

**COMBERTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**The minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 10 October 2007**  
**in the Village Hall at 7.30pm**

Members present:	Mr D Ellis	Mr D Charge
Councillors:	Dr J McCabe	Mr J Walsh
	Mr R Rowlands	Mrs D Morison
	Mr A Hollick	Miss C Westgarth (Chairman)
	Mrs S Hyde	

In attendance: Mrs G Stoehr (Clerk) and 4 members of the public.

**Comments & observations from members of the public**

What was the Parish Council's response on the Dental Surgery application and as to the South Street notice board site land registration.

The kissing-gate is off its hinges on FP5 Swaynes Lane.

To hear any discussions concerning the proposed affordable housing scheme off The Valley.

**1. To approve apologies for absence and declarations of interest**

1.0 Apologies were received from Dr Rintoul and Dr Roscoe (out of country), Dr Chambers (babysitting), Mrs Horne, and Cllr Harangozo.

1.1 There were no declarations of interest at this point.

**2. To approve the minutes of the meeting on 12 September 2007**

2.0 On a proposition by Mrs Morison, seconded by Mr Walsh the minutes of 12 September 2007 were 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 (6.6) Pond Wall Project

The design by Rob Mungovan with photographs<sup>1</sup> was noted. Revised quotation for the pond wall had been received and a quotation for the project using hazel bundles is expected. Mrs Morison reported that the Tree Group in its recommendation for a wall considered the longevity and aesthetics of the design.

**4. County Councillor and District Councillor reports<sup>2</sup> and questions**

Noted.

**5. Finance, Procedure and Risk Assessment**

5.1 To receive the financial report<sup>3</sup> and to approve the payment of bills

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 Mrs Morison, seconded by Mrs Hyde it was agreed that the payments as listed in the financial report should be paid.

SCDC (Rates)	£124.00
Universal Fencing Ltd (Tennis Court)	£453.00
Cambridge Water Company	£207.64
CALC (Affiliation Fee)	£35.00
Connections Bus Project (Jul-Aug 07)	£464.05
Connections Bus Project (Apr-Jul 07)	£928.15
LG Stoehr (Salary)	£136.82
A Marsh (Pavilion Cleaning)	£150.00
LGS Services (Admin Support)	£754.45

It was noted that an order had been placed for a new shower in the pavilion at a cost of £152.50

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

6.1 Planning report<sup>4</sup> including handling of tree applications

It was agreed that a letter is to be sent to SCDC requesting that all tree works applications are sent directly to the Chairman.

Concern was noted over the lack of feedback from SCDC on tree works applications.

6.2 Affordable Housing – The Planning Group and Working Party

The Group has requested information from L Razzell and N Blazeby at SCDC on housing associations. A letter drafted by Dr Chambers<sup>5</sup> has been sent to various housing associations

Cllr Harangozo is to be reminded that the Parish Council want a report on the proposals for housing opposite Comberton Village College.

6.3 Recreation Ground Trust<sup>6</sup>

Mr Rowlands reported that two meetings had now been held with the sports clubs, both of which were constructive and old issues were discussed. Only 2 representatives attended the most recent meeting due in part to the future of the cricket club. The clubs had indicated that they accept the difference in funds/costs and were surprised that the Parish Council had not increased its fees earlier. The clubs have seen the Bourn agreement and want increased facilities/changing rooms. Further discussions are still needed and the Clerk is to be involved as appropriate.

It was noted that the Recreation Group needs to meet to discuss the future of the Recreation Ground and they also requested an update about the EDF lease. The Clerk will circulate this to members.

Mr Rowlands left the meeting.

6.4 Connections Bus Summer Report<sup>7</sup> (including Charity Dinner & AGM)

The Connections bus report was noted. Concern was expressed that the Bus has not visited for 3 weeks and that they had not informed the youngsters as had been agreed. The matter is to be taken up with Alan Webb.

6.5 Parish Plan

Mr Ellis spoke to his report<sup>8</sup>. On a proposition by the Chairman, seconded by Mrs Hyde it was agreed to accept the report and the recommendations it contained along with the following:

- That the Watts Wood maintenance is not being done very well – MD Landscapes are to be contacted.
- It was noted that the railway carriage needs maintenance. This matter is to be revisited in the new year.
- Task 211 – investigate task from Toft to join FP9 – close, no further action.
- To note that the Heritage walk booklet is in Church.

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

7.1 Minor Highway Improvement Schemes<sup>9</sup> – 2008/09 Bids

This is to be carried forward as an agenda item for the next meeting. The Transport Working Group is to bring recommendations to the meeting. I was noted that there had been a traffic census seen in the village last week.

7.2 Andrew Lansley – East of England Planning Growth Agenda Cambs Sub Region<sup>10</sup>

Andrew Lansley's letter about the proposed the Mereham development and the Cambourne application for a further 950 houses was noted.

**8. Closure of meeting**

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

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

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*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*

<sup>1</sup> Pond Wall – Rob Mungovan’s design

<sup>2</sup> County Cllrs and District Cllrs report

<sup>3</sup> Financial report

<sup>4</sup> Planning report

<sup>5</sup> Affordable Housing – The Planning Group and Working Party report

<sup>6</sup> Recreation Ground Trust report

<sup>7</sup> Connections Bus Summer report

<sup>8</sup> Parish Plan report

<sup>9</sup> Minor Highway Improvement Schemes

<sup>10</sup> Andrew Lansley – East of England Planning Growth Agenda Cambs Sub Region