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LITTLE COMBERTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes from a meeting of the Parish Council, held on Tuesday April 4th 2017 following the Annual Parish Meeting

PRESENT – Chairman C Rabbette, Vice Chairman J Edwards, Councillors J Gough, S Britten, S Kottler, P Morris and N Stephens, District Councillor G Mackison, County Councillor A Hardman, footpath warden P Gough and one member of the public

APOLOGIES – None

PARISHIONERS QUESTIONS – New resident of Well Furlong introduced himself

1. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – None were declared

2. **MINUTES** from the previous meeting were approved and signed

3. **PROGRESS REPORTS**

a) Highway Matters

- Speeding / Speed Data – Deferred to next meeting
- Pool Close – road surfaces in need of maintenance – County Cllr Hardman advised he would try to push this forward
- Verge outside the church – Cllr Morris stressed that this was in urgent need of some sort of maintenance. Cllr Hardman would meet with Chair and Cllr Morris to discuss options

b) Footpaths/Rights of Way

- Footpath adjacent to Church / Furrows End – In the first instance it was agreed that the LM try to establish if there is any evidence of a footpath underneath the grass. To be discussed further with CC at the same time as looking at the grass verge outside the church.
- Kissing Gate, rear of Brookfields – Footpath warden advised that the kissing gate appeared to be in working order. There are a couple of stiles in poor condition nearby. CC had offered to replace these with 'stockproof' gates, at no cost. Cllr Britten would speak to the landowner with regard this

b) Lengthsman - New contracts between CC/parish council and lengthsman had been signed. The LM to go on a 'refresher course' for Road Traffic Safety Management

e) Planning:

- 17/00507 – Well Furlong. It was agreed that a site visit was necessary. This was arranged for the following week with the approval of the applicant. A brief discussion would take place with regard the parish councils' comments

f) BHCG – Nothing to report. Next meeting of BHCG after Easter

g) Ditches/ Water Courses

- Fallen arch from culvert under Wick Road – Awaiting action by CC – clerk to chase
- Blocked Culvert – Pershore Road – Work has been carried out to the satisfaction of WDC but they are to monitor the situation

h) Village Website – Clerk to get together with website administrator

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- i) New Homes Bonus – currently stands at £2,720. It was suggested that we consider vehicle activated speed signs. Clerk to investigate if neighbouring parish would consider sharing the cost
- j) Phone Kiosk – One resident had offered to ‘purchase’ the phone box and pay for any renovation. Cllr Morris had obtained a quote for stripping and powder coating the outside at a cost of £550. It was agreed we wait until we have heard from BT with regard the ‘handover’ before any decision is made.

4. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT – Copy attached

5. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT- County Cllr Hardman advised that he would be standing in the forthcoming elections. Wick Road is to be re-surfaced towards the end of April following patching last year. Problems could arise with regard the -re-instating’ of the footpath in Manor Lane , as CC would have to make it suitable for disabled. Cllr Hardman advised that speed signs were more effective if temporary and moved around, rather than permanent, and that there may be some possibility of funding from the local ‘members budget’

6. WWII MEMORIAL – Following a request at the Annual Parish Meeting for a memorial to those that fought in the Second World War, suggestions were made, possible a plaque in the Village Hall or on the Millenium Stone. Cllrs to give the matter some thought and discuss at the next meeting

6. FINANCE –

- Payments for approval / made since the last meeting

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| Worcs CALC Training | Q. 572 | 10.00 |
| L Yapp Expenses | Q. 573 | 12.00 |
| L Yapp Salary | Q.574 | 258.90 |
| B Arrowsmith | Q. 575 | 96.00 |
| VHMT | Q. 576 | 12.00 |
- Financial Regulations / FOI / Policies – deferred to next meeting

7. MATTERS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS / DISCUSSION

- Carpet Bowls continued to be well supported
- Twinton Orchard – request for visibility mirror – the clerk had contacted CC, and they would not support the placing of a mirror to aid visibility pulling out of the gateway
- Little Pick – Following the recent ‘Spring Clean’, Cllr Gough advised there was still as much litter on the verges. Cllr Gough and her husband had cleared most of the verges with the help of Mr Kibble from Orchard Drive

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS: 2nd May, 13th June and 4th July