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LITTLE COMBERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes from a meeting of the Parish Council, held in the village hall on Tuesday 4th February 2020 at 7pm

OPEN FORUM – Points raised:

- Smart Water – support was shown for the parish council to look into the roll-out of community Smart Water as a reliable theft deterrent
- Hayloft Nursery – concern was raised about the parish council's decision to oppose the latest Hayloft Nursery application. It was felt that there was support from parishioners for this application and that there had always been a good relationship with the owners / management of the business. Cllr Rabbette reported that the parish council had, in general, not been opposed to development at the site in the past but on the last application, it was the sheer size of the building proposed and that it would be a distribution centre for goods brought in from 'outside suppliers' as well as home grown. Additional concerns included vehicular access to the site and the erosion of the 'open countryside' gap between the college and The Combertons and concerns over the vehicular to the site.

The clerk reminded the parishioners in attendance that we welcomed input from residents at any of our meetings, which are advertised on the notice boards and on the website. Cllr Jamieson advised that he was keen to improve communication between residents and the parish council

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN – following the recent resignation by Cllr Kibble as vice – chairman, Cllr Rabbette asked if any Cllr was happy to take on this role. Cllr Haycock advised she would be happy to do this. Cllr Rabbette proposed, seconded by Cllr Jamieson to accept Cllr Haycocks offer. All in favour.

PRESENT – Chairman C Rabbette, Cllrs M Kibble, L Haycock, P Morris, N Jamieson, S Britten, A Dermont and P Morris and three parishioners.

1. **APOLOGIES** – none received
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – None declared
3. **MINUTES** from the previous meetings were approved and signed.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH – The village NW co-ordinator reported that currently there were only 10 residents who had 'signed up' to the scheme. It is hoped that this will increase following an open meeting and leaflet drop. A number of initiatives are available and will be reported on in due course. Smart Water is widely used as a deterrent in preventing crime and as a useful way of getting stolen property back to rightful owners. There is currently a scheme on offer to parish councils, where kits are available at a greatly reduced cost of £8.90 compared to the retail cost of about £20. There are incentives from the Police and Crime Commissioner for free signage and a number of free kits which need further investigation. It was agreed that an open meeting to promote Smart Water and Neighbourhood Watch would be useful, plus another email to encourage more people to sign up to the NW scheme would be sent out.

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4. PROGRESS REPORTS

a) Highway Matters

- VAS – it was agreed that the clerk would chase WCC about another pole closer to the village on the Pershore Road
- Pool Close – the clerk reported that she had been in contact with WCC regarding the re-surfacing of Pool Close now that the drainage issues have been investigated and hopefully resolved. WCC have confirmed they are already following this up

b) Footpaths/Rights of Way – The clerk been in contact with the parishioner volunteering their time as the new Footpath Warden and will be arranging a meeting to go through the relevant paperwork. The clerk also reported that major clearance of Double Hedges was to be carried out. Parishioner in attendance advised that whilst this had been started there was a section which appeared to have been missed. The clerk invited him to meet with her to clearly identify on the 'report it' part of the CC website where this was. The clerk is also to chase the missing way marker

c) Lengthsman – Discussion took place regarding the activity of the LM and whether we were getting 'value for money'. Cllr Jamieson is happy to continue being the initial point of contact and would try and spend some time to establish how long jobs are taking, to monitor the work schedule and produce a monthly report

d) Planning -

- Fence at Orchard View, Manor Lane – A Legal Notice is being prepared by WDC Enforcements to be served on the occupants
- 19/02268 – The Old Rectory – single storey extension to form annex, relocation of outbuilding and demolition of garden wall – *Gone to appeal*. No further comments to add
- 19/02674 – Land off Pershore Road, Great Comberton – creation of new access and a rural workers dwelling – *awaiting decision by WDC*
- SWDP – Response was submitted and awaiting outcome. The clerk reported that some 10,000 representations had been made and this would take time to work through

e) 20/00075/FUL - Planning application for two attenuation ponds at Great Comberton Golf Course (Allens Caravans) to enable a suitable drainage scheme for appeal decision APP/H1840/W/18/3196248. Whilst there appeared to be no objections to the ponds for surface water, concerns were raised that the application may include foul drainage being disposed via the main drainage system, as opposed to an on-site treatment plant. The clerk is communicating with WDC for clarification and maybe a meeting with Chair of Little and Great Comberton parish councils, WDC and Severn Trent may need to be arranged because of the impact the caravans at the Golf Club will have on the already overloaded sewage system. *This was a late addition for discussion and may require a separate planning meeting*

f) BHCG – Nothing to report. Next meeting April

g) Ditches/ Water Courses:

- Gt Comberton Junction – It was reported that WCC are still awaiting parts to complete works. County Cllr Hardman advised at the last meeting he would chase this up. Clerk to investigate
- Pool Close Flooding – It is hoped that the root cutting has resolved any flooding issues
- Orchard Drive – Notification had been received from WCC that a '4-week' works order had been raised to rectify the issues with collapsed drain.

h) Trees / Tree Warden – Cllr Rabbette had been made aware that someone in the village may be interested in taking on the role of Tree Warden

5. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT – nothing to report

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6. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT – Nothing to report

7. FINANCE – Payments for approval / made since last meeting: None

a) Copies of the accounts had been presented to councillors

Account Balances:

Current A/c (after u/p cheques) **5019.13**

Deposit Account: **4926.66**

8. HEALTH & SAFETY – Cllr Morris reported the Village Hall Committee were still having problems with the fire alarm in the village. Inspection in the roof found no evidence of rodents. It seems likely that a whole new system will be required. Holes in the car park had been attended to, crash bar on the fire exit and the wheelchair ramp were now in place

9. CRIME:

- Neighbourhood Watch – already covered

10. MINERALS CONSULTATION: Nothing further to report – open meetings had been held and a meeting with local MP are due to be held next week

11. MATTERS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS / DISCUSSION:

- **Litter** – Cllr Rabbette reported in the amount of litter outside the parish boundary. The clerk was asked to liaise with Wick Parish Council to get this cleared up. Also the damage to the verges to Goodleigh Hill were noted
- **Phone Box** – it was reported that the light in the phone box / book exchange was not working and would probably need an electrician to look at, rather than just a replacement bulb. The clerk would action
- **Trees overhanging the Village hall** – the clerk was asked to chase adjacent landowner to get the overhanging trees cut back

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday March 10th 2020 after the Annual Parish Meeting