4. **PROGRESS REPORTS**

5.

a) Highway Matters

- Speeding / Speed Data – A site meeting has been scheduled for 4<sup>th</sup> October with a representative from Worcs. County Council to agree the three locations for the VAS sign. It was suggested that a restriction on HGV vehicles should be introduced through the village – this would also be discussed at the meeting
- Pool Close – To be monitored

b) Footpaths/Rights of Way – Thanks were paid to Cllr Gough and the Footpath Warden for clearing the track at Double Hedges. Although the track had been cleared to a width of 2 metres, a request had been made for a larger area to be cleared to enable horses to turn when necessary. The FW advised that this was too big a job for them to tackle on their own and that Worcs CC had advised that this was not something they would take on themselves. He did however, suggest that a working party could clear this. The clerk would ask Cllr Britten if this is something she could organise. A large branch at the top of the track would be attended to by Worcs. CC. All other footpaths in the village had been attended to and there were no other areas of concern.

c) Lengthsman – The LM had attended to grips and ensured that drains etc were clear of leaves. A request from a resident had been made for the LM to clear leaves/weeds etc from the road. The clerk explained that the budget from CC only covered 10 / 12 hours per month and that priority would be given to drains, gullies, grips etc. She also advised that it was not the responsibility to clear the roads, and that in the past the road sweepers would cover this, however the use of road sweepers had been restricted generally. The clerk would request WCC do a 'sweep' of the village. It was also suggested that residents be sent a notice/flier advising road sweeping is no longer being provided and asking them to keep gutters clear of leaves and weeds.

d) Planning -

- 18/01570 – Hollyoak Nursery, Main Road – Extension to existing glasshouse approved under 03/0104 – awaiting decision by WDC
- Allens Caravans (Gt Comberton Golf Club) – The clerk had asked WDC Planning if we could be included as consultees on any future discussions between WDC and Allens. They had responded by saying that it was not their policy to consult but the parish council felt that specifically with regard to construction issues we should be notified/consulted considering the impact that HGV would have on the village.
- Fence at Orchard View, Manor Lane – with enforcement team

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- SWDP Review – a meeting has been organised at WDC on 6<sup>th</sup> November. Cllrs Rabbette, Gough and the clerk would attend
- e) BHCG – Next meeting scheduled for 17<sup>th</sup> October at Ashton under Hill
- f) Ditches/ Water Courses – It was reported that Severn Trent were carrying out works on the water course between Old House Farm and the sewerage works. Concerns were raised that the water levels were particularly high on one side of the road bridge and that the previously reported issue of a blockage underneath the road had not been attended to satisfactorily by WCC. Cllr Rabbette would try and take photos with a view to going back to WCC for action
- h) Phone Kiosk – Works scheduled for November
- i) Notice Board – Awaiting confirmation from Long Lartin to collect, although it was reported that there had been ongoing issues at the prison which may be the reason for the delay
- j) Trees:
- Tree, Wick Road – the large tree had suffered considerable damage during the high winds. The initial debris had been cleared by a couple of residents, but it was evident that the tree was diseased and required immediate action by CC. This had been reported by the clerk but she would chase up if nothing had been done within the next few days
  - Ornamental Pear – one of the new trees in Orchard Drive had been damaged and removed. Cllr Kibble kindly offered to see if he could get a replacement at cost price. He also offered to source the Field Maple & Wild Service trees that WCC agreed to finance following their removal
- k) Bench, Elmley Road – further to previous discussion regarding the condition of the commemorative bench, it was agreed that this could be ‘renovated’ quite easily to provide a few more years’ service, and that it should be kept in its current location. It was suggested that poppy seeds could be sown around it – this was agreed. It was agreed we ask the resident who requested a new plaque for the memorial garden, if he would like to provide one for the new bench instead.
- l) 5 Wick Road – the clerk had contacted Rooftop regarding the condition of the garden and excess vehicles. She would chase them, but did advise Cllrs that there had been some internal staff changes which could explain the delay.

### **6. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT – Nothing to report**

### **7. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT – Nothing to report**

### **8. FINANCE –**

- a) Payments for approval / made since last meeting – approved.

Clerks Expenses		SO	12.00
Clerks Salary		SO	272.96
Clerks Expenses		SO	12.00
Lengthsman		646	120.00

- b) Account Balances:

Current A/c (after u/p cheques)	4270.75
Deposit Account:	4911.95
Petty Cash	61.21

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**9. HEALTH & SAFETY** – A quote is awaited for changes involved with the Fire Exit signs, and work then to be carried out to create a new emergency exit through the old porch

### **10. MATTERS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS / DISCUSSION**

- Postman – It was agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to the postman, for his service to the village over the past 22 years
- Bus Service – a new bus timetable has come into force, and this would be put in the renovated phone kiosk once completed
- Poppy Wreath – it was agreed that we purchase a new one

**11. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS: Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm – delayed by one week in favour of the SWDP Review meeting to be attended by some members**