

LITTLE COMBERTON

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Minutes from the Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday March 6th March, at 7pm

PRESENT – Chairman C Rabbette, Vice Chairman J Gough, Cllrs S Britten, P Morris and A Dermon, Footpath Warden P Gough and District Councillor G Mackison

APOLOGIES – none received

MINUTES from last year's Annual Parish Meeting were approved and signed

CHAIRMANS REPORT:

- Planning – The parish council had reported on several planning applications, the most significant being Allens Caravans at Great Comberton
- Traffic / Highways – Speeding continues to be an issue, and the road condition in Pool Close is continually reported to County Council
- Ditches / Watercourses – These are closely monitored. We are working with CC identifying priority areas that need addressing. Concrete grips have been installed on the Elmley Road
- Tree Warden - thanks made to Glyn Williams
- Footpath Warden – thanks made to Peter Gough. New kissing gates had been installed on a number of paths, replacing damaged stiles and gates
- Bredon Hill Conservation – Cllr S Britten is the new representative
- Memorial Garden – thanks made to Pat Perry, and Kevin and Sandy Lloyd for their continued care. It is the plan to install a commemorative plaque in recognition of those that fought in the Second World War.
- Phone Box – Now de-commissioned, and plans are moving forward to convert to a book exchange
- Litter – thanks made to the volunteers who regularly pick up litter in and around the parish

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COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT – Nothing to report

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT – District Cllr Mackison reported:

- Wychavon District Council element of the council tax bill has not been increased
- Enforcement – the eagerly awaited report on enforcement was published
- Wychavon was placed third nationally in the Halifax 'Quality of Life' Survey

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POLICE REPORT:

- 26 reported incidents compared to 16 the previous year
- 6 recordable crimes compared to 3 the previous year
- Non emergency call – call 101
- Emergency calls – phone 999

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TREE WARDENS REPORT:

- Orchard Drive ornamental pears are growing well
- No deer damage on Wick Road trees
- Heavy ivy growth has been removed from thorn trees on Wick Road S-bends
- Commemorative Parker tree is thriving

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VILLAGE HALL TRUST REPORT:

- The hall now being used by 15 regular groups, plus private functions, elections and other organisations
- £1,202.55 was received from the Street Market
- Health & Safety and Fire Risk Assessment are continually reviewed
- Planned maintenance for 2018 include repairs to the roof / some resurfacing to the front of the village hall and hole filling in the car park / exterior painting of doors and windows / alternative fire exit through the old porch entrance

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SPORTS & SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT :

- Another successful year including the Fish & Chips Quiz, Retired Persons Party, the History Man, Cream Teas and the BBQ
- On the sports side, carpet bowls is very popular, and although numbers have dropped slightly for the Karate Club, members are very committed
- Support is continually made to the Village Hall, with the purchase of equipment
- Thanks made to all committee members

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PCC – CHURCH WARDENS REPORT

- A new rector had been appointed, Rev'd David Lewis, taking over from Rev's Richard Worsley
- Regular services continue to be held in St. Peters church
- Building – modern and efficient LED lighting has been installed, and investigations are being carried out to improve the disabled access and installation of toilet and small coffee bar
- Possibility of the building being used as a venue for concerts, lectures, exhibitions etc. Suggestions from the community are welcomed
- Finance continues to be a concern
- Churchyard – a wild flower area was sown in memory of Dennis Toon. Some areas are overgrown and it is hoped that a working party of volunteers can address this

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