

COMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 11th January 2012 - Approved

Present:

Michael Green – Chairman
 Elena Softley – Deputy Chairman
 Celia Adamson
 Paul Williams
 Simon Oliver
 Pippa Howells
 Neil Owen – County Councillor
 Gillian Oldfield - District Councillor
 Julia Sharpe - Clerk

Members of the Public – Two

Number	Item	Minutes	Action
1/12	Apologies	None	
2/12	Questions from the Public	The two members of the public present raised concern about the erosion of the verges and in particular the edges of the village green and asked the Parish Council to consider kerbing the edges of the village green to prevent further damage. The Chairman said that this had been raised in the past and that OCC highways had not previously been able to fund the work. Cllr Owen said that the Area Stewardship Fund may be able to fund the work and agreed to apply for the necessary forms. It was agreed to prioritise the areas of the green most in need of repair.	
3/12	Register of Interests	None	
4/12	County Councillor's Report	Cllr Owen confirmed that it would be appropriate to apply to the Area Stewardship Fund to kerb the village green and possibly other small works required in the village and that he would apply for the forms and pass them to the Clerk for completion.	NO JS
5/12	Minutes of the last meeting	Minutes of the meeting held on 14 th December were read. The last sentence in item 180/11 was amended to read – WODC have reduced the emissions on their fleet by 17%. The minutes were then signed as correct.	
6/12	Matters Arising	Chatterpie Lane – work to be completed by end of January. Self-healing backing for notice boards – Simon Oliver to make further enquiries. Jubilee Marquee – Simon Oliver reported that the VH&RG Committee had agreed to purchase a suitable marquee and they would make it available for the Jubilee celebrations on the green. Alma Grove Footpath – Consider under Area Stewardship Fund. Clerk to invite Area Steward to site meeting. Hedge from Railway Bridge to Swan Hill Bridge – Paul Williams and Michael Green to arrange site visit week beginning 16 th January. Parish Council Notice board – Pending action Water in Horns Lane – Enquiries with Mouchels still on-going. Footpath across little green – Work completed.	SO JS MG/PW SO
7/12	District Councillor's	Nothing to report this month.	

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8/12	To Consider Planning Applications	Applications – Nil Decisions – Recreation Ground – Cricket Nets - Granted.																									
9/12	To Approve Payments and Note Sums Received	<p>Payments</p> <table> <tr> <td>J. Sharpe – Wages</td> <td>£120</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC – PAYE</td> <td>£240</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Playsafe (RoSPA insp)</td> <td>£75.60</td> <td>£12.60</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Reading Room (Room Hire)</td> <td>£114.38</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bank Charges</td> <td>£1</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>VH&RG</td> <td>£50</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>VH&RG (Sinking Fund)</td> <td>£150</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>Received</p> <table> <tr> <td>Donation for Skate bowl</td> <td>£50</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	J. Sharpe – Wages	£120		HMRC – PAYE	£240		Playsafe (RoSPA insp)	£75.60	£12.60	Reading Room (Room Hire)	£114.38		Bank Charges	£1		VH&RG	£50		VH&RG (Sinking Fund)	£150		Donation for Skate bowl	£50		
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10/12	Play Park Update	Simon Oliver reported that as a result of the WREN application having been submitted further information had been requested. This entailed providing detailed plans and costings. Simon said that Jeremy Dawson had secured the services of Max Askew to provide the plans and costings at very short notice and to a very tight timescale. Simon thanked Jeremy and asked for this to be recorded in the minutes. Simon also reported that the RoSPA inspection had failed three items of equipment at low risk.																									
11/12	Kerbing green	This item was discussed and it was agreed that action was required to prevent further damage. Paul Williams said that the damage was being caused by people either not giving way or waiting for an opportunity to pass and by larger vehicles not having room to pass. It was agreed that the Church Walk side of the green and in particular the corners needed urgent attention. Removing the verge alongside the noticeboard wall and making a pull in was also discussed. It was agreed to apply to the area stewardship fund, obtain costings and undertake further consultation.																									
12/12	Parish Council Web-site	Michael Green reported that the web-site had now been updated and that he would provide guidance to the Clerk to enable her to keep it up to date. Simon Oliver requested details of the Parish Council twitter account and Reading Room web-site to be included.	MG/JS																								
13/12	Correspondence	Speeding in Horns Lane/Robbin Hill area – Michael Green read a letter concerning speeding in Horns Lane, the lack of road signs and the general condition of the existing signs and road markings. Clerk to contact OCC Highways and also Marlborough School regarding the recently advertised ‘20 is plenty’ notices.	JS																								
14/12	Any Other Business	<p>The camber of the pavement and the kerb on the corner of Akeman Street and Stonesfield Road was discussed and it was decided to raise the issue with the Area Steward.</p> <p>Footpath from new houses - Concern was raised about the lack of footpath from the new houses to join the existing footpath – Clerk to check with Sovereign Vale, OCC Highways and WODC planning.</p> <p>Horse field in Horns Lane/.Robin Hill – Paul Williams raised concern about the use of the field and recent erection of horse shelters and other general buildings – Clerk to check with WODC Planning Dept.</p> <p>Akeman Street Footpath – Simon Oliver said the footpath from Orchard Close to Stonesfield Road had become overgrown and that it was causing problems for pedestrians and users of</p>	<p>JS</p> <p>JS</p> <p>PW</p>																								

		<p>buggies. Paul Williams agreed to remove overgrowing grass back to the edge of the footpath.</p> <p>Affordable Housing – Celia Adamson queried the position on the part-owned houses. Cllr Oldfield said that to her knowledge all areas were finding it difficult to identify potential owners. – Clerk to obtain an update for the next meeting.</p>	JS
15/12	Next Meeting	The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 8 th February at 7.30pm in the Reading Room.	