

# WELLESBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Amenities and Highways Committee of the Council meeting held on  
Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2011 at 7.30pm at the Parish Council Office, 2 School Road, Wellesbourne



**Present:** Chairman: Cllr Parton, Cllrs Grantham, Johnston and Kendall  
Administrative Assistant: Mrs Lipman Members of the Public: 0 Members of the press: 0

## 1. Approval of Apologies for Absence

Apologies were given and accepted from Cllrs Mrs Bolton and Copeland

## 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

Cllr Copeland prejudicial interest in Chedham's Yard as a 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 Mrs Rose prejudicial interest in connection with Wellesbourne Conservative Club and the Heart of England Co-operative Society as an employer

## 3. Confirmation of the order of the Agenda and identification of any items likely to be resolved to confidential session - The agenda was confirmed

## 4. Confirmation of the minutes of the Amenities/Highways meeting of 24<sup>th</sup> May 2011

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

## 5. Matters arising - There were none

## 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

There were none

## 7. Public Transport

### 7.1 Proposed WCC cuts of night bus service – request for survey by WALC

WALC have been contacted to carry out a survey on the impact of reduced bus services in rural areas. Stagecoach are continuing with the night bus service on 18A Wellesbourne to Leamington on a Friday and Saturday night.

### 7.2 Slabs at Newbold Road bus stop – (update by Chairman)

Following a meeting with Mrs Bryan it had been decided to reduce the number of slabs to 8. Three companies had been asked to quote. Two had done so and the work had been ordered from the cheapest company, Limebridge

## 8. Appearance of Village

### 8.1 Land between Constance Harris Close and Ettington Road

Cllr Close had been in contact with officers from SDC who had agreed to work with Barteak Homes with a view to adopting the land in return for a commuted sum. Cllr Kendall and the office to liaise with SDC.

### 8.2 Appearance of land between Mountford sportsfield and Ettington Road

WIB had indicated that they did not have the resources to produce possible plans for the area, particularly as judging for the In Bloom competition was next month. It was agreed that the area between the substantial trees should be cleared and tidied as the undergrowth collected litter, making it unsightly. At one time the police had requested this. Cllr DJ to liaise with Gavin Callard (WCC forester) and the police.

## 9. Traffic Signs

### 9.1 Walton Hall signs

Cllr DJ agreed to liaise with WCC/Walton Hall regarding the substitution of the Watermill brown signs with those for Walton Hall

## 9.2 Airfield/Distribution park road signs update

WCC had indicated that a budget to resign the A429 would not be considered before 2012. Cllr DJ to liaise with WCC regarding WPC proposals to place a large arrow on top of the current sign to the Distribution Park which would help drivers to identify the correct entrance. Improvements to road markings by separating it into two lanes at the Loxley Road roundabout and indicating a right turn for the Distribution Park traffic could stop lorry drivers driving past the entrance and turning on the Dovehouse estate. The WCC view was that businesses should pay for such changes.

## 10. Highways Issues

### 10.1 Flooding at Precinct (order for work by WCC)

A reply had been received from WCC indicating that the area in the precinct was prone to flooding because the drains empty into a soakaway and there is no main storm drain. Under heavy rain it will therefore always be slow to clear. Funding would have to come from area committee money and if there was found to be a big difference in the levels the work may not be feasible.

Office to notify Peter Bones of the problem.

It was also reported that following heavy rain, water was slow to drain away at 16 Church Street. WCC to jet the area.

## 11. Pollution in River

A meeting had taken place between WCC Highways/Environment Agency/Severn Trent. WCC had agreed that the problem seemed to emanate from the drain outside Hinson's. WCC agreed to fund the use of CCTV to look for joins to the system at that point. SDC could use enforcement should a householder be found to have connected a foul water drain to the highway drain.

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

12.1 Meeting to be arranged between Cllrs DJ, RP, DK and Mr Hine.

## 13. Wellesbourne Sports and Community Centre

### 13.1 Expressions of interest

Cllrs expressed their regret that Cllr Copeland was unable to carry on as the principal contact for companies expressing interest in the WSCC project due to illness. The Working Party had taken advice from Kate Launchbury (Coventry and Warwickshire CDA) and Tim Wall (Leisure Management Consultant) and agreed that the first step was to select an operator for the centre rather than appoint a firm of consultants/architect design service. It was therefore decided to employ a suitably qualified professional to assist the Council in identifying 3-4 possible not for profit operating companies, on an hourly rate. It was envisaged that the work would not exceed 20 days. Six consultants had been identified who had individuals on their staff capable of the necessary work. They had then been asked to provide details of their daily rate together with any expenses that were likely to be incurred. It was agreed to ask Cllrs to make an appointment at the meeting of 5<sup>th</sup> July, the Committee recommending selection of the lowest cost quotation.

CCTV had been installed on the building but the footage could only currently be viewed on site.

Office to seek quotes for the installation of a broadband line to enable the footage to be viewed off site.

Cllr RP to look for evidence regarding an attempted theft of lead from the windows.

The building was to be emptied on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup>. Subsequent work would be the stripping of the building down to its shell, a structural survey based on the condition survey and engagement of a rodent control contractor to deal with mice and rat infestation. A copy of the schedule of works is to be sent to SDC to assist in the allocation of outstanding S106 money.

## 14. Frost Road Playarea

14.1 Provision of waste bin – office to bypass the current contact as telephone calls/emails had been ignored

14.2 Future of the play area – as above

## 15. Installation of spring animal on Dovehouse Community Play area

This was scheduled to be installed shortly.

## 16. General Correspondence

There was none

**17. Councillors exchange of information**

Cllr DK said the footpath between Home Furlong and A459 was very overgrown and asked that the office write to the householders concerned to cut back the foliage.

**18. Date of Next Committee Meeting:** 9<sup>th</sup> August 2011 – Noted

**Meeting ended at 9.15 pm**

**Chairman: Cllr Parton**

**Signed .....**

**Date .....**