

COMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 10th March 2009
unapproved

Present:	Michael Green Elena Softley Gillian Oldfield	Chairman District (and Parish) Councillor
	John Hunt Celia Adamson Paul Williams Carrie Freeland	Clerk
	Members of the Public	One

No	Item	Minute	Action
28/09	Apologies		
29/09	Questions from the Public	There was a query as to whether the Council knew when the Village Pump was going to be replaced and whether there was an Inventory of Village things. Both will be looked into by the Clerk. The Letter Box at East End has apparently fallen over and was last seen in a hedge. Clerk to check with Post Office.	
31/09	Minutes of the last Meeting	The Minutes of the February Meeting were amended at 20/09 and signed.	
32/09	Matters Arising	Clerk to check with Don Slatter progress of drain catch pot. Clerk to contact Paul Wilson at OCC to arrange a meeting re doing some work to path in Akeman Street where it has sunk below the road and also re path across the Green which still gets very wet. Also question of hard standing by Alma Grove Field and the Green. PW said that the road itself had sunk by Orchard Close end of Akeman Street. Sue Haffenden said she would like to come to the meeting. MG had been in touch with OCC re the Bus Stop sign and it would be put beside the Notice Board by Alma Grove field on a brown pole.	
33/09	Proposed visit from Blenheim	MG would ask if they would like to come to the April Meeting.	
34/09	County Councillor's Report	Sue Haffenden reported that the Council Tax has gone up by 3.75%. The Highways budget is going up and Flood Defences are getting more money. There are increased funds for adults with learning disabilities and more Social Workers in the Child Protection area are needed. Cogges Museum in Witney now has a Trust to help run it.	

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35/09	District Councillor's Report	Gillian Oldfield reported the District Council Tax had gone up by 4.9% and this on a Band D house was an increase of £3.69 for the coming year. OCC have a phone number for the public to report pot holes in the roads and it is 0845 310 1111	
36/09	Affordable Housing Latest	The Surveys were in the process of being distributed round the village.	
37/09	To Consider Planning Applications and Decisions	Applications – None Decisions - None	
38/09	To Approve Payments & Note Sums Received	Payments Clerk £200.00 VHRGC – Sinking Fund – Mower £100.00 Sums Received Bonfire Collection £141.00	
39/09	Grass Cutting Tenders	These run for two years so need to be discussed in December for next year.	
40/09	Arrangements for Annual Parish Meeting	It was suggested that we see if someone from the ORCC could come as they have ideas as to how to get more people in the community involved in making a plan of what people want from the village. Meeting is at 8.00 pm and the new Vicar to be invited as a guest. Clerk to do	
41/09	Report from How to be a Better Councillor Course	ES reported that the course had been excellent. It clarified what the legal duties of a Councillor are, up to date procedure and general running of the Council,	
42/09	Correspondence	Oxfordshire Waste Partnership – March Tidy up WODC – West Oxfordshire Local Development Framework – Core Strategy – interim position – statement Consultation Questionnaire – MG to fill in	
43/09	Any Other Business	PW reported the undulating tarmac as you drive out of the Village on Akeman Street. A 20 mph zone was suggested and the regulations governing this need to be investigated. Clerk to write to Electricity Board in connection with the leaning pole in Horns Lane. It was also suggested that the water on the road higher up in Horns Lane could come from a broken water pipe and Clerk to write to Thames Water. CA to check with RH Transport about running the new service to Witney on Thursday (market day).	
44/09	Next Meeting	The next meeting will be on Wednesday April 8 th at 7.30 pm in the Reading Room.	