

COMBROKE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 15th November 2021 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall, Combroke

Present

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

DCllr / CCllr Chris Mills (CM)

Members of the Public: 3

1. Apologies

None

2. Acceptance of Apologies

N/A – All Parish Councillors were in attendance

3. Declarations of Interest

BR Agenda Item 10

4. Public Representation

None.

5. Presentation by the Chairman of the newly formed charity, 'Friends of Hastings House'

6. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on the 20th September 2021 had been circulated.
Proposed TG, seconded JP and

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

7. Chairman's Report and Other Reports for Information Only

a. Chairman

- i. WALC are proposing Parish Councils consider a "Platinum Jubilee Community Grant Fund"
- ii. I attended a WALC meeting regarding the South Warwickshire Council proposal at the beginning of October
- iii. Cllr Connah attended the WALC Annual Conference; more on that under Agenda item 15

b. Clerk No report

8. District Councillor's Report

DCllr Mills' Report is attached to these minutes.

9. County Councillor's Report

CCllr Mills' Report is attached to these minutes.

10. **Planning Updates**
 Pending The Little House, 31 School Lane 21/03000/FUL
 Enlargement of parking area; erection of retaining wall
- Item chaired by Cllr Goodhead
- This application relates to application 19/00361/FUL withdrawn in June 2020.
- To note TG had prepared and circulated a draft response mid-October and after taking soundings from eligible Members of the Council the Representation was submitted by the Clerk within the consultation deadline.
- The Representation continues to object to this proposal; there remains no clarity regarding the stability of the side retaining walls and the drainage plan proposed is no longer a viable strategy given the recent pavement works completed in summer 2021.
- The submission had been recirculated prior to the meeting whereupon it was agreed no further amendments be made and the Representation was formally approved.
11. **To Consider Quotation for Village Bench Repair**
 No report.
12. **GDPR**
 Item postponed. ALL
13. **Lanes and Drainage**
13.1 County Highways Repair and Improvement
 TG confirmed he had requested the road markings at the bottom of the triangle be refreshed; those at the junction outside the church will now be left as is.
- The water leak on Church Hill has been reported to both Severn Trent and the County Highways team; investigations ongoing. TG
- 13.2 Parking Update**
 It was noted parking pressures have largely eased. As agreed last meeting a suitable notice will be produced for the notice board and the situation monitored.
- 13.3 Twenties Plenty**
 Further information circulated prior to the meeting.
- 13.4 Pavement Obstructions / Overgrown Vegetation**
 This appears to remain improved, some overgrowth still around the bridge area. TG / BR
14. **The Leys**
 A suggestion has been made to plant some trees on the Leys. The top south east corner beyond the gateway has been suggested. Separately, a further suggestion has been made to re-establish the pond. Arrangements have been made to convene a meeting of the Leys Group to discuss. BR
15. **Combroke Climate Change Club**
 To note the success of the Club thus far and to look at further ways to engage with a wider audience. SC gave a brief overview of Padlet which is used predominantly in schools as an online noticeboard. Its ease of access would allow anyone to post / share their thoughts and ideas, images, links, videos, and documents thus keeping the page fresh and interesting. After discussion it was unanimously agreed to proceed in setting up the page. SC
- SC went on to brief Members on WALC's Annual Conference, Climate Emergency – practical steps for Parish Councils. The two-day conference had been extremely informative and, if just some of the ideas were put into practice would benefit the local community going forward.

16. **Financial Administration**

16.1 Half Yearly Finance Report

The Clerk reported the relevant documents would be passed to TG (Member for Finance) for ratification at the next meeting.

Clk /
TG

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

Payments made under delegated powers
Royal British Legion £40.00

Invoices were presented, and payment approved for:

Clerks October / November Salary £223.02 (includes £10 Vodafone top-up voucher)

Coventry Diocesan B of E - Village Hall Rental to March 2022 £385.00

WALC Annual Conference £12.00

16.3 To review / consider Village Hall grant

During Covid restrictions the issue of the fixed costs for services such as electricity/water. (£327) has been notable - since the costs have still to be met without the usual opportunities to generate income. The question arises whether the Parish Council could consider payment of those fixed costs.

After discussion and as the rental review from September 2021 has yet to be confirmed, it was agreed to bring back to January's meeting.

16.4 2022 / 2023 Precept

The draft document was circulated prior to the meeting. The Parish Council will consider and agree the precept at January's meeting.

All

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

None

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

Monday 10th January 2022

The meeting closed at 9:42pm