

# WELLESBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Highways Committee meeting held on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2011  
at 7.30pm at the Parish Council Office, 2 School Road, Wellesbourne

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Present: Chairman: Cllr Copeland, Cllrs Johnston, Grantham and Mrs Bartlett  
Acting Clerk: Mrs Lipman      Members of the public: 0 Members of the press: 0

## 1. Approval of Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and approved from Cllrs Mrs Bolton and Parton

## 2. Declarations of Interest

Declarations of interest (personal or prejudicial) under the provisions of the LGA 2000, Parish Councils (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2001.

Cllr Mrs Bolton personal interest in the Village Hall as Buildings Trustee for the Village Hall

Cllr Grantham prejudicial interest in connection with Wellesbourne Conservative Club Ltd and all matters appertaining to Walton Estates.

Cllr Johnston personal interest as a County Councillor in all matters regarding WCC and Hampton Lucy Grammar School Foundation as a member of the Board

Cllr Copeland prejudicial interest in Chedham's Yard as a prospective Trustee

## 3. Confirmation of the order of the Agenda and identification of any items likely to be resolved to confidential session

It was confirmed

## 4. Confirmation of the minutes of 21<sup>st</sup> September 2010

These were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman

## 5. Matters arising and Chairman's update:

Market Traffic meeting – Clerk to contact police representative for proposed traffic plan

## 6. Open session for members of the public to raise any matters of relevance to the Parish and for any Cllr with a prejudicial interest in an item on the agenda to speak on that item

No members of the public were present

## 7. Budget report

It was agreed to seek tenders for the purchase of 20/25 bollards from the existing highways budget

## 8. Wellesbourne and Walton Roads

### 8.1 Road gritting schedule and grit bin for Walton

Snow clearance in Wellesbourne during the recent cold weather had generally been good but Walton had been gritted only once following a road accident. Cllr DJ would persist in pressing for Walton to be added to the primary gritting schedule and would ask WCC to look at a more flexible approach to rural areas engaging local farmers to assist.

It was agreed to purchase a grit bin for Walton- the preferred location being the centre of the village. Patch Burn to approve.

## 9. Traffic Calming

### 9.1 Newbold Road - chicane speed check

A speed check was being undertaken – WPC to be notified when available.

It was suggested that a post situated strategically on the build out of the chicane, or heavy metal planters positioned at each end might deter motorists from attempting to pass side by side.

### 9.2 Radar gun volunteers

PCSO Claire Murray collating names of volunteers. Six needed to run the course (4 at present)

## 10. Footways

10.1 Newbold Road desire line path - work completed.

10.2 Dropped kerb Canberra Close – work completed

**11 Appearance of Village**

11.1 Grass cutting – new maps

Still awaiting maps despite phone calls and emails – acting Clerk to write to Matt Austin (SDC)

11.2 Land between Constance Harris Close and Ettington Road - As above acting Clerk to write to Matt Austin (SDC)

11.3 Stratford Road/A429 corner

Bomford Corinthian are to apply for planning permission for bungalows on this site. Planning application opposed by WPC ten years ago and turned down by SDC. Cllr JG suggested applying to register the land as public open space as there was no playground facility on this development.

11.4 Overhanging vegetation at Farrington Close

Neither WCC or SDC claimed ownership of the fenced land at the rear of Farrington Court. Cllr TC to check with Orbit Heart of England if it appears on their deeds.

11.5 Appearance of land between Mountford sportsfield and Ettington Road

Cllr TC to arrange site meeting to discuss work needed

11.6 Overhanging trees on Dovehouse Estate

Several trees and shrubs adjacent to the footway on the Dovehouse Estate now need pruning. SDC and WCC both deny responsibility. Acting Clerk and Cllr DJ to obtain maps from SDC and WCC

**12. Traffic Signs**

12.1 Walton Hall – Cllr DJ to chase this with WCC

12.2 Airfield Distribution Park - Cllr TC to talk to Distribution Park manager regarding installation of an arrow sign which would help lorry drivers identify the entrance. At present some drivers are still entering Loxley Road and turning on the Dovehouse Estate

**13 Public Rights of Way**

13.1 White Bridge repairs to parapet and fence

Cllr DJ to try to negotiate with WCC to pay half the costs of the bridge and fence repair

13.2 Vicarage fence – Acting Clerk to write to Mr Hathaway thanking him for erecting the new fencing

**14. Trees**

14.1 SDC free trees offer – 12 oaks and 2 apple trees had been delivered. The oaks to be planted on Mr Morleys land to provide an improved skyline vista. The apple trees to be planted at the infant school.

Mr England had offered the village a Wellesbourne Elm sapling. Location to be agreed.

**15. Pollution in River**

Repair of drains in Bridge Street would offer the environment Agency the opportunity of using a camera in that area. Bridge Street due to be resurfaced later in the year.

**16. Dog/Litter Bins - review**

Cllr TC and RP to consult regarding resiting of bins where two are in close proximity. Suggestions for relocation included Chapel Street and the footpath between Mordaunt Road and Newbold Road

**17. Future Committee Structure**

A suggestion was made to amalgamate the Highways and Amenities Committee into a Services Committee and also to amalgamate Finance and Administration and Office and Staffing. This would enable the Committees to meet more regularly without adding to the Clerk’s workload.

**18. General Correspondence** -there was none

**19. Councillors Exchange of Information** - there was none

**20. Date of Next Committee Meeting:** 19<sup>th</sup> April 2011 – noted

Meeting ended at 9pm

Chairman: Cllr Copeland

Signed ..... Date .....