

LITTLE COMBERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes from the Parish Council meeting, held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 2nd November 2021 at 7pm at Little Comberton Village Hall

1. **PRESENT** – Cllrs N Jamieson, A Dermont, C Rabbette and P Morris, and District Cllr Emma Kearsey.
2. **APOLOGIES** were received from Cllr S Britten and L Haycock, and County Cllr A Hardman.
3. **CO-OPTION** – No applications received.
4. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – None declared

OPEN FORUM/PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – No parishioners present

Cllr Jamieson welcomed District Cllr Kearsey to the meeting.

5. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** – Minutes from previous meetings were approved, proposed Cllr Rabbette, seconded Cllr Morris – all in favour
5. **PROGRESS REPORTS**
 - a) Highway Matters :
 - White Gates – Photo's of the condition of the white gates have been sent to Worcs. County Council and a reply is awaited
 - Drainage, Corner of Orchard Drive – the clerk has chased Worcs. County Council and awaiting a reply. It has already been pointed out that the necessary works to repair the collapsed culvert will necessitate a road closure.
 - b) Footpaths/Rights of Way – No issues to report. The clerk had been in contact with the Footpath Warden, who advised they were happy to continue
 - c) Lengthsman – Cllr Jamieson raised concerns on the lack of interaction with the LM, following an agreement that he would work in the village on a specific couple of days during the month. Cllr Jamieson would take this up with him
 - d) BHCG – Nothing to report.
 - e) Ditches/watercourses – Old House Farm – it was reported again, that the drain / gully at the bottom of the drive was flooded. Cllr Jamieson would report this to WCC, and the clerk would also contact WCC officers direct.
6. **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT** – District Cllr Kearsey reported since the start of her term as District Cllr:
 - Planning Committee – has become a substitute committee member and sat on a couple of planning committee meetings
 - Is a member of the Community Funding & Advisory Panel
 - Is keen to heighten communication within the local community
 - Is keen to become involved in planning issues affecting the community. This being an opportunity to enter into communication with Hayloft Nursery (involving Great Comberton and Elmley Castle). Cllr Kearsey to organise a meeting with representatives from each parish council.
 - Re closure of Evesham Ambulance Station, is eager to see the promised additional funding applied to services and not just 'lost'

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7. **COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT** – No report received

8. **PLANNING** – nothing to report

9. **FINANCE / GOVERNANCE** –

a) Payments for approval / made since last meeting –

Clerks Salary		SO	306.32
Clerks Expenses		SO	12.00
VAS Sign Mtce		781	152.03
Lengthsman September		782	144.00

Proposed approval of payments and accounts to date Cllr Rabbette, seconded Cllr Jamieson – all in favour

Account Balances:

Current Account: £8,143.44

Deposit Account: £4,930.87

- b) Poppy Wreath, British Legion Donation – it was agreed to make a donation of £50. Cllr Rabbette would speak to Andy Kirby re laying of the wreath and to notify the village of the time / date.
- c) Xmas Wine Donations – these were agreed as in previous years
- d) Website Funding – Cllr Jamieson reported that in the past he had paid for the hosting / domain costs for the village website, on the understanding that this would be passed on. Cllr Morris suggested that this may be something the Sports & Social Committee or Village Hall Committee would be able to finance and would put this to the committees in the coming weeks.
- e) Budget / Precept 2022/23 – the clerk had circulated a draft budget proposal for Cllrs to consider before the next meeting.

9. **HEALTH & SAFETY** – Nothing to report

10. **COMMEMORATIVE TREES** - Cllr Morris had spoken to two residents regarding the planting of Red May trees (paid for using the NHB monies secured earlier in the year). Resident living top of Orchard Drive is looking for permission to remove a sycamore (completely the wrong tree for the location) and is happy to take three of the Red Mays for the verge outside his property. The clerk would take this up with WCC. A suggestion made that the other three be planted on the verge on the opposite side of the road. Cllr Morris would speak to the other property owner for their thoughts and approval.

11. **BROADBAND UPDATE** - Cllr Jamieson reported that this has now moved step closer to fruition and an update had been placed on the village website

12. **CRIME** - Neighbourhood Watch – No coordinator in position to report.

13. **CHANGES TO THE SCHOOL TIER SYSTEM – PERSHORE** – the clerk had made contact with Elmley Castle School asking if there was any comment they would like the parish council to make on the current consultation. No reply had been received so an email direct to the head would be sent.

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13. CORRESPONDENCE – no other Correspondence to report that hasn't been covered elsewhere in the agenda.

14. MATTERS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS / DISCUSSION:

- Policy Review – in hand / on going
- Cllr vacancy – to action in the new year, to include suggestions made by Cllr Haycock on ways to engage with the village, to promote the works of the Parish Council and the current vacancy. This could also include the role of a Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator

15. Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday January 12th 2022