

WELLESBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Amenities and Highways Committee of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 10th May 2011 at 7.30pm at the Parish Council Office, 2 School Road, Wellesbourne



Present: Cllr Johnston, Cllr Grantham, Cllr Mrs Bolton, Mrs Rose, Copeland, Kendall and Wright

Acting Clerk: Mrs Lipman Members of the public: 1 Members of the press: 0

1. Election of Chairman

Cllr RP was nominated for Chairman by Cllr TC and seconded by Cllr RB. No other nominations were made and Cllr RP was elected unanimously.

2. Election of Vice Chairman

Cllr TC was nominated as Vice Chairman, seconded by Cllr RR. No other nominations were made and Cllr TC was elected unanimously.

3. Approval of Apologies for Absence

Apologies were given and accepted from Cllr Mrs Bartlett

4. 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

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 Trustee

Cllr Mrs Rose prejudicial interest in connection with Wellesbourne Conservative Club Ltd and the Co-operative Society as an employee.

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

The order of the agenda was agreed.

6. Confirmation of the minutes of the Amenities meeting of 22nd February 2011

The minutes were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

7. Matters arising

There were none

8. 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

There were none

9. Public Transport

9.1 Proposed WCC cuts of night bus service

Councillors were dismayed at the arbitrary cutting of the evening bus services. There was no consultation with bus users and no evidence of usage was provided to County Councillors on which to base an informed decision. An email had been received from WCC stating that the decision to remove subsidies from evening bus services was a blanket one across the county and it was for operators to decide their response to this decision. The daytime services were operated commercially without any subsidy and therefore WCC could not sacrifice day time services for an evening provision.

9.2 Slabs at Newbold Road bus stop

Cllrs TC and RP to meet with Mrs Bryan regarding the number and placement of the paving slabs at the Newbold Road bus stop

Resolution to install paving slabs left over from work at the library. The exact number and position to be determined by Cllrs RP and TC in consultation with the Clerk. The slabs to be

laid by Limbridge Rural Services according to the quotation attached. If fewer than 14 paving slabs are used the cost to be pro rata. Prop Cllr JG 2nd Cllr TC all in favour motion carried

10 Appearance of Village

10.1 Land between Constance Harris Close and Ettington Road

Cllr DC had reported that following a meeting with Robert Weekes at SDC, the District Council had agreed to adopt the land from Barteak Homes. Cllrs expressed their thanks to Cllr DC for raising the issue.

10.2 Appearance of land between Mountford Sportsfield and Ettington Road

A meeting had taken place with Cllr TC, the County Forrester, Stephen England and a representative of WIB. It was agreed that there should be a maintenance plan. WIB to be asked to provide 2 or 3 sketches of possible plans for adoption by the Council. Cllr JG said that the original plan was for the undergrowth to be cleared between the established trees to give an open view through the area for the CCTV.

11. Traffic Signs

9.1 Walton Hall signs

It was proposed that the brown direction signs to the Watermill should be patched to direct to Walton Hall Hotel. The Community Forum was to take this forward.

9.2 Airfield/Distribution park road signs. The Community Forum was to take this forward

12. Pollution in River

WCC had identified funding for examination of drainage in Bridge Street. They are to liaise with Environment Agency regarding the source of the river pollution.

13. Shelter belt at rear of Hammond Green and future funding of play area

It was agreed that a meeting should be held with Martin Hine of the residents' association, Cllr DJ and Cllr RP.

14. Frost Road Playarea

14.1 Provision of waste bin

Having obtained a quotation for provision and emptying of a new litter bin at Frost Road it was agreed to ask Greenbelt to pay for the bin and the Council would fund the £90 annual charge for emptying it. Cllrs also decided to remove the notice board as it had been continually vandalised and was at present unusable.

14.2 Future of the play area

No reply had been received from Greenbelt regarding the future of the play area.

15. Update on CCTV at Sports and Community Centre

The Council insurer had asked for a very specific remote installation that would be very difficult to meet. The contractor who had installed the internal system and the system used at the depot was in the process of submitting a quotation. Other quotes to be sought in liaison with insurers.

The Council were also in the process of getting quotes from three clearance companies to empty the unwanted items from the building

16. Installation of spring animal on Dovehouse Community Play area

Resolution: to accept the quote to install the spring animal at the Dovehouse Play area

Prop Cllr JG 2nd Cllr RR all in favour, motion carried

17. General Correspondence

Out door exercise classes	Barry McKenzie
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The Council did not object to this request provided it did not interfere with use by the Sports Association. A meeting to be arranged with Mr McKenzie to ascertain the exact use proposed. Cllrs were also in favour of asking for a contribution to grass maintenance.

18. Date of Next Committee Meeting: 28th June 2011 – noted

Meeting ended 9pm

Chairman Cllr Parton

Signed

Date