

COMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9th September 2009

Present:	Elena Softley Gillian Oldfield Celia Adamson Paul Williams Neil Owen Julia Sharpe	Acting Chairman District (and Parish) Councillor County Councillor Clerk
	Members of the Public	None

No	Item	Minute	Action
114/09	Apologies	Michael Green, John Hunt, David Tee.	
115/09	Questions from the Public	None	
116/09	Community Responders Scheme	David Tee was unable to attend the meeting. It was agreed to invite him to speak at the October meeting	JS
117/09	Register of Interests	None	
118/09	Minutes of the last Meeting	The minutes of the meetings held on 8 th July and 12 th August were approved and signed as correct	
119/09	Matters Arising	<p>OALC Courses confirmed</p> <p>Walk to School and footpath across little green – a letter from the Travel Plans Team stated that they had visited the site but were unable to allocate funds to assist. Quote for work obtained from G. Hill. Additional quote required. Clerk to contact WODC for list of contractors.</p> <p>Notice boards – Quotes considered and a motion was passed to order the boards from Nicholas Fencing. Proposed – CA, Seconded – PW. PW agreed to supervise the work.</p> <p>Dog-waste bin – Local residents have expressed concern over the proposed site in the vicinity of the green. It was agreed to defer the decision.</p> <p>Christmas Tree – PW to trim the tree when putting the Christmas lights up. PW to check with Nick Dalby, Tree Conservation to check whether the existing tree can be cut down. Blenheim to be asked to donate a replacement tree.</p> <p>Play-ground licence – signing deferred until MG present.</p> <p>Water in Horns Lane – The Water main has been repaired and the immediate problem in Horns Lane and the allotment area has been resolved. Situation to be monitored.</p>	<p>JS</p> <p>JS/PW</p> <p>PW/JS</p>

		Trees – Awaiting quotes. Bark in Play area – Quote for bark accepted. Actions from Village walk – letters to all concerned sent. JH to report progress at next meeting.																			
120/09	County Councillor's Report	Neil Owen reported that although there were massive issues in Oxfordshire, few affected Combe. The Incinerator at Ardley had been agreed and is going forward for planning permission. The planning application for Dean Pit is on 14.09.09. He informed the meeting that he was now a member of the Adoption Panel. With regard to the drainage issues in Horns Lane he said that he had been in regular liaison with Gordon Hunt and would be happy to be involved should similar problems occur again.																			
121/09	District Councillor's Report	GO informed the meeting that the WODC is providing an electricity blanket checking service in Chipping Norton on 8 th October 2009. GO also outlined the new WODC campaign to 'Nominate a Neighbour' which advises people to complete a card with details of a contact neighbour that can be shown to callers that they do not want to answer the door to.																			
122/09	To Consider Planning Applications and Decisions	Applications – None Decisions – 09/0722/P/FP – 45 Akeman Street – Granted subject to conditions 09/0927 – 7 Orchard Close – Granted subject to conditions. Members agreed that they were disappointed with the WODC planning approval for Christmas cottage. Appeal procedure to be discussed at the October meeting.																			
123/09	To Approve Payments and Note Sums Received	<table border="0"> <tr> <td></td> <td>Payments</td> <td>VAT Element</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Clerk</td> <td>200</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Grass Cutting J.Hunt</td> <td>238.78</td> <td>31.28</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Received</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hebborn Fair</td> <td>80</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>VAT Refund</td> <td>4,346.50</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>JS reported that the 2008/2009 accounts had been amended to read – Total Other Payment - £34,204. Balances Carried Forward - £14,539. Total Cash and Short Term Investments - £14,539. This was necessary to reflect that the VAT had not at that time been reclaimed.</p>		Payments	VAT Element	Clerk	200		Grass Cutting J.Hunt	238.78	31.28	Received			Hebborn Fair	80		VAT Refund	4,346.50		
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124/09	Affordable Housing Update	The ORHP report states that a potential site has been identified in Knott Oaks and that a need for 5 households (2 shared ownership and 3 rented) had been identified. WODC are to visit the site in September. ES agreed to write the Parish Summary for the report.	ES																		
125/09	Village Emergency Plan	JS to create a draft plan for discussion at next meeting	JS																		

126/09	Transport	CA reported that she had attended a meeting to discuss the bus services to Witney. The OCC and ORCC are to review the service in 2010. In the future PC's would be required to make a financial contribution to the service, which should be considered when setting the precept. ES reported that she had attended the Parish Transport Representatives meeting and that there had been a slight budget under-spend in the 2008/2009 financial year. A leaflet about Where to Catch your bus in Oxford and the time-table for the Pear Tree to John Radcliffe park and ride service were distributed. ES also reported that the new traffic information sign on the approaches to Oxford are for park and ride space availability updates. Work on the Cotswold line upgrade remains ongoing. It was agreed that the Combe Halt 75 th Anniversary on 8 th July 2010 should be celebrated.	
127/09	Correspondence	Blenheim – notification of firework display – notice-board	
128/09	Any Other Business	Paul Downer – Combe Celebrations – PD to be invited to attend October meeting. VH&RG – rise in contribution to sinking fund – October Meeting Combe Feast 2010 – Monday 9 th and Tuesday 10 th August. Hebborns to be notified. Dates for 2010 PC meetings agreed. Cotswold Line membership renewal – October Meeting. PC contribution to outside electricity socket – October Meeting. Mares Tail Weed in Alma Grove – PW said that the weed is spreading across the field – Blenheim to be notified and requested to deal with the problem. Village Plan – ES informed the PC that a meeting to discuss the requirement for a village plan is to be held on 16.9.09 at 8pm in the Reading Room.	
129/09	Next Meeting	The next meeting will be on Wednesday 14 th October at 7.30 pm in the Reading Room.	