

COMBROKE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 14th November 2022 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall, Combroke

Present

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

Members of the Public: 0

1. Apologies

Cllr.Griffiths; DCllr / CCllr Chris Mills

2. Acceptance of Apologies

Cllr Griffiths, it was proposed SC, seconded TG and

RESOLVED: That the apologies be accepted

3. Declarations of Interest

BR Agenda Item 9.1

4. Public Representation

None

5. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on the 4th July 2022 had been circulated. Proposed SC, seconded TG and

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

Chairman's Report and Other Reports for Information Only

6. a. Chairman

i. Attended WALC:

- Presentation by Severn Trent CEO, Liv Garfield, and follow up Q&A
- Presentation by WCC on The Cost of Living Crisis

ii. In email contact with Cllr Andy Smith (Lighthorne) and the Group of Parish Councils raising concerns about the provision of Primary Healthcare Services for the significant new settlement planned and now under development at Upper Lighthorne. Representatives of the Group have been in ongoing talks with the NHS Coventry and Warwickshire Integrated Care Board (ICB) and the GB Partnerships group (GBP), a consultancy engaged by the ICB to report on options for PH provision.

The Group has made contact with the existing GP Services across the neighbouring area to ensure that their interests are understood. The Group has also been developing a resident's survey, in order to inform the discussions with GBP consultancy.

b. Clerk

- i. External Audit - receipt of documents, Notification of Exempt Status 2022, no further action required.
- ii. Attended Clerk's Operational Meeting – 'Weekly Roundup' reminder noted

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 he had written to the Planning Case Officer again requesting an update – response awaited.

As agreed at the last meeting (and given the Independent Structural Engineer had also now raised concerns about the stability of the retaining wall) TG had provided the Planning Case Officer with a detailed request on why it was important re-consult with the Highways Authority; TG also confirmed that this had been sent to the County Highways Team direct.

TG

9.2 Granted Green Farm 22/02338/PVN

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

9.3 Prior Approval Refused Green Farm 22/01696/PVN

18 solar panels to be fitted to roof of the implement shed including storage battery backup in the shed

9.4 Granted Lorien, Combrook 22/00815/FUL

Replacement of the existing single-storey wing with a new single and two storey extension to provide additional living accommodation, and raising of roof to the existing garage to provide additional bedroom accommodation.

9.5 Granted Appletrees, Spring Lane 22/02765/TREE

T1 – Hornbeam – Reduce Crown by 3-4 metres

T2 – Horse Chestnut – Reduce Crown by 3-4 metres

T3 – Leylandii – Fell

T4 – Leylandii – Fell

T5 – Thajua – Prune to give 3 metre clearance from offsite building

10. **Civility And Respect Pledge**

Information had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Civility and Respect Pledge is being introduced to show there is no place for bullying, harassment, and intimidation within local government. After discussion it was proposed SC, seconded JP and

RESOLVED: That Combroke Parish Council sign the pledge

11. **Financial Administration**

11.1 Half Yearly Finance Report – Clerk to forward to TG for scrutiny before next meeting

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

Payments made under delegated powers:

Clerks April – November salary including back pay and stamps £987.64 (this payment was brought forward due to HMRC requirements)

Invoices were presented, and payment approved for:

Royal British Legion £40.00

HMRC Q1 £1.80

HMRC Q2 £4.00

N.R. Gasson – Leys Field Cut and Bale £462.00

11.3 2023/2024 Precept

WALC have suggested an uplift of between 3 and 3.5% to cover the cost of inflation; tax base information requested for discussion at the next meeting

12. **Combroke Climate Change Club**

No report

13. **GDPR / Policy Reviews**

Item postponed

14. **Lanes and Drainage**

14.1 County Highways Repair and Improvement

TG reported that he and BR had had a good meeting with the new Localities Officer. Works on the kerb stones at Quince Corner; pot holes at bottom end and the bridge and temporary works to the subsided area near the woodland had all been completed.

To record the Parish Council's appreciation to Geoff Hobday's follow up and response.

14.2 Parking Update

To remove the item from upcoming agendas

14.3 Pavement Obstructions / Overgrown Vegetation

Works completed – to remove the item from upcoming agendas

15. **The Leys**

The Leys field was cut and hay removed in August. ~with thanks to Hampton House Farm. Still awaiting formal visit from the WCC Habitat Biodiversity Audit Partnership (HBA)
The recent bonfire and fireworks celebrations were a lovely reminder of the importance of the Leys in its community use

BR

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

None

17. **Dates of Next Parish Council Meetings:**

Monday 16th January 2023

The meeting closed at 9:04pm