

2019/04

GREAT COMBERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes from a meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 6th March 2019, in the village hall following the Annual Parish Meeting

PRESENT – Chair K Collingwood, Vice Chair K Barnes and Cllrs T Pearce and S Hickey, District Cllr G Mackison and one member of the public

APOLOGIES were received from Cllr S Hamilton, S Inglis and H Peart

MINUTES from previous meeting were approved and signed

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Cllr K Barnes – Rooftop Housing shareholder

OPEN FORUM – Nothing to report

MATTERS ARISING

- a) Lengthsman – the clerk was asked to see if the LM could attend to overgrown hedge adjacent to Kents Farm
- b) Highway Matters – nothing to report
- c) Police – The clerk advised that Elmley Castle Parish Council is hosting a return visit with the Police and Crime Commissioner, John Campion on Thursday 11th April at Elmley Castle Village hall – 7pm
- d) Footpaths- nothing to report
- e) New Homes Bonus – currently stands at £4642. Suggestions had been made that this could be spent on some improvements to the village, possibly as part of a larger project using additional funds from the new Community Legacy Grant. It was suggested that Cllr Inglis liaise with the VH committee in the first instance.
- f) Rooftop Housing – Cllr Barnes reported:
 - Manhole issues – Cllr Barnes had met with Severn Trent and there is still some confusion with regard who is responsible but it is being pursued.
 - Repairs to Footpath – Some remedial repairs had been carried out and it is hoped that the whole path is attended to early in the next financial year.
- g) Notice Board – it was agreed that we should purchase a board capable of taking 8 x A4 sheets. The clerk would obtain a quote for this size

COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT – Covered in Annual Parish Meeting

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT - Copy in Annual Parish Meeting

PLANNING

- 18/02640 – Shelton Farm Lower End – approved by WDC
- SWDP – nothing to report

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FINANCE

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

Lengthsman		672	144.00
Clerks Salary		SO	121.81
Clerks Expenses		SO	12.00
Cheque Cancelled		673	
Lengthsman		674	120.00
Cheque Cancelled		675	
Tree Works		676	243.00
Clerks Salary		SO	121.81
Clerks Expenses		SO'	12.00
Tree Works (shortfall)		677	27.00
HMRC PAYE		678	91.40

WAR MEMORIAL has been listed as a *Building of Special Architectural or Historic Interest*. It was suggested that there may be some repair work necessary at the Memorial as it was starting to show sign of wear and tear. The clerk advised that there were some grants available from the War Memorials Trust. In the first instance the clerk would organise a report and quote for any repairs

TREE WARDEN – a resident in Hands Orchard had come forward and offered his services for the voluntary role as Tree Warden for Great Comberton. He has a keen interest and seemed ideally suited to the role. There were no objections to this moving forward to a practical level and the clerk would make contact with him in the first instance

AOB/ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- Female Safety – it was reported that a female village resident had been followed by a smartly dressed man, all in black, recently along the path from Church Street to Church Hill. Nothing further occurred and as soon as she turned and looked the person quickly covered their face and turned back the way they had come. The police were notified. It became apparent during discussion that another female from Great Comberton had experienced something very similar some 12 months previous. It was agreed that a notice be placed in the LINK

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Wednesday 8th 2019 – to be the first meeting with the new parish council following the elections.