

COMBERTON PARISH COUNCIL
The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on
Wednesday 11 March 2015 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

Members present:	Miss A Bacon (Chairman) ^(AB)	Mr S Moffat ^(SM)
Councillors:	Mr R Elleray ^(RE)	Mrs J Preston ^(JP)
	Mr H Griffiths ^(HG)	Mr N Taylor ^(NT)
	Mr A Hollick ^(AH)	Miss C Westgarth ^(CW)
	Ms S Higman ^(SH)	

In attendance: 2 members of the public and Mrs Gail Stoehr (Clerk).

1. Apologies for absence and declarations of interest

1.1 To receive written apologies for absence and reasons

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Scott and McCabe (out of parish).
Cllr Higman arrived at 7.33 pm.

1.2 To receive declarations of interests from councillors on items on the agenda and details of any dispensations held

Cllr Westgarth declared an interest in Item 6.1 as Chairman of Governors of Meridian School, and also the existence of her dispensation.

1.3 To receive written requests for dispensations for interests and to grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate (if any)

None.

Comments & observations from members of the public and County and District Councillor reports

The Minister of the Baptist Church thanked the Council for supporting the youth grant application which had been successful.

The Big Lunch event will be held on 7 June. Cllr Hollick is to attend the Big Lunch planning meeting. Formal permission from the Parish Council will be required, together with a full risk assessment.

The County Councillor's report was noted.

2. To approve the minutes of the last meeting on 11 February 2015

RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting on 11 February be approved ^(Prop AB, 2nd SM) and signed by the Chairman, after an amendment under the public session, to delete the name "Tony" and under Item 3, to correct the spelling of "Matters".

3. Matters arising or carried forward from the meeting or a previous meeting for discussion or decision and to note the Clerk's report

The Clerk's report, which included background to items on the agenda and matters arising, was noted.

3.1 (3.2) Pitch maintenance – to consider quotations for fertiliser, weed treatment and grass rust

RESOLVED that consideration of the grass rust be deferred to the next meeting to enable Cllr Scott to comment.

RESOLVED to accept the quotation from Amenity UK for spraying in Spring and Autumn, and for the application of weed killer. ^(Prop HG, 2nd AB)

3.2 (5.2) To discuss if the Parish Council should purchase and install a MUGA and how this might be funded

The RWG was asked to provide more information before considering this further at a future meeting.

- 3.3 (6.3) Comberton Village College – request to establish orienteering course on Recreation Ground for school and public use – report on discussions with CVC
Cllr Preston reported that she had had difficulties arranging a meeting with Comberton Village College and was awaiting more information.

4. Finance, procedure & risk assessment

- 4.1 To receive the financial report and to approve the payment of bills

RESOLVED to receive the financial report and that this be checked against the invoices and statements before the cheques are signed at the end of the meeting.

RESOLVED ^(Prop CW, 2nd HG) that the payments as listed in the financial report should be paid.

CPRE (Affiliation fee)	£36.00
Countryside Watch (Affiliation fee)	£40.00
Salaries	£320.37
LGS Services (Admin support)	£1509.78

Receipt of pitch hire fees was noted. RESOLVED to remind the Football Club about the payments due, the alarm at the Pavilion, and cleaning of the office. RESOLVED to appoint Cllr Griffiths as convenor of the RWG.

5. To receive reports and recommendations from committees, working groups and members

- 5.1 Planning Committee report

Nothing to report.

- 5.2 Transport Working Group

- 5.2.1 Proposal for application to CCC to install double yellow lines on the inside (east) side of the road on the bend in Hillfield Road

- 5.2.2 Proposal to reinstall the wooden post on South Street to prevent damage to the verge, and to install posts on the verge in Green End and

- 5.2.5 Proposal that the Tree Group considers planting a tree on the verge on Barton Road, as an alternative to a wooden bollard

RESOLVED to install two wooden bollards, in Green End and in South Street, at an approximate cost of £100 each.

The posts in Hillfield Road are to be re-set at the same time. ^(Prop SH, 2nd SM)

RESOLVED to ask CCC whether they have any posts to donate.

- 5.2.3 Proposal to seek permission from CCC to change speed limits on Long Road, Branch Lane (40 mph), and to use the TWG budget to put in place

RESOLVED that the TWG should bring a costed proposal to the next meeting.

- 5.2.4 Proposal to install an on-road 2-cable traffic monitoring device to assess traffic volume and speed, using TWG funds

RESOLVED to write to CCC, in view of accidents in the village, asking them to provide a monitoring device.

6. To consider matters arising out of correspondence/communications received

- 6.1 Meridian Primary School PTA – request for grant assistance

The request from Meridian Primary School was considered, and in accordance with its powers under Section 137 of the Local Government Act, 1972, RESOLVED that the Council donate £500, which, in the opinion of the Council is in the interests of the area and its inhabitants. ^(Prop SM, 2nd SH) It was suggested that the School approach other Parish Councils in the catchment area to apply for funding.

- 6.2 CHS request to erect a bench on Normandy Close public open space

RESOLVED to defer this to the next meeting, subject to A Bateman attending.

6.3 Request to hold a children’s fun fair on the Recreation Ground

RESOLVED to refuse the request as the access to the Recreation Ground is not suitable. (Prop HG, 2nd SM)

6.4 Resident request to purchase land for garden extension

RESOLVED to refuse the request as the land serves as screening, a wildlife area, and there is a Tree Preservation Order on the land, which is a Public Open Space for the benefit of all residents. (Prop SM, 2nd JP)

7. Closure of meeting

There was no further business and the meeting was declared closed at 8.40 pm.

SignedChairmandate

Approved