

Combe Raleigh Parish Plan Committee

Minutes of the Meeting held on 30 May 2017 in the village hall

Present:-

Mrs J Sherwood

Mrs K Churchill

Mrs E Smith

Mr B Churchill

Mr C Padget

Mr I Downes

Mr D Jackson

Also in attendance :- Mr J Brabrook

1/2017 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from:

Mrs V Brabrook

Mrs E. Moffett

Mr L Clarke

2/2017 Plan Review

Highways

It was reported that Luppitt PC had put arrangements in place for grass hedge cutting to be undertaken by a local contractor. In view of the expenditure cut-backs initiated by DCC, Brian agreed to investigate this matter further by contacting Andrew Tucker of Luppitt PC. It was noted that there had been a reduction in flooding occurrences at Langford Bridge which was thought to be a response to the work undertaken by Geof Derryman in regulating the water flow.

It was noted that the floral displays, which had now all been installed, would require regular attention. It was understood that Gill Jackson was organising a rota for the maintenance of the flower displays on the Church wall.

Industry and employment

It was considered that no action was required for the time being..

Children's Activities

The Committee felt that for the time being there was no requirement to proceed with the children's play facilities, youth club or babysitting group, however, this would be kept under review as the Parish needs changed.

Leisure

It was noted that the leisure items had failed to materialise, however it was felt that these items should remain in the Plan should opportunities arise in the future. Reference in the Plan to CRB checks should now refer to DBS [Disclosure and Barring Service]

Housing

It was noted that following the recommendations of the Parish Meeting, the item in the Plan relating to affordable housing had been re-instated.

St Nicholas Church

The establishment of a Sunday school had not been progressed at this time due to the small number of children attending St Nicholas Church, however, this would be kept under review. It was noted that every opportunity was being taken to involve children with the family service.

A number of social events had already been held in the Church and this would continue.

The Children's play area had been established at the back of the Church and this activity had been completed. Fund raising for the provision of 3 additional Church bells had been completed and funds were currently being raised for the associated works. It was expected that this project would be completed before the year end. Following a successful grant application to Virador, the composting toilet had been installed in the churchyard and this project was now complete.

The car park management committee was now defunct as management responsibility was to be transferred to the owners of the four properties in St Nicholas Rise, this matter would need to be considered by the Parish Meeting. A new item was to be inserted in the Plan. Provision was to be made to improve the Church's kitchen facilities, for which a faculty would be required, this would entail the installation of new flooring, at the base of the bell tower, hot water supply and new kitchen units.

Agriculture

BC continues to keep a watching brief. Considerable uncertainty exists as to the impact of Brexit, particularly upon possible changes to the agricultural grant systems.

Village Hall

Both the access to the existing parking area and the provision of a new car park would be kept under review by the Village Hall Committee, the Chairman of the VHC was hopeful that a satisfactory resolution to this matter would be reached during the current year.

The existing suspended ceiling had been replaced which had provided limited additional insulation. The Village Hall Committee had considered the provision of further roof insulation, but in view of the current use of the building this was felt to be un-economic.

It was noted that the BT telephone box outside the village hall had been repainted and the exterior of the village hall had been tidied, therefore both these items could be marked as completed. It was noted that the interior decoration of the village hall should be completed by the end of the year.

It was agreed that the Committee should meet on an annual basis.

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 8.40. pm

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Chairman – Mrs J Sherwood