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LITTLE COMBERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes from a meeting of the Parish Council, held on Tuesday 5th June 2018 at 7pm

OPEN FORUM/PUBLIC QUESTION TIME - None

PRESENT – Chairman C Rabbette, Vice chairman J Gough, Cllrs P Morris, S Britten, S Kottler, A Dermont and M Kibble, District Cllr G Mackison, Footpath Warden P Gough and one parishioner

1. **APOLOGIES** - None

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – Cllr Rabbette – Planning Application 18/01003 – The Grange

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

4. **PROGRESS REPORTS**

a) Highway Matters

- Speeding / Speed Data – It was suggested that it is unclear if the wheelie bin stickers had had an affect on slowing drivers. Cllr Dermont reported that he had been contacted from a supplier of speed sign, and that there would be one in place locally, if the parish council wished to see it in action. The member of the public urged the parish council to pursue the purchase of a speed sign, questioning why the parish council makes a financial contribution to the mowing of the church yard, when this could be spent on a sign. Cllr Rabbette advised that we had been researching options for some months, and that we were keen to purchase one that could be moved around the village (subject to approval from CC with regard suitable locations). At the moment, cost was the underlying factor for us not being able to move forward, although County Cllr Hardman had previously offered £500 towards the cost. It is hoped that, although the NHB criteria does not currently support speed signs, we would ask them to re-consider – District Cllr Mackison advised that he would support the parish council on this. The clerk suggested that it may be useful if residents email her, stressing their concerns over traffic speeds, to enable us to prove the need to WDC. The parishioner asked for a timescale, to which Cllr Rabbette advised that we are aiming to be in a position to submit a further NHB application for the sign in the Autumn
- Pool Close – Cllr Gough advised that some pot holes had been filled in, albeit badly. The clerk was asked to press Cllr Hardman regarding re-surfacing of Pool Close
- Deer Sign – it was considered that the sign was in the wrong place. The clerk would ask CC to move it – clerk to chase CC

b) Footpaths/Rights of Way – The Footpath Warden reported that he had made a start on some cutting of overgrowth but would welcome help from a volunteer. Cllr Britten mentioned that there were overhanging branches along Double Hedges. The clerk would contact landowners/tenants

c) Lengthsman:

- Manor Lane had been attended to, following the Street Market
- The clerk would ask him to ensure grips drains etc were clear of grass, following recent grass cutting – and to check ditches weren't obstructed

d) Planning:

- The Old Post Office / Old Shop – Awaiting decision by WDC re retrospective planning
- Great Comberton Golf Club – Cllr Kibble had been contacted by a concerned resident of the possible outcome should the appeal by Allens Caravans go against them, and the Club sold to travellers. Cllr Rabbette advised that there was currently only permission for holiday caravans and not residential.

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- 18/00761 – Ringsmere Orchard – awaiting decision by WDC
Cllr Rabbette left the meeting for the following discussion
- 18/01003 – The Grange – erection of garage – there were no objections to this application
Cllr Rabbette re-joined the meeting

- e) BHCG – Cllr Britten reported on the planning application for 500 new homes at Mitton Bank, Tewkesbury. District Cllr Mackison advised that further applications could mean an additional 1100 homes, which would have an impact on villages around Bredon Hill
- f) Ditches/ Water Courses – Old Fallow Farm – the clerk had asked WDC land drainage officers to take a look at the blocked culvert, but the landowner was not aware of any culvert. The clerk would liaise with the LM.
- g) New Homes Bonus - £3713 now available. Consultation letter had been distributed to all residents and responses received. A number of additional suggestions were made, some of which are either already in hand or something that the parish council could consider at relatively low cost, however the speed sign would be the next priority. It was suggested that the wording on the plaque be altered slightly to read ‘.....with gratitude.....’, rather than ‘grateful thanks’ - all present were in agreement
- h) Phone Kiosk – awaiting outcome of application for funds
- i) WWII Memorial – awaiting outcome of application for funds
- j) Notice Board – the clerk had obtained a quote for £138 (from Long Lartin Prison). All present were in agreement of this purchase
- k) Replacement trees in Wick Road – the clerk had arranged for CC to make a site visit to agree location for replacement trees. Cllrs Gough and Dermont would be available to meet him

5. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT – Copy available

6. FINANCE –

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

BHIB Insurance		631	167.83
Z Kirby		632	120.00
B Arrowsmith		633	120.00
LCVHT		634	12.00

- b) AGAR Section 2 – Part 1 Annual Governance Statement – discussed and approved
- c) AGAR Section 2 – Part 2 Accounting Statements – approved
- d) Internal Auditors Report – the internal audit raised no issues

7. HEALTH & SAFETY – Actions for the Fire Risk Assessment are in hand.

8. MATTERS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS / DISCUSSION

- GDPR – the clerk advised that she had recently attended a training session organised by CALC. It is necessary to produce a Data Privacy Notice, Policy and Consent Forms (for those contacted by email). This will be ongoing but initial drafts are in hand
- Bus Services – the clerk reported that a letter had been received, advising that the Hopper bus service was at risk due to low numbers. It was agreed that a notice be placed in the LINK and on notice boards

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS: Tuesday 3rd July