

COMBERTON PARISH COUNCIL
The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on
Wednesday 13 March 2019 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

Members present:	Mr H Griffiths (Chairman) ^(HG)	Mr S Moffat ^(SM)
Councillors:	Ms J Feldman ^(JF)	Mr T Scott ^(TS)
	Mr A Hollick ^(AH)	Ms L Tatnell ^(LT)
	Ms J Martin ^(JM)	Miss C Westgarth ^(CW)
Not present:	Dr P Black ^(PB)	Dr J McCabe ^(JMcC)

In attendance: Caroline Abraham (Comberton Community Swimming Club), District Cllr I Sollom, and Mrs Gail Stoehr (Clerk).

1. Apologies for absence and declarations of interest

- 1.1 To receive written apologies for absence and reasons
 Apologies were received from Cllr McCabe (out of parish) and also belated apologies for the last meeting from Cllr Black.
- 1.2 To receive declarations of interests from councillors on items on the agenda and details of any dispensations held
 Cllrs Moffat and Feldman declared an interest in item 6.2 as members of Comberton Community Swimming Club.
 Cllr Westgarth declared an interest in item 6.7 as a member of the Comberton Twinning Association.
 Cllr Martin arrived at 7.32 pm.
- 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

Caroline Abraham on behalf of the Comberton Community Swimming Club spoke to their application for funding for refurbishment of the pool, including the installation of a pool liner. She reported on the history of the Club, opening hours, funding, accessibility, management arrangements, safety officers, membership and costs. The plans, which are in two phases, were outlined. Mrs Abrahams highlighted that 64% of the members were from Comberton and the pool was also used by local schools. Other funding sources and fundraising activities are being pursued.

The Chairman indicated his intention to vary the order of business to take item 6.2 after item 2.

Cllr Sollom spoke to his written report, including:

- The refusal of the planning application in West Street. The Church End barn decision was still outstanding. He explained the reason for non-referral by the Planning Officer to the Planning Committee.
- The East West Rail response. Cllr Sollom expressed a preference for a route via Cambourne as a new station at Bassingbourn would only be ten minutes from Royston. CCC preferred the Bassingbourn route as the cheapest, and did not wish it to interfere with the proposed bus route.

Cllr Sollom was thanked for representing the Parish Council at a recent Planning Committee meeting.

2. To approve the minutes of the last meeting on 13 February 2019

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting on 13 February 2019 be approved and signed by the Chairman. (Prop AH, 2nd JF, carried with two abstentions)

RESOLVED that those members who are not present should be listed in future minutes.

On a proposition by the Chairman, it was agreed to vary the order of business to take items 6.2 and 6.8 next.

6.2 Comberton Swimming Club – application for financial support

RESOLVED to approve a donation of £2000.00, to be taken from the under spend on the pavilion project and to look at this again once the year end accounts have been balanced. (Prop JM, 2nd CW, unanimous)

6.8 CCC Summer Reading Challenge – request for financial support

RESOLVED to approve a donation of £40.00 to the Summer Reading Challenge, which in the opinion of the Council, is in the interests of the area and its inhabitants. (Prop CW, 2nd JM, unanimous)

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) Pond water levels – to consider quotations for lining the pond

RESOLVED to note that Cllr Tatnell now had a copy of the pond survey undertaken in 1995/6.

RESOLVED to set up a Pond Management Working Group, with the same membership as the Tree Group plus a resident in Green End who is an ecologist and the Recreation Ground Co-ordinator/Handyman.

RESOLVED to decline residents' requests to Cllr Tatnell to plant willows by the pond. Community Payback had undertaken the work.

RESOLVED, now that the work on cutting back the brambles at the pond had been carried out, to inform the grass cutting contractors that the Parish Council expected them to keep it clear.

A project form is to be sent to Cllr Tatnell.

Pond Management is to be an agenda item for the Annual Parish Meeting.

On a proposition by the Chairman, the order of business was varied to take item 6.1 next.

6.1 Froglife – inclusion of Comberton pond in habitat project

RESOLVED to participate in the survey and that Cllr Tatnell be appointed to liaise with Froglife. (Prop HG, 2nd SM, unanimous)

3.2 (3.5) Play equipment repairs – to consider response from Kompan if received and quotes for works

Further information was awaited from Kompan.

3.3 (7.2) The Drift Temporary Road Order – update and to consider the next steps

Cllr Scott declared an interest as an adjacent farmer.

RESOLVED, having considered the comments of Peter Gaskin of CCC that an application would cost £1000 and was unlikely to result to in a road order to defer this item to a future meeting pending a meeting between Cllrs Westgarth and Scott and Peter Gaskin.

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 on receipt of the new cheque book.

RESOLVED that the payments as listed in the financial report should be paid.
RESOLVED that the invoice from Buchans for £978.36 should be kept on hold pending an inspection of the work by the Recreation Ground Co-ordinator and confirmation that the works had been completed.

RESOLVED to note the corrections to Salary (£171.40), NEST (£218.15) and Ridgeons (£314.96).

Salary	£171.40
HMRC (PAYE)	£125.00
NEST (Pension) (DD)	£218.15
LCPAS (Affiliation fee)	£90.00
Ridgeons (Community Payback materials)	£314.96
CAS Ltd (Village Hall insurance)	£843.98

Credits, including pitch fees and a VAT reclaim, were noted.

- 4.2 Clerk's report on any use of delegated powers and action taken due to risk
None.

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

- 5.1 Proposal that the Council writes to a resident in West Street about a trip hazard
RESOLVED not to write to the resident. (Prop HG, 2nd SM, unanimous)

- 5.2 Community Payback – the team has asked whether it can burn the pile of brambles on the pond bank when it comes on March 17
RESOLVED not to permit to the burning of brambles on the pond bank.
Cllr Scott kindly offered a trailer to remove the brambles and was thanked by the Council. The Recreation Ground Co-ordinator/Handyman is to meet with the Community Payback team on Sunday 19 May.

- 5.3 Report on the Coalition of Parish Councils meeting on 6 March
Cllr Feldman reported on her attendance at the meeting.
RESOLVED to ask Steve Jones to include Cllr Feldman in the communications.

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

- 6.1 Froglife – inclusion of Comberton pond in habitat project
Taken earlier.

- 6.2 Comberton Swimming Club – application for financial support
Taken earlier.

- 6.3 SCDC and Cambridge City Council – Greater Cambridge Statement of Community Involvement consultation
Noted.

- 6.4 SCDC and Cambridge City Council – Greater Cambridge Local Plan Call for Sites
RESOLVED to set up a Working Group to undertake a similar exercise to last time. Membership Cllrs Moffat, and Scott and Richard Elleray if he is willing. (Prop SM, 2nd TS, unanimous)

- 6.5 SCDC and Cambridge City Council – North East Cambridge Area Action Plan – Issues and Options 2019 consultation
Noted.

- 6.6 CCC Local Validation List consultation
Noted.

6.7 Comberton Twinning Association – request for financial support

Deferred to a future meeting when the application is received.

6.8 CCC Summer Reading Challenge – request for financial support

Taken earlier.

6.9 Comberton Village College Catchment Area Response

Cllrs Martin and Tatnell declared an interest in this item as both have children at Comberton Village College.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council was not satisfied with the response and that Cllr Martin and Tatnell could follow up on this if they so wished.

7. **Closure of meeting**

Anti-social behaviour in Barton Road and Swaynes Lane was reported. RESOLVED that the Police should be invited to the Annual Parish Meeting and that Cllr Martin should take the matter up with Comberton Village College.

Potholes in Green End, Harbour Avenue, Branch Road and Long Road had been filled, but the Council felt that this was poor workmanship. County Cllr Lina Nieto is to be asked to take this up with CCC.

There was no further business and the meeting was declared closed at 9.03 pm.

SignedChairmandate

APPROVED