

2017/07

GREAT COMBERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes from a meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 5th July 2017, in the village hall at 7pm

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

APOLOGIES were received from Cllrs S Hickey, T Pearce and R Williams

MINUTES from previous meeting were approved and signed

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None declared

MATTERS ARISING

- a) Lengthsman – areas requiring attention:
 - Lengthsman – Hedge at Kents Farm is still causing concerns as not being cut back. Several complaints received from residents, and the clerk has been in contact with the selling agents and AMG (agents for the bank). The clerk had sent an email to AMG requesting the hedge be cut back as a matter of urgency. However, it was agreed that this be referred to CC, to see if they can force the issue
- 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. To be monitored
 - Granite kerb set had been dislodged near the junction to Quay Lane. Clerk to report to CC
- c) Police – Two crimes had been reported – an outbuilding and a garage had been broken into. Speed checks had been carried out but all vehicles were travelling within the speed limit
- d) Footpaths – Nothing to report
- e) Planning – 17/00488 Rickyard / Tibbets Farm – approved by WDC
- f) New Homes Bonus – £3076 available
- g) Phone Box – Work to be commenced shortly. It was asked if the phone box should be sand blasted in advance. The clerk to check with the LM
- h) Allens Caravans – Awaiting planning application
- i) Defibrillator
 - CPR Training – one session had already been carried out, with 14 attending and a further scheduled. It was agreed that a £50 donation be made to the organisation
- 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 – there had been a second incident where a resident had fallen on the footpath. This was the second incident, with a child being injured on the hand rail. Whilst Cllr Barnes had been in contact with Rooftop, it was agreed that the parish council formally write to Rooftop, advising that this be addressed as a matter of urgency before anyone else got injured
 - Youth Bus Contribution – Cllr Barnes is still waiting to hear if Rooftop would be prepared to make a financial contribution. However, the parish council agreed to make a £50 donation and would review it again at the next meeting
- k) War Memorial – Cllrs present felt that the area around the Memorial was looking nice now, with the poppies coming through, and it was agreed that it be left as it is for the time being

COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT – Nothing to report

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT - Copy attached

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FINANCE

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

(ii) Payments for approval/made since last meeting

B Arrowsmith		614	120.00
AON UK		615	168.00
L Yapp		616	12.00
Worcs CALC (K Barnes Training)		617	60.00
L Yapp		618	102.15
HMRC PAYE		619	76.60
L Yapp		620	12.00
B Arrowsmith (May/June)		621	240.00
L Yapp		622	102.20

(iii) Policies – it was agreed to defer discussion until the next meeting

(iv) Internal Audit – due to work commitments, it may be a case that the Internal Audit would have to be carried out by some-one else. This would possibly incur a charge of £120. The parish council agreed we had no choice but to go with that, if need be.

(v) Reserves – It was agreed that £2000 from parish council funds be allocated as an election reserve

AOB/ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION - None

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Wednesday September 6th at 7pm