

COMBROKE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 13th January 2025 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall, Combroke

Present

Brenda Rayson (BR)
Tim Goodhead (TG)
Jo Price (JP)
Stephanie Connah (SC)
Hugh Nimmo-Smith (HNS)
Georgina Lowe (Clk), Clerk

CCllr Chris Mills (CM)
DCllr David Johnston (DJ)

Members of the Public: 1

1. Apologies

None

2. Acceptance of Apologies

N/A – All Parish Councillors were in attendance

3. Declarations of Interest

BR - Agenda Item 11

4. Public Representation

None.

5. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on the 18th November 2024 had been circulated. Proposed JP, seconded HNS 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 Kineton United Charities on 20 November.
- ii. Attended WALC Stratford Area Meeting on 21 November (Zoom)
- iii. Attended Warwickshire Road Safety Partnership on 7 January (MS Teams).
Information Session about the Central Reporting System for Speed Concerns in Warwickshire

b. Clerk

- i. Attended Clerk's Operational Meeting (Dec). These will now be held every other month; member survey will be launched in the new year.

7. District Councillor's Report

DCllr Johnston's Report is attached to these minutes.

8. County Councillor's Report

CCllr Mills' Report is attached to these minutes.

9. Parish Forum

Meeting to be held on 30 January via MS Teams; agenda circulated. Key matters: English Devolution White Paper; South Warwickshire Local Plan Consultation; New Parish Liaison Officer.

10. South Warwickshire Local Plan (SWLP) Preferred Options approved for Consultation

Stratford-on-Avon and Warwick District Councils have undertaken an Issues and Options Consultation and Call for Sites and are now at the Preferred Options stage. The Preferred

Options consultation will provide a third opportunity for residents and stakeholders to have their say on the emerging Local Plan, following feedback from the previous Scoping (2021) and Issues and Options (2023) consultations. Specifically, feedback is sought on the proposed draft policies and policy directions as well as the emerging spatial growth strategy.

The consultation will close at 23:59 on 7 Mar 2025. For further details please go to <https://www.southwarwickshire.org.uk/swlp/>

During this item, concern was raised over an outline planning application in an adjoining Parish. After further discussion it was unanimously agreed Combroke Parish Council should, at the appropriate time, formally object.

BR/
Clk

11. **Planning**

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

Item chaired by Cllr Goodhead.

As agreed last Meeting a fifth representation drafted by Cllr Goodhead was submitted having taken on board feedback from participating Members.

To note an objection has been submitted by WCC Highway Authority stating, 'the Highway Authority do not object in principle to the proposal but require further information to determine if the proposal will have a detrimental affect on the adjoining highway'.

Although referencing the site visit that took place on 16th October 2023 it would appear not to align with the key points / requirements summarized by Karen Watkins, Senior Engineer Highways Development Management. The document sent to CCllr Mills is also missing from the planning portal. DCllr Johnston to make enquiries with the Case Officer.

DJ

12. **Consultation – Stratford-On-Avon District Council (Public Spaces Protection) (Dog Fouling) Order 2025**

Stratford District Council will shortly consider making a public spaces protection order, effective across the whole district, to prohibit people from failing to pick up after their dogs.

Public spaces protection orders are designed to tackle anti-social behaviour in public places. The behaviour which the Council is looking to prohibit has been identified as detrimental to the area, persistent and unreasonable.

Stratford District Council would value your opinion in relation to this proposed order. Should you wish to take part in this consultation, please visit the Council's website – Proposed PSPO (Dog Fouling) Consultation | Stratford-on-Avon District Council: <https://www.stratford.gov.uk/environment/proposed-pspo-dog-fouling-consultation.cfm>

The last date for consultation responses is 24th January 2025.

13. **Police Budget Consultation**

The Police and Crime Commissioner is encouraging residents to give their feedback on how policing and community safety should be funded. To complete the survey go to <https://www.warwickshire-pcc.gov.uk/budget-2025-26/> The consultation will close towards the end of January.

14. **Financial Administration**

14.1 Half Yearly Finance Report - TG as Member for Finance reported that he checked the half yearly finance report for the period ending 30th September 2024. He confirmed that there were no matters arising from the report

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

Payments made under delegated powers:
WALC Training B Rayson £42.00

Invoices were presented and payment approved for:

Georgina Lowe December/January Salary £267.04
HMRC £20.40

14.3 2025/2026 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 3% to £5,148.00

15. Flooding

As per previous report; awaiting further dialogue with the Flood Risk Management Team and County Highways.

To record the Parish Council's thanks to the 'drain gang'; Jim, Hugh, Tim and the residents of Church Hill

16. Climate Change

BR reported that by chance she had met a birdwatcher on Saturday from Banbury Ornithological Society - they include Combrook and Compton Verney within their annual winter count, he had seen a good few birds, but not quite as many as usual, although it was cold! But was surprised not to have seen the usual thrush.

SC provided information on Tomorrow's Wellesbourne's next event on 25 January, 'Live Better for Less' with guest speakers (St. Peter's Church Hall, Church St, Wellesbourne from 10am)

17. Lanes and Drainage - County Highways Repair and Improvement

TG reported that:

- Repairs to Quince Corner had been completed.
- Ice warning signs had been dropped off by the Localities Officer following concern raised about highway safety; the signs will remain in the village and used when required

It was reported that the Combrook sign on the Fosse was broken and in need of repair; also, that another temporary road surface repair was required on School Lane.

TG

18. The Leys

No report

19. Village Working Groups

No report

20. Councillors' Reports and Items for Future Agendas

HNS – Leys drainage; proposal to be brought to a future meeting

21. Date of Next Parish Council Meeting:

Monday 10th March 2025

The meeting closed at 9:50pm