

COMBROKE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 16th January 2023 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall, Combroke

Present

Stephanie Connah (SC)
Tim Goodhead (TG)
Brenda Rayson (BR)
Jo Price (JP)
Nathan Griffiths (NG)
Georgina Lowe (Clk), Clerk

DCllr / CCllr Chris Mills (CM)

Members of the Public: 0

1. Apologies

None

2. Acceptance of Apologies

N/A – All Parish Councillors were in attendance

3. Declarations of Interest

BR Agenda Item 9.1

4. Public Representation

None

5. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on the 14th November 2022 had been circulated. Proposed TG, seconded SC and

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

6. Chairman's Report and Other Reports for Information Only

a. Chairman

- i. Attended WALC meeting on the Cost-of-Living Crisis
- ii. To Note: May 2023 is election year for Parish Councils
- iii. To Note: The Local Government Association (LGA) has published new guidance on the Code of Conduct in association with NALC and various others as part of the Civility & Respect Project -this can be found, together with other guidance on Civility & Respect on the NALC website: <https://www.nalc.gov.uk/our-work/civility-and-respect-project>

b. Clerk

No report

7. District Councillor's Report

DCllr Mills' Report is attached to these minutes.

8. County Councillor's Report

CCllr Mills' Report is attached to these minutes.

9. Planning Updates

9.1 Pending The Little House, 31 School Lane 21/03000/FUL
Enlargement of parking area; erection of retaining wall

Item chaired by Cllr Goodhead

TG confirmed there had been no update received.

Concerns regarding the stability of the retaining wall and drainage proposals remain. After discussion it was agreed to review what had been sent to the County Highways Team, to consolidate and re-send copying in the LPA / CM.

TG /
Clk

9.2 Granted Green Farm 22/02338/PVN

Installation of 17 400-watt JA Solar panels on roof of implement shed

10. **Fibre to the Premises (FTTP) – To receive Councillors' update and consider any action the Parish Council wish to take**

This item has been raised by residents through social media.

The CSW (Connecting Solihull & Warwickshire to fibre broadband) November newsletter included an update on 'Project Gigabit,' the Government's ambition to provide world class 'gigabit capable' connectivity with speeds of up to 1000Mbps across 85% of UK by December 2025. After further reading it looks as if Combrook will be part of this ambition; SC to post an update on WhatsApp

SC

11. **South Warwickshire Local Plan (SWLP) – Issues and Options Consultation**

Stratford-on-Avon District Council is working with Warwick District Council to produce a new Local Plan for South Warwickshire. It will set out the planning policies that the Councils will use to assess applications for development, as well as identifying sites to meet future housing needs, jobs, infrastructure, and open space.

If you have not yet had a chance to respond, this is a reminder that you have until 11.55pm on **Monday 6th March** to make your comments. The online consultation document can be viewed, and questions answered, at the following link:
<https://southwarwickshire.oc2.uk/document/124>

12. **Financial Administration**

12.1 Half Yearly Finance Report

TG as Member for Finance reported that he checked the half yearly finance report for the period ending 30th September 2022. He confirmed that there were no matters arising from the report

12.2 To receive payments made under delegated powers and consider payments to be made

Invoices were presented, and payment approved for:

Georgina Lowe Dec / Jan Salary plus internet security renewal £295.49

HMRC Q3 £16.40

David Harding Labour / Materials Church Bench £50.00

12.3 2023/2024 Precept

The draft document had been circulated prior to the meeting and the rationale behind increasing the precept discussed. After further scrutiny and having considered the tax base it was unanimously agreed to increase the precept by 2% to £4,760.00

13. **Combroke Climate Change Club**

Centre for Sustainable Energy (CSE) are running a series of free workshops on accelerating renewable energy deployment and community engagement; further details can be found at cse.org.uk

14. **GDPR / Policy Reviews**

Item postponed

15. **Lanes and Drainage - County Highways Repair and Improvement**

No follow up required

16. **The Leys**

Still awaiting formal visit from the WCC Habitat Biodiversity Audit Partnership (HBA)

BR

17. Councillors' Reports and Items for Future Agendas

None

18. Dates of Next Parish Council Meetings:

Monday 20th March 2023

The meeting closed at 9:24pm