

COMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 9th November 2011 - Approved

Present:

Michael Green – Chairman
 Elena Softley
 Paul Williams
 Celia Adamson
 Simon Oliver
 Philippa Howells
 Gillian Oldfield - District Councillor
 Neil Owen – County Councillor
 Julia Sharpe - Clerk

Apologies:- None

Members of the Public – Two

| Number | Item | Minutes | Action |
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| 155/11 | Apologies | None | |
| 156/11 | To receive questions from Mr Hebborn | Mr H Hebborn and Mr W Hebborn outlined their position regarding the Lessee ship of Combe Feast and queried the invoice from the Parish Council requesting rent for 2011. It was agreed to withdraw the invoice pending a decision from the Showman’s Guild and NALC. | |
| 157/11 | Questions from the Public | None | |
| 158/11 | Register of Interests | None | |
| 159/11 | Minutes of the last meeting | Minutes of the meeting held on 12 th October were amended as follows and then signed as correct. 136/11 – Cersey changed to Kearsey 141/11 – amended to read Stonesfield Road. | |
| 160/11 | Matters Arising | <p>Diamond Jubilee Celebrations- Elena Softley reported that Combe Celebrations had met and outlined provisional costing’s and arrangements for the week-end from Saturday evening through to Monday evening. Elena said that another meeting was scheduled before the next Parish Council meeting and asked the parish Council to consider making a donation towards the infrastructure costs. This was agreed in principle and it was agreed to add this item to the December agenda.</p> <p>Chatterpie Lane – Options for erecting additional signs were discussed. Clerk to arrange a site meeting with OCC. Enquiries to remove Chatterpie Lane from Sat Nav’s continuing.</p> <p>Notice boards – Completed. Clerk to investigate self-healing board.</p> <p>Path across little green – Specification prepared. Clerk to begin tender process.</p> <p>Overgrown Hedges – OCC Highways have visited and recommend no further action at this stage.</p> <p>Back of Alma – Condition of footpath reported to OCC – awaiting response.</p> <p>Hedge from Railway Bridge to Swan Hill Bridge – Paul Williams and Michael Green to arrange site visit.</p> <p>Broadband update – Confirmation from Dragon IT Support</p> | <p>JS</p> <p>JS</p> <p>JS</p> <p>PW/MG</p> |

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| | | <p>that the Stonesfield exchange is not on the BT schedule for upgrade.</p> <p>Parish Council Notice board – Pending action</p> <p>Water in Horns Lane – awaiting response from Mouchels.</p> <p>Dog Fouling signs – Signs with Simon Oliver to erect.</p> <p>Skate bowl Insurance – Quotes received. Decision pending until new skate bowl in place.</p> <p>Bonfire Update – It was agreed that the event had been very successful and enjoyable. Paul Williams thanked Colin Pratley and Martin Seacole for the all of their hard work. It was agreed that additional control was needed with regard to the type of bonfire material and traffic management. Clerk to investigate Road Closure for 2012</p> | SO | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 161/11 | County Councillor's Report | Cllr. Owen reported that the District and County Councils were now hopeful of receiving a repayment from Iceland. He said that Highways were well prepared for bad weather conditions with additional lorries, gritters, snow ploughs and salt available. With regard to the library closures he said that findings from the consultation are due to be presented to the cabinet on 12.12.11. He concluded by reporting that Keith Mitchell, Leader of OCC is to retire in May 2012. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 162/11 | District Councillor's Report | Cllr. Oldfield reported that workshops to consider the Local Development Framework are on-going. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 163/11 | To Consider Planning Applications | <p>Applications – 5 Stonesfield Road – non-compliance with building conditions. Concern regarding colour of slates to be recorded with WODC.</p> <p>Decisions – West Close Farm House (x2) – Granted subject to conditions.</p> <p>Marlborough Cottage – Granted subject to conditions.</p> <p>58 Knott Oaks – Granted subject to conditions.</p> | JS | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 164/11 | To Approve Payments and Note Sums Received | <p>Payments</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">VAT</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Broker Networks Ltd</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£25</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>(mower insurance paid 17.10.11)</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Barclays Bank Charges (20.9.11)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£1.00</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>British Legion (Memorial Bell)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£30</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mr R Dix (Pound Wall)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£181.60</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mr J Hunt</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£564</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£94</td> </tr> <tr> <td>(9th Grass cutting & 5 verge cuttings)</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mr C Pratley (Bonfire expenses)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£31.77</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£3.30</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mrs J Sharpe (Clerks salary)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£120</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Eynsham Park Sawmill</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£1,879.20</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£313.20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>(Noticeboards)</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Received –</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Precept</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£5135</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bonfire Collection</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£1062.03</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> | | | VAT | Broker Networks Ltd | £25 | | (mower insurance paid 17.10.11) | | | Barclays Bank Charges (20.9.11) | £1.00 | | British Legion (Memorial Bell) | £30 | | Mr R Dix (Pound Wall) | £181.60 | | Mr J Hunt | £564 | £94 | (9 th Grass cutting & 5 verge cuttings) | | | Mr C Pratley (Bonfire expenses) | £31.77 | £3.30 | Mrs J Sharpe (Clerks salary) | £120 | | Eynsham Park Sawmill | £1,879.20 | £313.20 | (Noticeboards) | | | Received – | | | Precept | £5135 | | Bonfire Collection | £1062.03 | | |
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| 165/11 | Play Park Update | The Clerk reported that John Hunt had confirmed that he continued to inspect the Play Park at regular intervals. The Chairman asked for a written report following each inspection. A request for additional bark was discussed and agreed. Simon Oliver reported that the Parish Council is not able to apply for the WODC grant but that the VH&RG committee will submit the application for the skate bowl and cricket nets elements. He asked for agreement to apply to grants from WREN, Tesco, Awards for All, and Sport England. This was agreed. A request for Parish Council funding towards the Play Park was discussed and it was agreed to discuss this again at the December meeting. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 166/11 | Kerbing green | Defer to December meeting. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| 167/11 | 2012 Meeting dates | A schedule of dates for the 2012 meetings was circulated and agreed. | |
| 168/11 | To review Clerks hours and salary | The pay rate and number of paid hours for the clerk was discussed. MG proposed that the clerk's hours be increased to 32 per month. This was seconded by Celia Adamson and agreed by all. The Clerk requested that this be deferred until April 2012. | |
| 169/11 | Correspondence | VH&RG Committee – letter of thanks Oxfordshire Carers – letter of thanks Oxfordshire Blind Association – letter of thanks OALC – Winter General Meeting – 21 st November – Red Bag | |
| 170/11 | Any Other Business | Paul Williams requested that the Parish Council purchase lights for the Christmas tree on the little green. This was agreed in principle and all agreed to investigate suitable lights. The web-site was discussed again and the Chairman agreed to update the site and then pass the responsibility to the Clerk. Simon Oliver and Philippa Howells said that that had attended the New Councillor training and had found it interesting and useful. | ALL MG |
| 171/11 | Next Meeting | The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 14 th December at 7.30pm in the Reading Room. | |