

COMBROKE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 7 September 2015 at 8.00pm at the Village Hall

Present

Jo Price (JP)

CCllr

Chris Williams (CW)

Tim Goodhead (TG)

Brenda Rayson (BR), Chairman

Georgina Lowe (Clk), Clerk

Members of the Public 1

1. Apologies

DCllr Chris Mills (CM) and Mycroft Perry (MP)

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interests

None.

3. Dispensation Requests

None.

4. Public Representation

Concern was raised over the overgrown hedges on Church Hill; to be discussed under Agenda Item 9.1 below.

5. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on the 6th July 2015 had been circulated. Proposed JP, seconded TG and

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

6. Matters Arising from the Minutes

JP raised concern over the ongoing Noise Pollution; to be added back into the Agenda at 12a. BR to update the Council on the 'Transparency Fund' and how it may be used to offset website costs; Agenda Item 12b.

7. Planning

7.1 Pending Village Hall 15/02150/LBC

To widen gateway at notice board to 2m to allow trailer access; awaiting Conservation Officer's report. BR to follow up with the Coventry Diocesan Board reference the wall's ownership.

BR

7.2 Granted CE Gilbert 14/02265/FUL

7.3 Granted Keepers Cottage 15/01851/TREE

7.4 Granted Hampton House Farm 15/02240/COUQ

7.5 Report of Meeting reference application number 14/02265/FUL BR reported that she and TG had met with CM, Cllr Chris Saint (Leader of Stratford-on-Avon District Council), Robert Weeks, Clare Eynon and Roger Thatcher on the 10th of August regarding aspects of the management of application 14/02265/FUL. At the meeting there was a commitment by Cllr Saint to look at, and improve the process going forward.

BR reported that a response had now been received (circulated by email to all) from the Monitoring Officer regarding conduct of decision taking on 14/02265/FUL at the Planning Committee Meeting on the 12th of August. It was felt that none of the matters that had been raised were properly addressed in the response. On the key matter of the removal of the obscure glazing by the Chairman without it being recommended on the agenda, this was put down to being an 'aesthetic judgement' by the Committee; BR to formulate a response.

BR

7.6 Band Hill House 15/03141/FUL It was noted that this planning application had been received after the agenda had been published. The application to convert an existing garage to ancillary

accommodation, with the erection of a new detached garage and single storey rear extension would be given consideration at an extraordinary meeting once the plans had been received.

8. Ongoing Reports

a. Village Hall and Green

BR reported that the Village Hall insurance documents had now been received and had been passed to the Clerk to action.

Cik

b. The Leys Project Update

BR thanked Henry Meadows for his assistance in clearing the verge. Adam Blockley, Blacksmith and Armourer in the village, had indicated he would be able to repair / install the donated estate railings over the autumn period. He will provide a project plan and costs for consideration.

Concern was raised over the gate across the vehicle access onto the Leys; after discussion it was agreed to put a safety notice on it until a repair/replacement was instigated within the above project.

ALL

9. Lanes and Drainage:

9.1 County Highways Repair and Improvement

Church Hill – Having been raised in the Public Forum it was acknowledged that the hedge had grown out over a number of years; after discussion it was agreed the Clk would make enquiries and report back next meeting.

Cik

CE Gilbert site – The Clk reported that Patch Byrne had agreed to look at the access once completed and at a time of heavy rain to better establish the impact / potential flooding risk.

BR tabled the visibility splay on entrance to the CE Gilbert site, the splay is not as per the now approved plans; after discussion it was agreed the Clk should contact Enforcement to ensure the splay is made to be compliant.

Cik

9.2 Leys Drainage Flood Grant

Grant submission ongoing.

*BR /
Cik*

10. Stratford-on-Avon District Submission Core Strategy: Proposed Modifications Consultation

BR reported that SDC had endorsed further proposed modifications to the Core Strategy with a revised housing target for the District of 14,480 and further strategic sites to accommodate the new homes; the consultation period will close on the 25th of September at 5:00pm.

11. 'Gateway Feature' Update

The Clk advised Debbie Poynton had confirmed the current signage could be painted by localities. It had also been confirmed that a more 'gated' feature was available similar to that seen at Charlecote. After discussion it was agreed to see if the two could be combined.

Cik

12. Water Quality Update

The Clk reported she had contacted the six householders identified; those who had responded had advised that the water quality had improved but would advise if the problem reoccurred. After discussion it was agreed to leave contacting Severn Trent for the moment.

a. Noise Pollution Update

BR reported that she was still waiting on word from CM. BR will attempt to contact the Dog Warden again.

BR

b. Transparency Fund

BR reported that Government grant funding was announced for Councils with a budgeted income less than £25,000 to assist with website development in fulfilling the legal obligations of the Transparency Code. It was suggested it might provide the upfront costs to enable the Council to move the website back to SDC's updated hosting service. This would provide a website with the required functionality to maintain the requirements of the transparency code; All agreed it should be looked into.

*BR /
Cik*

13.

Finance and Accounts for Payment

Current Account: £908.48 Deposit Account: £2,561.62

Un-presented cheque for Clerk's June / July Salary £210.88

Invoices were presented, approved and cheques signed for:

Clerk's August / September Salary £178.20

SDC Uncontested Election Fees £100.00

14. **District Councillor's Report**

None.

15. **County Councillor's Report**

CCllr Williams report is attached to these minutes.

16. **Councillors' Reports and Items for Future Agendas:**

TG asked that 'street names' be put on the Agenda to open up a discussion on the matter.

17. **Date of Next Parish Council Meeting:**

Extraordinary Meeting Monday 21st September 8.00pm Village Hall

Ordinary Meeting TBC

The meeting closed at 9.50 pm

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