

COMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 9th March 2011

Present:

Michael Green - Chairman
 Elena Softley - Vice Chairman
 Gillian Oldfield - District and Parish Councillor
 Paul Williams
 Celia Adamson
 John Hunt
 Neil Owen – County Councillor
 Julia Sharpe - Clerk
 Apologies - None
 Members of the Public – One

Number	Item	Minutes	Action
32/11	Apologies	None	
33/11	Questions from the Public	None	
34/11	Register of Interests	None	
35/11	Minutes of the last meeting	Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 9 th February 2011 were read and in item 20/11 the word trails was amended to read trials . The minutes were then signed as correct.	
36/11	Matters Arising	Speeding – No progress. Clerk to contact Police. Water in Horns Lane - outstanding Notice Boards – Reply received from Eynsham Saw Mill and Jason Wardlaw - Blenheim outstanding Snow Clearing Arrangements – Reply received from OCC stating that their arrangements are to be reviewed. Clerk to query ordering of salt supply. Play park design meeting – John Hunt reported that a meeting was still to take place but that he and Paul Williams would be attending a four day play builder course. Course fees and expenses would be met by the Play Design Grant.	JS JS JH/W
37/11	County Councillor's Report	Cllr Owen reported that £1.1m has been set aside for pothole repairs across Oxfordshire. Clerk to report potholes in Akeman Street, Robin Hill and Swan Hill. He reported that as a result of the Boundary Commission review the number of County Councillors would be reduced from 74 to 64 over the next 2 years. He concluded by saying that the libraries consultation period would run for 3 months from April.	JS
38/11	District Councillor's Report	Cllr Oldfield urged everyone to complete the census as the results directly affect money allocated to local NHS and Social Services. Cllr Oldfield also reported that the Band D Council Tax had been frozen at £81.63p.	
39/11	To Consider Planning Applications	Applications – GO left the room for this item. 46 Akeman Street – erection of two storey side and rear extensions and construction of canopy to front elevation. After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council	

		would strongly object to this application on the grounds that the design was alien and incongruous with the area and that the scale of it was over domineering and would overshadow and cause loss of light to the neighbours on the North side. Decisions None GO returned.																																											
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41/11	Correspondence	<p>WODC – Community Governance Review details – Red Bag</p> <p>WODC – OHRP – Quarterly Review – Red bag</p> <p>Harry St.John – Libraries threat – Red Bag</p> <p>OCC – Revised Waste consultation – Red Bag</p> <p>J. Hatwell – Combe Feast arrangements –Clerk to invite to June meeting to discuss.</p> <p>W. Hebborn – Combe Feast arrangements – Clerk to send original letter to home address of Mr W. Hebborn.</p> <p>H. Jaeger – Bus Users Forum 10.3.11 – no one able to attend.</p>	<p>JS</p> <p>JS</p>																																										
42/11	Any other business	<p>An e-mail from a concerned member of the Parish regarding dog mess was discussed. It was agreed that a positive campaign to encourage people to pick up after their dogs would be made. Additional notices to be placed on telegraph poles and article in Courier to include health issues, fines and how to report consistent offenders.</p> <p>WODC - Council Tax – Notice for display</p> <p>VH&RG – invitation to open day on 16th April 11 – 1pm – Councillors to RSVP.</p> <p>WODC – election nomination papers and posters distributed.</p> <p>PAYE and NI – from April Parish Councils have to be registered as employers and Clerks have to be registered as employees. Clerk to establish implications and complete relevant forms.</p> <p>Path Across little green – John Hunt and Paul Williams to make enquiries and submit quotes.</p> <p>Celia Adamson reported that she and Gillian Oldfield attended the Cotswold Conservation Board Annual Forum and had found it interesting and informative.</p> <p>Cedar of Lebanon – Paul Williams reported that the tree had now been planted and the small guard placed around it. Clerk to query insurance implications.</p>	<p>ES</p> <p>JS</p> <p>JS</p> <p>PW/JH</p> <p>JS</p>																																										

		<p>Children had assisted and pictures were taken for the Combe Courier.</p> <p>Affordable Housing – Elena Softley queried whether or not the new site was on clay and if there would be problems with flooding. Michael Green said that he had recently discussed this issue with Blenheim and had advised them of the potential problem.</p> <p>Elena Softley and John Hunt highlighted the problems with damage to the verges by the school and around the village green. Clerk to add to April agenda.</p>	JS
43/11	Next Meeting	The next meeting will be on Wednesday 13 th April in the Reading Room at 7.30pm.	