

COMBROKE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 10th January 2022 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall, Combroke

Present

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

DCllr / CCllr Chris Mills (CM)

Members of the Public: 0

1. Apologies

Cllr Price

2. Acceptance of Apologies

Cllr Price, it was proposed NG, seconded SC and

RESOLVED: That the apologies be accepted

3. Declarations of Interest

BR Agenda Items 9.1 and 9.4; TG Agenda Item 9.2

4. Public Representation

None.

5. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on the 15th November 2021 had been circulated.
Proposed TG, seconded NG 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. After last meeting, I sent an email thanking Friends of Hastings House for their presentation
- ii. The Warwickshire Bus Service Improvement Plan was published by Warwickshire County Council at the end of October 2021 and is available on the public transport webpage on the County Council website - <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/buses>. A consultation aimed at communities and businesses is currently underway with the first Enhanced Partnership Scheme(s) being agreed with bus operators by 1 April 2022.

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

To note no further information or plans received. To also note County Highways request for further information / comment on the outdated drainage plan drawing number 41240F was also still outstanding.

After discussion it was agreed the *new*, as yet unsubmitted drainage plan needed to be approved by County Highways and as such further representation should be made. TG / Clk

9.2 Pending The Willows, Spring Lane 21/03245/FUL
Erection of a detached garage, single storey rear extension and first floor side extension

This application was validated at the beginning of December with a response required by 24/12. TG declared himself a near neighbour, therefore BR led on the PC Representation.

January Update: The proposed detached garage has been withdrawn. The proposed extensions are thought to meet the requirements of the SDC guidelines 'Extending Your Home' and as far as could be judged they do not create any unreasonable 'impact on neighbours' ~no concerns have been raised by others. Therefore, the Parish Council's representation is not to object to Officers' determination of this application.

9.3 Granted 2 Combrook 21/03747/TREE
T1 Maple – Fell

9.4 Peregrine Cottage 21/03877/LBC
Removal of existing 20th century front porch. Replacement with new oak framed porch, to include retained stained glass panels, under thatch roof. Alterations of front steps replacing concrete for stone treads. Replacement of front door.

Item chaired by Cllr Goodhead

Application received today; to note some of the drawings were not yet on the website.

After discussion it was agreed to refer to the Conservation Officer. TG to draft a response TG

9.5 Chestnut House, School Lane 21/04064/TREE
T1 - horse chestnut -Reduce height from 16metres to 11metres and span from 20metres to 15metres. Thin remaining canopy up to 20%

Item to be referred to the Tree Officer GL

10. To Consider Quotation for Village Bench Repair

Offer to repair accepted; agenda item to be removed

11. GDPR

Item postponed. ALL

12. Lanes and Drainage

12.1 County Highways Repair and Improvement

TG confirmed the road markings at the bottom of the triangle had been repainted

12.2 Parking Update

Still to pursue the pavement parking sign for west side of church; parking situation to be monitored.

12.3 Twenties Plenty

WCC is considering 20s plenty at Cabinet at the end of January. WALC are holding Zoom Presentations on 11th and 12th of January. Presentation provided by 'Twentys Plenty for Us'

a not-for-profit organisation working with 500 local groups across the country. BR has registered; other Members are encouraged to do so if they wish.

12.4 Pavement Obstructions / Overgrown Vegetation

Ongoing.

TG /
BR

13 The Leys

The Leys Management Group met at the beginning of December. Prior to the meeting the WCC Habitat Biodiversity Audit Partnership (HBA) were consulted about the proposal on the trees. Also, there is now a proposal to progress the original advice from HBA in 2012 to consider reinstating the pond.

HBA advice was that general policy on good grassland sites was to avoid planting trees in order to allow the grassland to thrive but they felt that there was scope for a few hedge trees at the top but it should be kept small scale. They also gave further advice on the appropriate species. There was also an offer by a senior officer to visit the site and review the proposals with us, visit proposed for Jan/Feb.

It was agreed at the December meeting following the species advice given to plant a small group of trees around the corner area. It was also agreed to pursue in 2022 the establishment of some pond life, keeping appropriate awareness of safety matters regarding water areas and liaising with HBA.

14. Combroke Climate Change Club

SC reported she was working on new year content for the website etc. She would also be attending a conference on the 19th of January (Local Council Climate Action Day); full report next meeting.

SC

15. Financial Administration

15.1 Half Yearly Finance Report

TG as Member for Finance reported that he checked the half yearly finance report for the period ending 30th September 2021. He confirmed that there were no matters arising from the report

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

None

15.3 To review / consider Village Hall grant

Awaiting rental review, item postponed.

15.4 2022 / 2023 Precept

The draft document was circulated prior to November's meeting and the rationale behind increasing the precept based on budgetary projections discussed. After further scrutiny it was unanimously agreed to increase the precept by 3% to £4,670.00

16. Councillors' Reports and Items for Future Agendas

None

17. Dates of Next Parish Council Meetings:

Monday 21st March 2022

The meeting closed at 9:11pm