

**COMBERTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on**  
**Wednesday 8 February 2017 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm**

Members present:	Mr H Griffiths (Chairman) <sup>(HG)</sup>	Mrs J Preston <sup>(JP)</sup>
Councillors:	Ms J Feldman <sup>(JF)</sup>	Mr N Taylor <sup>(NT)</sup>
	Mr A Hollick <sup>(AH)</sup>	Mr M Tebbit <sup>(MT)</sup>
	Dr J McCabe <sup>(JM)</sup>	Ms C Urquhart <sup>(CU)</sup>
	Mr S Moffat <sup>(SM)</sup>	Miss C Westgarth <sup>(CW)</sup>

In attendance: 2 members of the public including 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 Tatnell (childcare), Scott (out of parish), and from Anna Barford (resignation).

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

Cllr Tebbit declared an interest in item 3.4 as adjacent landowner to Bennell Farm, and also declared the existence of his 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**

Cllr Scott's previously circulated written report was taken as read.

Keith Tarring of the Baptist Chapel referred to the ending of the Connections Bus contract and had written to the Parish Council with the suggestion of a youth club using sessional youth workers from the Connections Bus. Financial support was also requested towards the Pudding in the Park event. These matters will be agenda items for the next meeting.

**2. To approve the minutes of the last meeting on 11 January 2017**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting on 11 January be approved and signed by the Chairman, after a correction under item 1.2 to read "Tebbit" not "Taylor". <sup>(Prop JM, 2<sup>nd</sup> CU, carried with 2 abstentions)</sup>

**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) Rats at the pond – to consider quotation

RESOLVED to accept the quotation from Command and Control Pest Control for the sum of £140.00 plus VAT, plus £80.00 plus VAT for two bait boxes. The neighbouring resident is to be asked whether they have any objection to these being sited on their wall. <sup>(Prop CW, 2<sup>nd</sup> JM, unanimous)</sup>

3.2 (3.3) Recreation Ground gate opening and closing arrangements and request for chain – to receive report and recommendation from RWG

RESOLVED that the Parish Council purchase a chain and new lock for up to £50.00, and that Cllr Taylor be provided with an order number so that he may purchase and fit it.

RESOLVED with regard to a sign for the gate, that this item be deferred to the next meeting to enable the Recreation Working Group to bring a recommendation on the wording and cost.

3.3 (3.4) Rocking horse bearings – to consider quotations if received

RESOLVED having considered two quotations to accept a quotation from RPM for £1300 plus VAT and to use the S106 funds. (Prop CW, 2nd NT, carried with 1 abstention)

3.4 (3.5) Report on Bennell Farm S106 meeting to consider if the Parish Council's position should be changed

RESOLVED to defer the report on the meeting at SCDC pending the receipt of more information, and to ask James Fisher for information on the S106 agreement.

3.5 (6.1) Bourn Parish Council invitation to join the Coalition of Parish Councils

RESOLVED to join the Coalition as an associate member and that Cllr Feldman will attend their meetings and bring recommendations to the Council as and if appropriate. (Prop HG, 2nd CW, unanimous)

3.6 Westlands Fence

RESOLVED to note that SCDC was not taking any action.

3.7 Anglian Water

RESOLVED to note the response from Anglian Water. As the Council disagreed with the response members and residents are to keep a note of problems and take photographic evidence (Prop NT, 2nd JF, unanimous)

**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 JM, unanimous) that the payments as listed in the financial report should be paid, plus LGS Services (Admin support) £2604.88, Alarm Maintenance (call out) £128.40 and (service) £117.60, and Getmapping (online mapping) £124.80.

Eversdens PC (Training)	£40.00
Cambridge Water (Pavilion water)	£226.51
Buchans (Grass cutting)	£675.84
EON (Pavilion electricity) (DD)	£164.51
Salary	£294.51

Credits, including investment income, were noted.

4.2 Clerk's report on any use of delegated powers

RESOLVED to note the Clerk's use of her delegated powers to accept a quotation from RPM for securing a bolt and installing an additional bolt on the explorer dome, and for securing a bolt on the fireman's pole, for the sum of £290.00 plus VAT.

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

5.1 Possible unlawful development on PC land (Public Open Space) in Harbour Avenue

RESOLVED, given that a resident following adding an extension on his property, has constructed a gate and pathway onto Parish Council land, to circulate the NALC LTN on gates/access on to public open spaces and defer this matter to the next meeting when the Parish Council is to consider what if any action it will take.

5.2 Report on The Causeway and meeting with residents

RESOLVED to note the Chairman's report on his meeting with the residents.  
Cllr McCabe left the meeting.

5.3 Proposal that the Parish Council rescinds its previous decision to contract Cllr Scott to remove a 10m section of the hedgerow from the Recreation Ground  
RESOLVED to rescind the previous decision. (Prop NT, 2nd SM, unanimous)  
Cllr McCabe re-joined the meeting.

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

6.1 Comberton United request for grant towards boot scraper  
RESOLVED that the Parish Council is not willing to consider the request until the Club brings the account up to date. (Prop HG, 2nd SM, unanimous)

6.2 Thornbury woodland – to consider report and recommendation from tree surgeon  
RESOLVED to await the tree survey, given that SCDC is likely to grant immediate permission for any urgent works.

6.3 Buchans – issues raised by them regarding grass cutting and village maintenance including dens in Thornbury and low hanging trees on the Janes Estate  
RESOLVED to accept the quotation from Buchans for £295.80 plus VAT to raise the lower limbs on trees in Janes Estate, and to defer discussion of dens in Thornbury to the next meeting.

**7. Closure of meeting**

There was no further business and the meeting was declared closed at 8.57 pm.

Signed .....Chairman .....date

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