

COMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 14th January 2009
unapproved

Present:	Michael Green Elena Softley Celia Adamson John Hunt Paul Williams Gillian Oldfield	Chairman Parish and District Councillor
	Carrie Freeland	Clerk

Members of 1
the Public

No	Item	Minute	Action
1/09	Apologies	Sue Haffenden	
2/09	Questions from the Public	There were no questions.	
3/09	To approve the Minutes	The Minutes of the Meeting on 10 th December were approved.	
4/09	Matters Arising	Highways had supplied salt for junction by bridge but would like a bin to put it in. Clerk to ask for a green one. JH had not heard back from Phil Workman re latest on vandalism but no one knew of any more incidents. ES said how enjoyable the "Turning on of the Christmas lights" on the Green had been and it was agreed that the Clerk should write to Paul Downer and thank him for organizing a very good evening.	
5/09	Affordable Housing in Combe	Nicola Ball the Rural Housing Enabler from Oxfordshire Rural Community Council came to give the Parish Council the latest information on this. Blenheim Estate have offered some land for a small number of houses to be built to rent or to buy, on a shared with the Housing Association basis, if there is a genuine local need. There has to be a Survey to establish whether there is local interest and this will go round to all houses in Combe. All the Council were	

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		in favour of the Survey and will deliver round the village. Nicola will produce the survey.	
6/09	Report from County Councillor	<p>Sue Haffenden had sent a report of the previous day's Council Meeting. There had been a big debate over the proposed Incinerator with petitions against it from both Ardley and Sutton Courtney. Neither want it and are worried about health issues. It would have to pass all sorts of inspections before being given a license to operate.</p> <p>They had also debated the Transform Oxford Scheme to pedestrianise the centre of Oxford. Stagecoach has been given an award for our route "National Award for Best Rural Bus Service" because they have low-level buses and have upped the passenger numbers by 10%.</p>	
7/09	Report from District Councillor	<p>GO reported that Blenheim had re-built the Akeman Street field wall incorporating a soak away drain from the roadside culvert.</p> <p>In connection with the Marriots Close development in Witney she says that Marks and Spencer have confirmed their commitment to come.</p>	
8/09	Flooding Issues	<p>Chatterpie Lane floods in the dip by No. 40. The grips into the field need clearing and the ditch beside the road. Clerk to approach OCC and Thames Water to see what they can suggest.</p> <p>Roger File of Blenheim Estates is very happy to come and talk to the Council and ES would like to pursue the idea of a bund below the pond.</p> <p>The Council had received a letter from the VHRGC over their worries at a lack of a catch pit by the new drain. Clerk to contact OCC.</p>	
9/09	To Consider any Planning Applications & Decisions	<p>Applications – None</p> <p>Decisions – 08/1705/P/FP – Corner Cottage, West End, Combe – Erection of ground and first floor extensions to existing dwelling – Granted subject to conditions.</p> <p>08/1784/P/FP – Chatterpie House, Chatterpie Lane, Combe – Construction of detached double garage – granted subject to conditions.</p>	

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10/09	To approve payments and note sums received	Payments - Miles Construction Ltd., - Drainage work £24,806.34 Combe Reading Room – Hire Fees from Sept – Dec. 08 £ 78.00 W.C. Green & Son Ltd – Mowing of Village Green April – Sept. 08 £ 1,081.00 Clerk’s Salary £ 200.00 Sums Received – WODC – Flood Recovery Grant £ 3,000.00 WODC – Sports+Active Recreation Grant £ 5,000.00	
11/09	Parish Council Website	MG proposed a finger board to be added to the main Notice Board with address on it, but it was felt that the first resort should be adding it to the Minutes & Letterheading and putting a note of it on all village notice boards.	
12/09	Correspondence	RoSPA Playground Inspection Autumn 08 – Copy to JH. OCC re Local Village web page – MG to do. OCC re New Bus Stop in Combe – Clerk to do. Horns Lane road Closure for Drain repair.	
13/09	Any other Business	There was a lot of discussion about overgrown hedges over flowing across pavements and thereby restricting their use. It is the householder’s responsibility to keep their hedge under control and Clerk will draft a general letter to go round the village. Clerk to request a Dog Poo Bin for Chatterpie Lane suggest on Footpath sign by Kingdom Pool. Edge of road grass cutting in Chatterpie Lane to be reviewed in March. Wendy Lydon to come in Feb. to talk about School and Blenheim in March to keep us abreast of their plans.	
14/09	Next Meeting	Wednesday 11 th Feb. 09 at 7.30 pm in the Reading Room.	