

COMBERTON PARISH COUNCIL
The minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 11 July 2007
in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

Members present:	Dr C Chambers	Mr D Charge
Councillors:	Mr D Ellis	Mrs J Horne
	Mrs S Hyde	Dr J McCabe
	Dr R Rintoul	Dr H Roscoe
	Mr J Walsh	Miss C Westgarth (Chairman)

In attendance: Mrs G Stoehr (Clerk) and 31 members of the public.

Comments & observations from members of the public

Mr Peddar of 32 The Valley expanded on his letter requesting to buy a strip of Public Open Space (POS) adjacent to his home.

The majority of the residents present at tonight's meeting had attended to express their views opposing the proposed development by Northern Affordable Homes (NAH) was felt by them that it is an inappropriate site, having unsuitable access etc. The sentiments expressed were reflected in residents' letters and emails sent to the Parish Council in response to the recent NAH meeting. In response to the suggestion that there was a public right of way across the site it was noted that this was not shown on the definitive map but if residents had evidence of usage over a 12 year period then a request could be made to the County Council to modify the definitive map.

The members of public were asked to vote on NAH's proposals for the land off The Valley. It was noted that there was no support for the proposed development the majority voting against the proposed development. A few residents abstained. When asked the residents present were unanimous that the Parish Council's survey findings for 8 -12 affordable homes is needed on the right site/s.

It was suggest that a Residents Association should be formed to resolve parking issues between residents in The Valley.

1. To approve apologies for absence and declarations of interest

1.0 Satisfactory apologies were received from the following Cllrs: Dr McCabe (late), Mrs Morison (out of parish). Apologies were also received from Cllr Baldwin (County Council) and Cllr Harangozo (District Cllr).

1.1 There were no declarations of interest at this point.

2. To approve the minutes of the meeting on 13 June 2007

2.0 On a proposition by Dr Chambers, seconded by Dr Rintoul the minutes of 13 June 2007 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

2.1 On a proposition by Dr Chambers, seconded by Mrs Horne the confidential minutes/report of 13 June 2007 was approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters arising or carried forward from the meeting or a previous meeting for discussion or decision including

3.1 (3.5) ACRE Housing Needs Survey results & NAH consultation & correspondence from residents

Cllr Harangozo's correspondence¹ with NAH and residents' letters and emails² on the matter from residents were noted.

On a proposition by Mr Ellis, seconded by Dr Chambers it was agreed that the Parish Council should advise NAH and any other developer that wishes to develop in the village of the Parish Councils Policy agreed in item 3.5 of 13 June 2007 and that anything that is not consistent with that policy the Parish Council will actively oppose. In order to progress this matter it was agreed that the Planning Committee and the Working Group would continue to liaise with the Planning Department, ACRE etc and bring a recommendation to the next meeting and that once a site or sites have been identified the Parish Council will consult with the village via a public meeting.

On a proposition it was agreed to vary the order of business and take item 7.1 next.

- 7.1 Mr Peddar, 32 The Valley request to buy a strip of POS adjacent to his home
Mr Peddar's email of 3 July 2007³ was considered. On a proposition by Dr Chambers, seconded by Dr Roscoe it was agreed that the Parish Council would not sell a portion of its land for a house extension. The vote was recorded as 5 for and 3 against. On a proposition by the Chairman it was agreed to defer the Mr Peddar's request that he buys a small strip along the length of his house from the front of the garden to the rear to the next meeting. Members are to visit the site in preparation for the meeting and a letter is to be sent to MD Landscapes asking them to take more care.
- 3.2 (4) CCC apology surface dressing works road closure
The apology date 20 June from Mark Kemp⁴ for the County Council's failure to communicate the dates for the work on Long Road was noted. It was agreed to check with Cllr Baldwin what the network plan referred to in the letter is.
- 3.3 (3.8) Process and procedure of employee review
Terms of Reference for the Clerk's review group will be agreed at the Parish Council's annual meeting each year.
- 3.4 (6.6) Connections Youth Bus visits & youth provision
On a proposition by Mrs Hyde, seconded by Dr Rintoul it was agreed to contract the Connections Bus to the end of the year.
It was agreed that the Parish Plan Working Group are to look at youth provision generally and bring their recommendation to a future meeting.
4. **County Councillor and District Councillor reports and questions**
None received.
5. **Finance, Procedure and Risk Assessment**
- 5.1 To receive the financial report and to approve the payment of bills⁵
The financial report was received and considered and checked by a member against the invoices and statements before the cheques were signed. On a proposition by Dr Chambers, seconded by Mr D Charge it was agreed that the payments as listed in the financial report should be paid plus: A Marsh £150, Alarm Maintenance £64.63, MD Landscapes £1069.25, D Couslon £500, BT £57.00 and LGS Services £897.68.
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| SCDC (rates) | £248.00 |
| SCDC (election costs) | £105.66 |
| R Abraham (handyman) | £115.50 |
| LG Stoehr (salary) | £136.82 |
- Noted:
- In response to the email from Mr Coulson reporting on the success of the Combathon and requesting reimbursement of the music event and on a proposition by Dr Rintoul, seconded by Mrs Horne it was agreed that the Parish Council reimburse Mr Coulson £500. It was agreed a breakdown should be provided so everyone can learn in the future.

- The cost of advertising the new Code of Conduct's adoption with CALC. On a proposition by Miss Westgarth, seconded by Mrs Hyde it was agreed to advertise the adoption of the new Code of Conduct in a joint advert together with the Clerk's other Councils to save money.
- One of the Sports Clubs still had not settled its invoices for use of the pavilion and keys etc. It was agreed that a final notice to pay should be issued giving seven days from the date of the letter for the Club to settle its account and if this is not received all remaining bookings are to be cancelled and if necessary the locks on the pavilion changed.
- On a proposition by Miss Westgarth, seconded by Mr Charge it was agreed to ask Universal Fencing to repair the tennis court fencing which has been pulled up at the bottom.
- A letter from Comberton WI seeking permission for a stall at the pond on 29 September 2007 from the WI. This request was approved by the Parish Council.
- Audit additional information had been requested by the auditors required.

6. To receive reports and members items and consider recommendations contained therein

- 6.1 Planning report
Taken as read.

7. To consider matters arising out of correspondence/communications received including

- 7.1 Mr Peddar, 32 The Valley request to buy a strip of POS adjacent to his home
This item was taken earlier.

7.2 Andy Marsh Pavilion re-painting

The email from Mr Andy Marsh and also the quotation from Mr Marsh's father about redecorating the pavilion changing rooms and shower room⁶ was considered. On a proposition by Mrs Hyde, seconded by Miss Westgarth it was agreed to get the Pavilion decorated. The vote was recorded as 4 for and 4 against with one abstention. The Chairman had the casting vote and voted for the proposal. The quotation from Mr Marsh's father for £180 (materials and labour) was approved.

8. Closure of meeting

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 10.10 pm.

Signed Chairmandate

These documents below do not form part of the minutes and are listed here only as background to the items discussed and for ease of reference

¹ Cllr Harangozo's correspondence with NAH

² Residents' emails and letters on the NAH proposals

³ E-mail dated 3/07/07 from Mr Peddar, 32 The Valley re: request to buy strip of POS adjacent to his home

⁴ CCC apology surface dressing works road closure

⁵ Financial Report

⁶ email from Mr Andy Marsh and also the quotation from Mr Marsh's father about redecorating the pavilion changing rooms and shower room