

COMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 8th September 2010

Present:

Michael Green	Chairman
Elena Softley	Vice Chairman
Gillian Oldfield	District and Parish Councillor
Paul Williams	
John Hunt	
Celia Adamson	

Neil Owen	County Councillor
Julia Sharpe	Clerk

Members of the Public Ten

No	Item	Minute	Action
122/10	Apologies	None	
123/10	Questions from the Public	<p>Combe Feast – 7 representatives of the Showmen who attend Combe Feast attended the meeting. They began by thanking the Chairman for intervening on the Monday evening of the fair and said that they were sorry that so many families had been disappointed. Concern that no-one from the PC had been available and that it had taken so long to be resolved was expressed by a member of the public. A representative from the Showmen said that the past could not be changed but they wanted to move on by forming a consortium of Showmen, including representatives from the Forest, Shepherd, Rose and Hatwell families that would be responsible for running the fair. He stated that the Showmen present had the necessary qualifications and insurance. He said that their rules stated that if an individual was given lessee rights for more than one consecutive year that they could automatically assume the rights for future years and that they felt that it was not good for one person to have overall control. The Showmen assured the meeting that in the event of a Showman not turning up with equipment by 12.00 on the day of the fair alternative Showmen could provide the necessary rides and attractions in time for the fair to start at 6pm.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked the Showmen for attending the meeting and assured them that it was in the interests of the PC to resolve the matter as quickly as possible to assure that a similar situation did not arise next year.</p>	
124/10	Register of Interests	John Hunt – Item 132/10 – VH&RG Grass Cutting	
125/10	Minutes of the last meeting	Minutes of the meetings held on Wednesday 14 th July and August 11 th were read and signed as correct	
126/10	Matters Arising	<p>Christmas Tree replacement – Paul Williams reported that Nicholson Nursery had a tree that he was going to view</p> <p>Shingle by horse trough – John Hunt to collect shingle</p> <p>Edge of green repair – agreed that the edge would be repaired with soil and then re-seeded</p>	<p>PW</p> <p>JH</p> <p>JH</p>

126/10	Matters Arising cont'd	<p>RoSPA Inspection - outstanding</p> <p>Water in Horns Lane – awaiting meeting with Gordon Hunt</p> <p>Path across little green – plans logged with OCC</p> <p>Swan Lane and Knott Oaks overhanging hedges– done</p> <p>Notice boards – Paul Williams said that he would check whether or not Nicholas Fencing were able to make the boards. Elena Softley asked for the boards to be made of self-healing boards.</p> <p>Letters to residents in Akeman Street – John Hunt reported that a number of residents had been upset by the letters regarding overhanging hedges and that some of them had made efforts to cut them back. Others had not. It was agreed to check again before the next PC meeting.</p> <p>Paul Williams left the room for this item.</p> <p>Quotes received from Paul Williams to cut back brambles in Chatterpie Lane, reduce the crown of the Horse Chestnut in Chatterpie Lane by the little lane and remove ivy from the Pound Wall totalling £240 +VAT were discussed and a Resolution was made to accept the quotes.</p> <p>Paul Williams returned to the room</p> <p>Salt bin at bottom of Robins Hill – quote from WODC of £188. A Resolution was passed agreeing to this expenditure.</p> <p>John Hunt requested the condition of the Salt Bin on Swan Hill to be raised with Hanborough PC.</p>	<p>JH</p> <p>PW</p> <p>JS</p> <p>JS</p>																
127/10	County Councillor's Report	<p>Cllr. Owen reported that the relocation of Dean Pit was on hold as the OCC could not justify the cost at this time. He said that the OCC were waiting until October for a settlement announcement from the Government and that drastic cuts were to be expected. He said that speed cameras and free swimming for the over 60's had already been cut. He confirmed that money for Affordable Housing was ring-fenced.</p>																	
128/10	District Councillor's Report	<p>Cllr. Oldfield reminded the meeting that people must register for green waste collection. She confirmed that she was not aware of any plans to charge for the green waste collection in the future. Cllr . Oldfield said that people wishing to vote must register annually.</p>																	
129/10	To Consider Planning Applications	<p>Applications – None</p> <p>Decisions – Park View, Park Road – granted subject to conditions</p> <p>48 Knott Oaks – granted subject to conditions</p> <p>Elena Softley asked whether or not the building in the school playing field required planning permission.</p> <p>Paul Williams said that he had been asked to advise the school on landscaping options.</p> <p>Michael Green asked for the planning permission for the original window design at Abelwood House to be checked</p>	<p>JS</p> <p>JS</p>																
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131/10	2010/11 Budget	<p>JS provided Members with the half year summary of expenditure and the projected expenditure for the remaining of the financial year for discussion and budget setting at the next meeting.</p>																	
132/10	VH&RG Grass Cutting	<p>John Hunt said that the VH&RG committee would be submitting a</p>																	

		letter for consideration at the next meeting of the PC in October.	
133/10	Sustainable Energy	Elena Softley said that interest in entering the 'Big Carbon Challenge' needed to be registered by October and that people should be encouraged to look at ways in which energy could be saved and to become involved with the challenge. It was agreed that ES would register the interest and submit an article to the Combe Courier asking people to get involved.	ES
134/10	Emergency Plan	JS said that the Combe Emergency Plan had been updated and a copy was in the Red Bag for comment. A booklet, produced by OCC, advising people on how to plan for an emergency is to be distributed to every household. It was agreed that a note would be included asking people to register if they were able to volunteer help or would need help in an emergency. Register to be maintained by JS.	JS
135/10	Standing Orders	Amendment of Standing Orders to include Planning Meetings was considered. The proposal to accept the amendment was made by Gillian Oldfield, seconded by Celia Adamson, all other members agreed and a Resolution to amend Standing Orders was passed.	
136/10	Asset Register & Insurance cover	JS said that a copy of the current insurance cover and asset register was in the Red Bag for consideration at the next meeting. It was agreed that the bench on the green would be included and the valuation of War Memorial increased.	
137/10	Combe Feast 2011	The events leading up to and over this year's fair were discussed together with the representations from the showmen at the meeting. Elena Softley asked for a copy of the rules relating to the appointing of a Lessee to be obtained. In principle it was agreed that Joint Lessees would be more favourable and that the PC do not want to be responsible for collecting rents and checking insurance. The date of the Feast was discussed and it was agreed to ask the PCC to revert to the first Sunday after the 10 th August. JS to write to PCC. Agenda Item for October meeting.	JS
138/10	Correspondence	North Wessex Downs AONB – Forum 7 th October – Gillian Oldfield OCC – The Big Debate – dates of public meetings – Red Bag Oxfordshire Association for the Blind – donation request – £30 agreed Oxfordshire Woodland Project – donation request - declined OALC – Local Councils and Charitable Trusts – Red Bag WODC – West Oxfordshire Week – circulated for info.	
139/10	Any other business	Paul Williams asked to attend ORCC Vibrant Asset and Unsustainable Liabilities conference. Agreed – JS to book place Fumigating of dog bins – Paul Williams reported that the dog bin in Chatterpie was very smelly – JS to report to WODC. Members to consider locations for an additional bin to be discussed at October meeting.	JS JS
140/10	Next Meeting	The next meeting will be on Wednesday 13 th October in the Reading Room at 7.30pm.	