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LITTLE COMBERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes from a meeting of the Parish Council, held on Tuesday October 3rd 2017 at 7pm.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME - The question was asked as to progress at the new Parkway Station. It decided to wait until County Cllr Hardman was in attendance to ask the question again

PRESENT – Chairman C Rabbette, Vice chairman J Gough, Cllrs J Edwards, P Morris, S Britten, S Kottler and A Dermont, District Cllr G Mackison, footpath warden P Gough and one resident

1. **APOLOGIES** – None

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

3. **MINUTES** from the previous meeting were approved and signed

4. **PROGRESS REPORTS**

a) Highway Matters

- Speeding / Speed Data – Costs for VAS signs had been provided by the clerk. Following recent changes to NHB applications, this could not be considered as a suitable project. It was suggested that there may be a local parish that may wish to ‘share’ the cost of a speed sign. It was also suggested that we ask County Cllr Hardman if he would be willing to make a contribution from his members allowance. *Action Clerk*
- Pool Close – the situation will continue to be monitored and pressure to continue on County Council.
- District Cllr Mackison was aware of vehicles speeding through Little Comberton and suggested that speed checks were carried out. *Action Clerk*

b) Footpaths/Rights of Way

- Footpath adjacent to Well Furlong – It has been agreed that a new kissing gate would be installed by County Council.
- Cllr Britten made the parish council aware of an incident of a dog from Brookfield worrying sheep. It was agreed that a note be put through the letter box, reminding the dog owner of their responsibility to keep dogs on a lead in the presence of livestock. *Action Cllr Britten*

c) Lengthsman – The lengthsman was asked to continue with his pre-arranged schedule, paying particular attention to keeping grips and drains clear. Also, to remove large ‘sapling’ growing through visibility railing on the Great Comberton road *Action Clerk*

d) Planning:

- It was noted that pre-application advice had been sought by owner of Old Fallow
- Great Comberton Golf Club – nothing to report at this stage

e) BHCG – Date of the next meeting is Wednesday 11th October to be held in Little Comberton Village Hall. Cllr Britten kindly offered to attend this meeting and to arrange the opening of the village hall. Cllr Edwards advised she would speak to a possible replacement representative. *Action Cllrs Britten and Edwards*

f) Ditches/ Water Courses – Following a recent village inspection of ditches and watercourses with Cllrs Gough and Britten, Tim Perry and Roland Jones, a number of areas were highlighted as requiring regular inspection, with some requiring some immediate attention. It was agreed that the clerk write to landowners, to seek their

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co-operation in ensuring all ditches are checked and maintained. It was also agreed that a sub-committee be set up to monitor on an regular basis. *Action Clerk*

g) Village Website – The clerk advised that due to problems uploading documents on the village website, she had started to use again the My Parish link on the County Council website, and for a link to be added from the village site to My Parish. *Action Clerk/Chair*

h) New Homes Bonus - £2721 available. It was agreed that this could be spent on a WWII memorial plaque and the phone box renovation. Costs awaited before village consultation and an application be sent

i) Phone Kiosk – The clerk had received a quote for £700 to sandblast and re-paint. Further quotes to be obtained. Cllr Kottler advised that Avoncroft Museum offered advice on similar projects. It was agreed that we ask Mr D Gardner for a quote to remove and replace glass, and the internal works. Cllr Morris agreed to meet with Mr Gardner to discuss in detail. *Action Clerk / Cllr Morris*

j) WWII Memorial – One quote had been received for the stone mason work. Total cost of £700 + vat for plaque and stonemasons work Awaiting final confirmation of names and spellings for the plaque. The clerk would speak to a contact with regard correct wording for the tribute. *Action Clerk*

k) Memorial Garden / Railings – County Council are not in a financial position to finance the painting of visibility railings. Mr Lloyd declined the parish councils offer of £100 for labour plus the paint to do the work. It was therefore agreed that we leave the railings as they are. The parish council did agree to make a payment of £250 per annum to Mr Lloyd (in line with the churchyard mowing) – to be made in two instalments. The clerk would write to him. *Action clerk*

5. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT – Attached

6. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT- None

7. FINANCE –

a) Payments for approval / made since last meeting – approved.

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7. MATTERS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS / DISCUSSION – nothing to report

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS: 14th November and 9th January