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LITTLE COMBERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes from a meeting of the Parish Council, held in the village hall on Tuesday 3rd September 2019 at 7pm

OPEN FORUM – points raised by the parishioner in attendance:

- Emails – asked if email was the most effective way of communicating with parishioners – he felt there was a danger of ‘scaremongering’ if too many emails were sent, specifically referring to the number of crime related emails – Cllr Rabbette advised that the Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator was intending on setting up a *Whatsapp* Group which may enable the number of emails sent to be reduced
- VAS (Speed Sign) – it was felt that the sign, in its present location was not effective, as drivers increased their speed once they had passed the sign and entered the main centre of the village. Cllr Dermont explained the problems that we had experienced with the sign and had purposely left it in its current location to enable a ‘like for like’ comparison on performance. The sign does now seem to be working more efficiently and as we had hoped. It was confirmed that the next location for the sign would be by The Old Rectory. The parish council took on board that the sign may well be more effective closer to the village and this would be put to WCC for approval. The parishioner advised that he would be prepared to pay any costs involved to have data collecting strips laid closer to the cross-roads if the need arises
- Bonfires – it was felt that the message was not getting through to some parishioners regarding consideration to residents when they have bonfires. It was felt, during discussion, that there were misunderstandings as to who were the main offenders. It was agreed that the parishioner would pass on the name of the resident who is largely to blame. Once this information was made known to the clerk, we would contact them direct
- Road Closures – clarification of the forthcoming road closure was sought. The clerk would speak to WCC and report back

PRESENT – Chairman C Rabbette, Vice Chairman M Kibble, Cllrs A Dermont, P Morris, L Haycock and S Britten and one parishioner

1. **APOLOGIES** - Cllr N Jamieson

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

3. **MINUTES** from the previous meeting – the clerk pointed out that there had been an error in the draft minutes from the July meeting, and had omitted to include any reference to the Co-Option. This had been corrected. The minutes were approved and signed with this change made

4. **PROGRESS REPORTS**

a) Highway Matters

- Speeding / Speed Data – Covered above in Open Forum
- Pool Close – Nothing further to report

b) Footpaths/Rights of Way – An offer of help had been received to clear overgrowth at the footpath from Old House Farm to Grange Farm. It was reported that dog fouling was still an issue in parts of the village. The clerk would arrange for some A5 signs to be placed at worst affected areas. The clerk would arrange for a notice to go in the LINK for a replacement footpath warden

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- c) Lengthsman – Discussion took place regarding the role of the LM and his duties. The clerk suggested that it may be useful if there was a designated Cllr, who would take the responsibility to liaise direct with the LM. Cllrs were asked if anyone was interested. *Since the meeting Cllr Jamieson has offered to take on this role*
- d) Planning -
- Fence at Orchard View, Manor Lane – This is still with Enforcement Officers at WDC and nothing further to report
 - 19/0841 – Hollyoak Nursery – new agricultural building – parishioners had been notified of this further application and comments had been received back from several – one in favour of supporting the business and others objecting. Lengthy discussion took place, with concerns raised with regard the future development of the site, options when the current facilities are outgrown, increased traffic, and the fact that this is becoming less of a horticultural business and more of a packing and distribution one. All Cllrs were in agreement that the parish council would object to the application, making reference to the previous comments and those discussed in the comments to be submitted
 - SWDP – nothing to report other than sites are starting to be reviewed and filtered. It is expected that the outcome of the consultation should be made available later in the year
- e) BHCG – next meeting October 17th
- f) Ditches/ Water Courses:
- Gt Comberton Junction – the clerk to chase WCC
 - Drainage at Crossroads – the clerk to chase WCC
- g) Phone box – This has now been completed, other than the new signs for the top of the box which the clerk would order. The clerk advised that WDC had asked how the project was progressing, as is the norm with the NHB funding. The clerk would send final photographs over to them in due course. It was agreed that arrangements would be made to start filling the kiosk with books. A suggestion was made that it would be useful to have maps of local footpaths / rights of way on display.
- h) Trees Warden - the clerk would arrange for a notice to be placed in the LINK for a replacement Tree Warden
- (i) Bonfires – covered above in Open Forum
- (j) Dog Waste Bin – Location has been agreed with landowner and WDC, and the order has been placed for a bin to be installed by the steps by the Well Furlong footpath
- (k) WCC Passenger Transport Consultation – the clerk had received feedback from one user of the buses and would use this to form the basis

5. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT – nothing to report

6. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT – Nothing to report

7. FINANCE – Payments for approval / made since last meeting :

Hall Hire		684	13.00
Election Costs		685	50.00
Tree Survey Report		686	240.00
Clerks Salary		SO	261.36
Clerks Expenses		SO	12.00
Lengthsman (July)		687	144.00
Clerks Salary		SO	261.36
Clerks Expenses		SO	12.00
Hall Hire		688	13.00
Cllr Training		689	60.00
ICO Registration		690	40.00
Clerks PAYE		691	196.00

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- a) Copies of the accounts had been presented to councillors

Account Balances:

Current A/c (after u/p cheques) 4299.27

Deposit Account: 4921.75

- 8. HEALTH & SAFETY** – Cllr Morris advised that work on the new entrance at the village hall had started

9. CRIME:

- Neighbourhood Watch – The NW co-ordinator has put up a number of new NW signs, with two larger ones ordered for Pershore Road

10. MATTERS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS / DISCUSSION :

- **Village Hall Representative** – Cllr Kibble offered to be the parish council representative on the VH committee
- **Village History Files** – Cllr Rabbette reported that Dave Parker was looking at handing over to the parish council some of the historic material he had collected over the years. A decision has yet to be made with regard volume of information, how and where to store it.

- 11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday 1st October 2019