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LITTLE COMBERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes from a meeting of the Parish Council, held on Tuesday 13th November 2018 at 7pm

OPEN FORUM/PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – Nothing to report

PRESENT – Chairman C Rabbette, Vice chairman J Gough, Clls M Kibble and S Britten, Footpath Warden P Gough and County Councillor A Hardman

1. **APOLOGIES** – Cllrs S Kottler, A Dermont and P Morris

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

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

4. **PROGRESS REPORTS**

5.

a) Highway Matters

- Speeding / Speed Data – Siting of the VAS sign between Porters Cottages and the Gt Comberton junction has been approved by CC, using the 30mph speed sign posts that are already in place. Discussion is still taking place with regard the location on entering the village from Elmley castle. The clerk will order the sign and in the first instance use the already agreed locations until the third has been finalised. A question had been put to CC regarding the possibility of a weight restriction being imposed, taking into consideration the transportation of mobile homes at Allens Caravans and the increased HGV movements from Hollyoaks Nursery. We have been advised that this could be considered once evidence of the HGV movements is available
- Pool Close – To be monitored

b) Footpaths/Rights of Way – A working party to assist with the clearing of some parts of Double Hedges is being discussed

c) Lengthsman – Nothing to report other than for him to keep an eye on leaves/debris in and around drains, gullies and culverts, and to install and move the VAS

d) Planning -

- 18/01570 – Hollyoak Nursery, Main Road – Extension to existing glasshouse approved under 03/0104 – approved by WDC
- 18/02127 – Hollyoak Nursery – provision for 5 x seasonal workers mobile accommodation – lengthy discussion took place, and it was considered that it was a foregone conclusion that this would be approved by WDC, and that therefore a request that conditions be put in place with any planning approval. The following comments would be made:
 - That the units be granted temporary approval rather than permanent, with a view to review in 5 years
 - That we did not like the utilitarian look and design and would prefer to see something more in keeping with the rural setting
 - There are concerns for the safety of pedestrians walking to and from the site, particularly with the proposed increase in HGV movements along the highway
 - Improved landscaping both on the boundary and within the site
 - That we are unhappy with the seemingly incremental intensification of use on the site, and would not want to see any further application for living accommodation units in the future

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- Fence at Orchard View, Manor Lane – with enforcement team
 - Ringsmere Orchard – the parish council has received concerns from residents regarding the fact that the retrospective planning application (and subsequent approval) for works on the main house has still not been implemented, despite work on a further application at the garage already commencing. The clerk had been advised by WDC Planning Department that *“I am afraid that we cannot place conditions on an application that relate to another application. For instance, you cannot begin this development until you have completed the previous approval. We also cannot hold off assessing a proposal until they have completed other works. We can only set timescales for the commencement of development, not for the completion of all of the works.”*
- e) BHCG – Next meeting scheduled for 17th October at Ashton under Hill
- f) Ditches/ Water Courses – An inspection by WCC had been carried out at some of the drainage points in Orchard Drive. A further visit is expected. Cllr Britten had been able to carry out a proper inspection of the culvert under the Wick Road and established that whilst it sometimes looks like the water backs up on the side of Old House Farm, it is probably due to the drop in the bed of the brook, and there are no obstructions.
- h) Phone Kiosk – Work on the kiosk is likely to be delayed due to other commitments by the person who had offered to carry out the refurbishment. It was agreed that we ask the LM if he would be able to attend to the outside of the kiosk (external stripping, painting and replacement of glass) in the first instance with the internal fitting out to be carried out as already agreed at a later date.
- i) Notice Board – Cllr Kibble kindly offered to arrange collection of the new noticeboard
- j) Trees:
- Diseased Tree, Wick Road – County Cllr Hardman advised that he would chase up the inspection and review of the condition of the diseased tree in Wick
 - Ornamental Pear – a replacement tree has been ordered. The damaged tree is showing signs of re-growth and it was agreed that we leave that tree in place, and site the new one in a space in Orchard Drive, subject to approval of any adjacent property owner. Cllr Kibble would speak to residents.
 - Replacement Trees, Wick Road – following the removal of two trees on instruction from County Council, they have agreed to finance two replacements. *A Wild Service and Field Maple have been ordered.*
- k) 5 Wick Road – Rooftop have taken this in hand and been in contact with the tenant
- l) Plaque on Millennium Stone – it had been agreed at previous meetings that following the consultation process for the VAS sign, little support was shown, and a question raised as to why other conflicts that villagers have fought in were not being recognised on the Stone. Added to the fact that the Parish Council were not in a financial position to contribute, it was agreed that we would take this any further, but would support the project if it could be funded by other sources.

6. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT – Nothing to report

7. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT – County Councillor Hardman reported:

- The deficit in the CC expenditure would not be as bad as previously considered but next year’s budget would be a challenge
- Voluntary redundancies within CC are being sought
- The Cotswold AONB is being considered for National park status
- CC are awaiting the *Green Paper* on Adult Social Care

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8. **SWDP Review** – Cllrs Rabbette, Gough and the clerk attended a recent event hosted by County Council regarding the forthcoming SWDP review and associated consultation. It has been noted that one site within the parish had been put forward following the ‘call for sites’. This could have been the landowner, agent or a developer, and all sites that have been identified will be going through a scrutiny process to check suitability. There is an exhibition to be held in Pershore Town Hall on Wednesday 21st November between 2 and 8 pm – open to the public. Councillors were asked to attend this if possible to find out more with a view to holding a special meeting to consider the parish council’s response to the consultation.

9. FINANCE –

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

LCVHT		647
HMRC PAYE		648
Clerks Expenses		SO
Clerks Salary		SO
Lengthsman		649
BHCG Admin Costs		650
Hard Drive		651

b) Account Balances:

Current A/c (after u/p cheques)	6013.85
Deposit Account:	4914.40
Petty Cash	61.21

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

11. **MATTERS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS / DISCUSSION** – Nothing to report

12. **DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS:** SWDP Review Meeting 27th November 2019 at 6pm
Full Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 15th January 2019 at 7pm