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**Little Comberton Parish Council**

**Annual Parish Meeting - Minutes Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2023, 7pm Village Hall**

**Parish Councillors Present:** L Haycock, N Jamieson, C Rabbette, A Dermont, District Cllr B Hardman

**Clerk/RFO:** Nicola Harding

**In attendance:** Two parishioners

**Apologies:** these were received from County Cllr A. Hardman.

**Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2022**

Proposed Cllr Jamieson, seconded Cllr Rabbette, all in favour, to approve the minutes as a true record.

**Reports**

In advance of the meeting, the following reports were circulated and are appended to the minutes:

- Parish Council Chairman’s report
- County Councillor’s report
- Sports & Social Committee report

The Chairman summarised her report for 2022/2023, extending thanks to the Parish Council team for their efforts and combined achievements throughout the year, notably the successful representation made to the Boundary Commission regarding their review of ward boundaries, Airband installations, drainage, PRow and the publication of planning guidance to support parishioners with planning applications. The Chairman also thanked Cllr Kearsey as the retiring District Cllr & County Cllr Hardman, for their combined support and connections with the District & County Council in support of the work of the Parish Council. Cllr B. Hardman was welcomed as the new District Cllr for Bredon Hill Ward.

The Chairman acknowledged the many fulfilling aspects to this role, however confirmed that as a result of increasing work commitments, this would be the final year acting as Chairman. It was agreed that given the many achievements throughout the year, a summary of this report be provided as a useful synopsis to share with parishioners.

*Action: Cllr Haycock to provide a summary of her report, to be turned into a newsletter and circulated to those properties not on email, in addition to digital copies available via the village email & Link.*

Ahead of the meeting, Cllr A Hardman had forwarded a County Cllr report for the year, which the Clerk had circulated and shared with the meeting. There was no District Cllr report at present, given the recent District Council elections, however Cllr B Hardman informed members of positive, environmental changes ahead in the planning system, a continuation of the green sustainability agenda, in addition to tackling current issues of fly tipping and rough sleeping within the district. The Chairman provided an update regarding the Parish Council’s recent review of planning guidance and welcomed Cllr Hardman’s offer of support with the often complex issues surrounding planning.

The Chairman shared a report on behalf of the Sports & Social Committee, outlining their many achievements and community activities throughout the year, which was circulated ahead of the meeting and is appended to the minutes.

The volunteer tree warden for the village was in attendance, to update Cllrs on recent work and inspections of trees within the Parish. Clarification was requested regarding the location of two dead trees near the Parish boundary, and following checks of the WDC Parish map, it was noted that these are within Little Comberton. It was agreed therefore that the tree warden would inspect the trees and update the Council further, so that appropriate action can be taken with WCC tree services. The Clerk also agreed to request a digital copy of the map from WDC for future reference.

*Action: Tree Warden/Cllrs/Clerk.*

Signed .....

Date.....

**Chairman**