

## COMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2009

Present:	Elena Softley Gillian Oldfield John Hunt Celia Adamson Paul Williams	Chair District (and Parish) Councillor
	Julia Sharpe	Clerk

No	Item	Minute	Action
73/09	Apologies	Michael Green	
74/09	Questions from the Public	None	
75/09	Register of Interests	None	
76/09	Minutes of the last Meeting	Parish Council Meeting: 70/09 name corrected to Popplestone and then signed as correct. Annual Meeting of the Parish Council: 02/09 seconded by – corrected to Celia Adamson and then signed as correct.	
77/09	Matters Arising	Weeds in Park Road – MG not present to report back Witney Bus – outstanding Dog Waste Bin – WODC awaiting delivery. JH reported that an additional bin in the vicinity of the green was required. JH to identify suitable location for discussion at next meeting. Horns Lane electricity pole – letter sent to SEB – outstanding Memorial Tree – agenda item for VH&RGC Memorial Bench – letter sent. Alternative site identified. PW to liase with P. Popplestone. JH to liase with VH&RGC	MG ES JH  JH  PW/JH
78/09	County Councillor's Report	Not present. A vote of thanks was made to Sue Haffenden for the support and work undertaken on behalf of the village, especially with regard to the new school building development and flooding issues.	
79/09	District Councillor's Report	GO reported that the Marriots Centre was on schedule to open on October 29 <sup>th</sup> 2009 and that WODC will have a Parking and Street Team in place by then. GO confirmed that Neil Owen had been elected as the County Councillor for the Charlbury Ward.	

80/09	To Consider Planning Applications and Decisions	Applications 09/0582/P/FP Christmas Cottage – subject of a planning meeting 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2008 Decisions – None	
81/09	To Approve Payments and Note Sums Received	Payments Miles Construction (Drains) £1,305.59      VAT £194.45 J. Hunt (Grass Cutting)      £208.50 Clerk May Salary      £200 Burrows & Edwards Audit      £184      £24 It was agreed that Elena Softley should be added as a signatory. Proposed GO and seconded by PW	JS
82/09	Approve 2008 – 2009 Accounts	The 2008-2009 accounts were signed as correct. The total for General Administration was high due to the Drains having been recorded under this heading. It was agreed that the Unpresented cheques should be re-issued.	JS
83/09	Notice Boards	A quote for replacing the noticeboards had been received. It was agreed that two further quotes, using the same specification should be obtained. JH agreed to contact Eynsham Park Saw Mill and The Oxfordshire Joinery Company.	JH
84/09	Blenheim Licence Meeting	GO reported that she had attended a meeting to discuss the licence requirements for The Festival of Heroes but that as the event had since been cancelled further details were not relevant to be recorded.	
85/09	Highways Meeting	JH reported that a meeting had taken place with Highways and that several problem areas had been identified. Areas highlighted include 1. Footpath across the little green. 2. Akeman Street from Stonesfield Road junction to Orchard Close 3. Gully at corner of green – since repaired. 4. Pull-in for the Witney Bus. 5. Erosion of the road edge around the green. 6. Dips in the road along Akeman Street past Long Firs. 7. Grips along Akeman Street and Blenheim Wall. It was agreed that another letter be sent including 1. Catch Pit outside Post Office, requesting a response by July meeting. PW to contact Roger File, Blenheim Estate about digging a ditch in Alma Grove field to take the water away from Akeman Street. It was also agreed to request the school to write to enforce the need for work under point 1 above to assist the Walk to School initiative.	JS  PW  JS
86/09	Village of the Year Competition	It was agreed that the village would not enter the competition this year and that early consideration would be given for next year. Agenda item for February 2010	JS
87/09	Community Responders Team	It was agreed to invite a representative to give a presentation at the September meeting.	JS

88/09	Correspondence	None	
89/09	Any Other Business	<p>Verge Cutting – Chatterpie Lane – it was agreed that JH would increase the number of cuts from 2 to 5. County Council to be contacted re. cutting the grass on the other side of the road.</p> <p>Chatterpie Lane – flooding – PW raised concern about flooding in the dip in Chatterpie Lane and the condition of the ditch from Kingdom Pool. Letter to be sent to Highways re flooding and ditch to be considered at September meeting.</p> <p>8<sup>th</sup> Edition Charles-Arnold Baker LC Administration Manual – agreed to purchase.</p> <p>Emergency Plan – CA said that at a recent OALC meeting the importance of an Emergency Plan was stressed. Agenda item for July meeting.</p> <p>VH&amp;RGC and Junior Sports – JH reported that earlier issues had been resolved and that from next year some of the Under 13's football teams would be playing in Woodstock but that the 2 men's teams and the younger teams would still be playing at Combe.</p>	<p>JH</p> <p>JS</p> <p>JS</p> <p>JS</p> <p>JS</p>
90/09	Next Meeting	The next meeting will be on Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July at 7.30 pm in the Reading Room.	