

COMBERTON PARISH COUNCIL
The minutes of the Parish Council held on
Wednesday 08 July 2009 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

Members present:	Miss A Bacon	Dr C Chambers
Councillors:	Mr A Hollick	Dr J McCabe
	Mr S Moffat	Mrs D Morison
	Mr R Rowlands	Mr T Serby
	Miss Westgarth (Chairman)	Mr J Walsh
		Mrs S Hyde

In attendance: 6 members of the public, Cllr Steve Harangozo (District) and Mrs G Stoehr (Clerk)

Comments & observations from members of the public

The June meeting of Toft Parish Council records a CVC meeting in May. Representatives of the Police and CCC attended regarding traffic management. Comberton Parish Council was asked if it was invited to attend, which it were not and it was suggested that it should impress on CVC that it is included in the meeting in September. It was agreed to enquire why the Chairman had not been invited when emails had been sent to other Chairmen in the catchment area

Mr Morgan made a complaint regarding trees adjacent to his premises. A letter is to be sent to Leach Homes regarding the poor management of tree belt/s and the alleged damage incurred to Mr Morgan's fence and reminding them of their maintenance responsibilities. SCDC are to be urged to ensure maintenance is carried out accordingly.

1. Apologies for absence and declarations on interest

1.0 Apologies were received from Mr Halford (out of parish) and Mr Serby and also from Cllr Whelan that she would be late.

2. To approve the minutes of the previous meeting on 10 June 2009

On a proposition by Miss Bacon, seconded by Mrs Morison, the minutes of the last meeting 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

3.1 Bush Close parking problems – reply from Police¹
 Noted. A copy had been sent to the complainant.

4. County Councillor and District Councillor reports & questions

Cllr Harangozo's report was considered². Path to rear of Meridian – the ownership and maintenance fall under the County Council. Post Office parking – the disabled parking provision is still outstanding also the car park is unsafe due to different types of surfacing. Cllr Harangozo was asked to look into this.

Cllr Whelan's report was circulated³.

5. Finance and procedure

5.1 To receive the financial report and to approve the payment of bills⁴

The financial report was received and considered and checked by a member against the invoices and statements before the cheques were signed. It was agreed^(CW,AB) that the payments as listed in the financial report should be paid plus: LGS Services (admin support) £914.87, A Marsh (cleaning) £120.00, RT Abraham (handyman) £42.00 and ACE Fire £96.66, P Round £574.60, NALC (LCR) £13.50 plus payments for August to LG Stoehr (salary), A Marsh (cleaning) and Royal Mail PO Box to be released before the next meeting as there is no meeting in August.

SCDC (rates)	£270.00
Eastern Tree Surgery (tree work)	£667.00
Ridgeons (paint and brushes)	£55.02
LG Stoehr (salary)	£185.12

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

6.1 Planning Committee including

The planning minutes⁵ were taken as read.

6.2 Recreation Ground Working Group

The Recreation Ground Working Group minutes of 28 May were taken as read⁶. It was noted that there has been no meeting since. The Working Group is working on actions from that meeting.

6.2.1 Broken windows at the Pavilion

It was agreed to seek quotes for replacement windows and that the working group together with the Clerk be delegated to approve one quotation so that they could be installed before the next meeting. ^(CW,AB)

6.3 Affordable Housing Working Group⁷

The report was taken as read. It was noted there will be a meeting held next week with Ms Newstead, SCDC and Toft Parish Council.

Mr. Serby arrived.

6.4 TWG report and recommendations inc Hillfield Road

It was noted that CCC have not been able to progress the issue of speeding Barton Road or the speed survey at the side of road (reciprocal arrangement).. It was agreed that Mr. Serby is to contact Grantchester Parish Council to ask to use their gun and to also contact Graham Lowe to request a site visit.

6.5 Tree Group

The recent meeting had to be cancelled but that the Tree Warden is monitoring the trees. One small horse chestnut tree has been planted adjacent to the path between Harbour Avenue and The Valley. The Chairman is to write an article in Contact saying they have been planted in the wrong place and will be moved to Long Road or Watts Wood.

6.6 Parish Plan Working Group⁸

The report was taken as read. This item is to be carried forward to the next meeting.

6.7 Scrutiny & Overview Committee meeting

Mr Halford's report⁹ on his attendance at the Scrutiny Committee meeting on 25 June 2009 was noted. It was agreed to send details to all District Councillors and Parish Councils regarding the Chairman's Delegation and Exception Sites. Dr Chambers and Miss Westgarth are to write an additional piece.

6.8 Sustainable Energy Partnership

Dr McCabe and Cllr Harangozo reported on the meeting held in Coton Village Hall where 9 parishes signed up.

Cllr Whelan expanded on her written report which had been circulated under item 4. CVC expansion meeting 20 July. Cllr Whelan agreed to take this up along with why the Chairman was not invited to this and also the Safer Routes to School meeting in May. Mr Moffat, Dr Chambers, Miss Westgarth and any other members if available will attend the CVC meeting on 20 July and report to the next meeting. CVC is exploring a traffic management plan and the TWG is to look at what cycle path provisions there will be via safer routes to school.

7. To consider matters arising out of correspondence/communications received7.1 Police - seizure of alcohol¹⁰

The seizure of alcohol by PCSO's was noted. It was also noted that there were 200+ youth on the recreation ground on the last day of School and that there was a good atmosphere.

7.2 SCDC Standards Committee – PC member vacancy¹¹

Noted.

8. Closure of meeting

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

SignedChairmandate

¹ Police email dated 30 June re: Bush Close parking problems

² Report of District Councillor Steve Harangozo

³ Report of County Councillor Fiona Whelan

⁴ Financial Report

⁵ Planning Minutes

⁶ Recreation Ground Working Group minutes

⁷ Affordable Housing Working Group Report

⁸ Parish Plan Working Group Report

⁹ Mr Halford - Report on SCDC's Scrutiny Committee meeting 25 June 09

¹⁰ E-Cops email dated 25 June re: seizure of alcohol

¹¹ Email re: SCDC Standards Committee – PC member vacancy