

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 15th March at 7.45pm in St Peter's Church, Wellesbourne

Present: Chairman: Cllr Johnston. Cllrs Blundall, Close, Copeland, Grantham, Parton, Mrs Rose, Wright Acting Clerk: Mrs Lipman Members of the public: 48 Members of the press: 1

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were given and received from Cllrs Mrs Bartlett and Mrs Bolton and Mr and Mrs Nuttall

2. Minutes of the 2010 meeting

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

3. Welcome by Council Chairman, David Johnston

Cllr Johnston welcomed residents to the meeting and introduced individual Cllrs.

4. Representative SNT, Police Community Links

Inspector Pat Devereux and Sergeant Darrren Fretwell attended the meeting as representatives of the Wellesbourne SNT. Inspector Devereux said Warwickshire police were required to make £9million worth of savings over the next four years. The whole of the establishment was being reorganised with changes taking place on 8th May 2011. The SNT in Wellesbourne would lose one PC and one PCSO. PC Cuthbertson would remain and under the new arrangements investigation and response duties would be taken away from the SNT to allow them to concentrate on local issues. It was hoped that response times would remain the same. Inspector Devereux then took questions.

Q Why had CCTV had been cut as it was a strong deterrent to criminal activity.

A The police strongly supported CCTV but SDC was having to make significant cuts. Cllr RW said District Cllrs would continue to press to keep staff and cameras operating.

Q An incident had taken place regarding nuisance youths throwing missiles at sheep in a field. When challenged they were abusive. At the time there was no police response.

A Sergeant Fretwell was not aware of the incident but said he would investigate.

Q If an incident should take place following the reorganisation, would a PC patrolling in Wellesbourne be sent, or would a patrol car be deployed from another area?

A The PC would go but would be deployed from the 999 system. However, the local PC would not be called upon to do further investigation.

Q Now that one PC and one PCSO were to be lost who would determine the priorities for their work?

A Community Forums would set priorities

Inspector Devereux then informed the meeting that both Sergeant Fretwell and himself were losing their post and would be moving.

Cllr DJ thanked them for the good relationship built up with the local SNT team over a number of years. He said the WPC were very keen to support the new team. As it was likely the police station in Wellesbourne would be cut, it was important to retain a presence in the Wellesbourne/Kineton area. A meeting had been arranged with the Chief Constable and Chair of the Police Authority to identify possible resources that could be made available to the Police Authority in order to safeguard an effective police presence in the Wellesbourne area.

5. Vision 4 Wellesbourne draft Parish Plan

A presentation was made by Cllr TC, Mr Adrian Wickes and Mr Andy Palin from the V4Wellesbourne Steering Group. Draft Parish Plan presentation appended.

The following questions were taken:

Q How was Wellesbourne to secure S106 money? (Section 106 (S106) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 allows a local planning authority to enter into a legally-binding agreement or planning obligation with a landowner in association with the granting of planning permission. These agreements are a way of delivering or addressing matters that are necessary to make a development acceptable in planning terms.)

V4W explained that at present S106 money deposited by developers was likely to be used for highways or education issues and not at local level. However, under the Localism Bill the Community Infrastructure Levy charges will be based on the size, type and location of the development proposed according to a prescribed formula. It was the government's intention that this money should be used at the neighbourhood level and it was therefore important that Wellesbourne should liaise with developers at an early stage to identify projects that might benefit. There would be a strong case for the development of leisure facilities which were lacking in Wellesbourne at present.

Q What was the distribution of the survey replies?

A It was confirmed that responses came from all areas of Wellesbourne and Walton. Concerns regarding the safety of pedestrians on Newbold/Kineton Road was noted.

Q Would the requests and aspirations from minority groups be recorded in an appendix?

A This would be considered.

Q Why were some points considered as low priority?

A The final draft of the Plan would list only top and high priorities. The priority box of the rest of the objectives would not be identified as it was important that no objective should be considered low priority.

Q The pressure for a skate park was questioned as some YPs had indicated that vandalism would continue to be a problem unless it was enclosed by a high wire fence and closed at dusk. YPs thought the top priority for youth facilities was a dedicated meeting place.

Cllr DJ expressed the thanks of WPC to the V4W group for all their hard work in producing such a detailed plan in such a short period of time. He said that funding opportunities had been lost through the lack of a Parish Plan.

6. Cllr David Johnston, Chairman's Report - appended

Cllr DJ thanked Cllrs for their support and hard work during the year. He said it had been a busy year for the office and he thanked the acting Clerk, Mrs Lipman for shouldering the bulk of the burden. There were no questions regarding the report.

7. Matters which may be raised by an elector of the Parish

Q What is the Council planning to do regarding the proposed cuts to the evening bus services in the Stratford and Leamington area and the 500 flexi bus?

A The proposals are part of a consultation regarding significant cuts to WCC transport budget. A debate in the Area Committee could be triggered from a petition of over 1500 signatures and a debate at Full Council could be triggered from a petition of over 5000 signatures but it was important that the petition was county wide in order to fulfil the criteria for debate.

There being no further questions the meeting closed at 9.20pm

Chairman: Cllr Johnston

Signed

Date