

COMBROKE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 9 March 2015 at 8.00pm at the Village Hall

Present

Jo Price (JP)	CCllr	Chris Williams (CW)
Jim Blenkinsop (JB)	DCllrs	Chris Mills (CM)
Brenda Rayson (BR), Chairman		
Mycroft Perry (MP)		
Tim Goodhead (TG)		
Georgina Lowe (Clk), Clerk		

Members of the Public 4

1. Apologies

DCllr Scorer.

BR opened the meeting by announcing that item 7 would be taken first.

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interests

Cllr Goodhead – Appletrees Planning Application - personal

3. Dispensation Requests

None.

4. Public Representation

For each of the planning items, following a factual presentation of the proposals, the Chairman invited residents present at the meeting to ask any questions for clarification and make any comments relevant to planning matters regarding the scheme submitted.

There were no other representations made.

5. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on the 26th January 2015 had been circulated. Proposed JB, seconded JP and

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

6. Matters Arising from the Minutes

None.

7. Planning

7.1 14 Combroke 15/00443/FUL and 15/00446/LBC

Replacement outbuilding.

Following discussion it was felt this proposal was a much more sympathetic scheme, addressing the key concerns which had led the Parish Council to object to earlier applications. This was welcomed and appreciated.

Although not opposed to the application in principle, it was felt the proposed number of windows/roof lights were excessive for a loft area. In addition it was noted that the application lacked detail on the finish of some of the proposed materials in particular the timber boarding which it was agreed should be as close as possible to the texture and colour of the old barn that it was to replace. The Parish Council will defer to the advice and recommendation of the District Council's Conservation Officer on this matter.

BR agreed to draft the PC representation and circulate by email for any comments before submission to SDC on the 12 March.

BR

7.2 Tree Planning

Quince Corner 15/00437/TREE

-T1: Conifer: fell

No representation subject to AO report

Clk

Appletrees 15/00649/TREE

T1: Horse Chestnut: reduce crown by one-third. - T2: Hornbeam: reduce crown by one-third. - T3: Hornbeam: reshape to mitigate previous vine damage. - T4: Hornbeam: reduce crown by one-third. - T5: Cherry: fell. - T6: Damson: reduce crown by one-third.

No representation subject to AO report

Clk

7.3 Update: CE Gilbert Development Site

BR reported there had been no planning application submitted since the last meeting; building works therefore continued without permission.

An email had also been sent to Neil Benison (County Highways) on the 16th of February and again on the 4th of March to gain clarification on a number of points which appeared to be in breach of the conditions set for the development; to date no response had been received.

Clk

CM to talk to enforcement.

7.4 Pending: Red House 15/00200/LBC

8. Ongoing Reports

a. Village Hall and Green

BR reported that the Planning Application matter was currently with the Diocesan registry solicitor (Rotherham & Co), who were to confirm if the wall was owned by the Diocesan or the PCC; awaiting response.

BR

b. The Leys Project Update

BR reported that Liz Bates had made and sited 6 open fronted bird boxes.

MP reported that the estate railings and gate had been collected; He and JB are now to discuss and plan the installation.

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JB*

9. Lanes and Drainage:

9.1 County Highways Repair and Improvements

At the last meeting concern was raised over the amount of mud on the road following shoots. MP to speak with Mike to see what solution can be found.

MP

9.2 Leys Drainage Flood Grant

Ongoing – no further update.

BR

10. Core Strategy Update – Gaydon/Lighthorne Heath Planning Document Informal Consultation

BR reported that the informal consultation was open to all residents and would run until 5:00pm on Monday 30th March 2015. After discussion it was agreed no formal representation would be made on behalf of the Parish Council.

11. Electoral Review of WCC Representations – Final Recommendations

CW reported that the Commission's final recommendations propose that Warwickshire should be represented by 57 County Councillors in the future: five fewer than the current arrangement. The recommendations also propose that those Councillors should represent 57 single-member electoral divisions across the county.

12. Website Update

BR reported that she was still awaiting a response from SDC on whether they are able to make a substantial reduction to the projected cost. In the meantime work continues on the alternative site.

BR

13. Noise Pollution Update

BR to circulate the final draft for approval.

BR

14. **Finance and Accounts for Payment**

Current Account: £292.33 Deposit Account: £2,561.08

Totals reflect a £200 transfer from the deposit account into the current account

Invoices were presented, approved and cheques signed for:
Clerk's February / March Salary £171.92

15. **District Councillors' Report**

- i. Town and Parish Council Precepts – Average increase of 4.1% across the district.
- ii. Sir William Lawrence – Tributes have been paid to Stratford District Council's longest serving Councillor who died on the 10th February.

16. **County Councillor's Report**

- i. The Care Act – There have been some unexpected costs with regard to the Care Act. As a direct result, the County Council has announced that Council Tax will increase by 1.95%. This equates to 48p per month for an average Band D property.
- ii. LED Street Lighting – There was total support for the Council's bid to the DFT for capital investment to escalate the upgrade of street lighting so as to ensure the delivery of savings and reduced energy costs.
- iii. Safer Routes to School – A programme of road safety initiatives is currently being rolled out across the County in the vicinity of schools.
- iv. Superfast Rural Broadband – Match fund investment of £4.170 million from BDUK to extend the coverage of Superfast Rural Broadband to 98% of Warwickshire households has been agreed.
- v. Regionalisation – The matter was debated on the morning of the 24th February; the outcome of the vote awaited.

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

BR reported she had attended the WALC Annual Briefing Day and the session on Transparency. She advised that changes would be implemented from July onwards to ensure the Parish Council complied.

*BR/
Cik*

JP advised that 'Made in Combroke' would take place on Sunday the 3rd May.

BR reported she had been contacted by the owners of number 26 who were concerned about the quality of their water supply; MP and TG agreed citing similar experiences.

Cik

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

Monday 11th May 8.00 pm Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.50 pm