

**2018/05**

**GREAT COMBERTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes from a meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2018, in the village hall at 7pm.

**PRESENT** – Cllrs K Collingwood, H Peart, S Hamilton, R Williams and K Barnes, District Cllr G Mackison, County Cllr A Hardman, Rooftop Housing representative Mr T Collins and 1 member of the public

**APOLOGIES** – none received

**ELECTION OF CHAIR/VICE CHAIR** Cllr Collingwood offered to continue with the post, there were no objections, proposed Cllr Hamilton, seconded Cllr Williams. Cllr Collingwood proposed Cllr Barnes for Vice Chairman, proposed Cllr Collingwood, seconded Cllr Hamilton.

**MINUTES** from previous meeting were approved and signed

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – K Barnes – Rooftop Housing shareholder

**Rooftop Housing** representative Mr Collins advised that recent issues in Hands Orchard were being resolved to the satisfaction of the parish council and all concerned. He advised that plans for the future included re-surfacing of the pathway from the main road, which would, hopefully be completed during the current financial year. There are plans to replace the playground equipment with *outdoor gym-style equipment*, which was considered to be more suitable for a wider age-range. This was welcomed by the parish council, although there was no time scale offered for this. It was agreed by the parish council that Rooftop Housing had been very transparent, (where possible) in dealing with the recent issues, and thanks were made to Mr Collins by District Cllr Mackison. Mr Collins advised that he soon to be moving on, but his successor would continue to liaise and work with the parish council.

**MATTERS ARISING**

- a) Lengthsman – approval was given to re-imburse the LM for costs for weed-killer and a sixth share of tools
- b) Highway issues:
  - Block Drains – It was reported that there were still issues with regard blocked drain outside Pinewood in Church Street. County Cllr Hardman would take this up with highways
  - Large pot-hole outside Kents Barn *this has been reported*
- c) Police – No crimes reported
- d) Footpaths – Nothing to report
- e) Planning :
  - 17/01435 – Allens Caravans – Notification of the appeal by Allens Caravans has been received. Any further comments need to be submitted to the Inspector by 24<sup>th</sup> May. The village Action Group had decided to seek the advice of a retired Chief Planning Consultant, but this would cost several thousand pounds. AS agreed at a previous meeting, the parish council would make £1,000 contribution from our reserves towards this. A Crowd Funding would be set up to raise the shortfall.
  - 18/00620 – The Birches, Back Lane – Lawful Development Certificate – there were no objections to this application
  - 18/00745 – Lilworth Farm – replacement agricultural farm building /implement store. Following lengthy discussion it was agreed that the parish council object to the application for the following reasons:

- The proposals would considerably extend the curtilage of the site. The essence of the permitted development rights for barns is that the curtilage is no greater than the footprint of the building.
  - The proposed location would be visible from Bredon Hill. We object to the proposed location but may look more favourably if the replacement building was set behind the house so that it would not be visible from Bredon Hill
  - 18/00741 – Little Orchard – Rear extension – there were no objections to the application
- f) New Homes Bonus – currently stands at £4642. The clerk advised that new guidance/criteria is due to be issued by WDC
- g) Phone Box – In hand – should be completed
- h) Rooftop Housing – Further to the presentation made by Mr Collins (Rooftop Housing) earlier, Cllr Barnes reported that there was a significant depression in the footway adjacent to the bungalows. Initial enquiries to both Severn Trent and Severn Trent had proved fruitless. It was suggested he go back to Rooftop before we take this up further with Severn Trent
- i) Sign at the Quay (Avon Navigation Trust) – Avon Navigation Trust had responded to our request to remove the sign, citing health and safety issues as the reason for it being installed, with the fact of identifying the location in case of emergency for river users. It was agreed that the sign was totally over the top, and that a much smaller sign, reading simply *Comberton Quay* was more than enough, and for it to be sited AFTER consultation with the parish council with regard a suitable position

**COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT** – County Cllr Hardman reported:

- Cotswold Conservation Board had voted to move forward with the proposal to become a National Park. This would mean that all planning powers would be handed to the Board
- Adult Social Care and Children’s Services continued to be a huge drain on the County’s budget, with more than 800 children being in the care of the County Council

**DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT** - District Cllr Mackison reported:

- The new waste, recycling and street cleaning contract started on 1<sup>st</sup> April with FCC Environment
- Workshops for Parish and Town Councils will be held, and a survey is available for completion to establish what topics we would find useful
- Despite heavy rainfall, there had been no issues reported of properties being flooded

**FINANCE**

- (i) Payments for approval/made since last meeting  
HMRC PAYE                      646    76.80    (2017/18)

L Yapp SO	102.20
L Yapp SO	12.00
L Yapp (647)	17.17
EON (648)	28.99

- (ii) Certificate of Exemption was approved and signed
- (iii) AGAR – Section 1 Annual Governance Statement was discussed, approved and signed
- (iv) AGAR – Section 2 Accounting Statements were agreed, approved and signed

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**AOB/ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

- Cllr Collingwood stressed the importance of continued support for the clerk with regard the ever-increasing workload imposed on parish councils, with the clerk agreeing that it would be helpful if Cllrs took it in turn to assist, liaise and work alongside the clerk to ensure that the parish council continues to meet the needs of the community. It was agreed that the clerk would rotate between Cllrs any issues that required support.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Wednesday 4th July 2018