



MINUTES - Parish Council Meeting 3/2/09

03-Feb-2009

WELLESBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the Council meeting on Tuesday 3rd February 2009 at 7.30 pm at the Methodist Hall,

Bridge Street, Wellesbourne

Present: Chairman: Cllr Mrs Bolton Councillors: Mrs Bartlett, Blundall, Copeland, Grantham, Johnston, Mrs Rose, Rutherford, Wright

Clerk: Mrs Scriven Police: PCSO Smith Members of the public: 6
Members of the press: 1

1. Apologies - Cllr RP and it was noted Cllr DC would arrive late due to attendance at the EAPC.

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 Grantham prejudicial interest in connection with the Football and Social Club 97, Wellesbourne Conservative Club Ltd and a personal interest in all matters appertaining to Walton Estates

Cllr Mrs Bolton prejudicial interest in connection with the Village Hall - Vice Chairman Village Hall Management Committee

Cllr Close personal interest in connection with St Peters Church as a member of the church and a personal interest in the Dene Valley Leisure Centre.

Cllr Wright personal interest in connection with the Methodist Hall and a prejudicial interest in Item 7.1.9 of expenditure as the payee.

Cllr Blundall personal interest in planning application 08/03289/FUL as next door neighbour.

Cllr Mrs Rose prejudicial interest in connection with the Conservative Club Ltd

3. Confirmation of Agenda - The Chairman reiterated the finishing time would be 10pm and asked for item 8 to be brought forward to enable the Police to return to duty. Confirmed

4 Minutes of the Council Meeting of 6th January - Confirmed

Extraordinary meeting of 21st January 2009 - The Clerk asked that Cllr VB's

vote be added to

the recorded vote requested by Mr Rutherford as it had been missed off in error and to amend that Mrs Alison Hodge worked for WALC not NALC as incorrectly stated. Cllr JG asked that Item 6 Tender Procedures be amended to show that both he and Cllr Mrs RB were present during the opening of these documents.

Cllr RW asked that it be recorded that he had said that he put the Council on notice that he would be considering his position with the Council once the DVSC project had been put to bed. **Amended**

5. Matters arising - Cllr JG said he noted the views put forward by Cllr RW at the extraordinary

meeting which he said had been an open and frank meeting with the majority of Cllrs expressing

that they were not happy with Cllr IR who was, at the meeting asked to consider his position with

the Council. He asked Cllr IR if he had considered this matter and if so, whether he was to apologise

to the Council or if he intended to give in his resignation as some of the things said were unacceptable.

He asked that if Cllr IR intended to remain on the Council that he approach matters in a more sensitive

manner in future as his behaviour had been deplorable.

Cllr Mrs RB asked Cllr IR if he wished to respond to the comments raised.

Cllr IR said he wished to make no comment.

Cllr RW said that Cllr IR behaviour had been part of a vexatious campaign and the Council and its

good name had been brought into disrepute and requested conditions to be implemented to prevent

this occurring in the future. He said that Cllr IR had reported him to the Standards Board who had

cleared his good name but felt nevertheless that it had left a marker on his good name for no good

reason. He said Cllr IR had reported within the public domain and to the press in-factual and incorrect

information which was disgusting as it has suggested that the Parish Council had acted illegally which

was not the case. Cllr RW said that he expected Cllr IR to state his intention in writing of how he

intends to deal with things in the future as his behaviour had had a detrimental effect on the project as

well. He reminded Cllrs that at the meeting Cllr IR had declared he reserved the right to say what he

wanted when he wanted and said that as he had taken information to the press which was not

acceptable, he felt it was currently impossible to work with Cllr IR without a resolution to this matter.

He asked that the Council now consider a resolution to resolve this matter without which he felt if

permitted to continue could potentially bring about the demise of a good Council.

Cllr Mrs RB said Cllrs had made their feelings clear at the meeting and that the Council would

consider a resolution for the next meeting in March.

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

Mr Davies, Gloster Gardens said as it was the 90th anniversary of the death of Joseph Arch, a commemorative walk had been arranged to take place on 12th February at 10.30am starting in Barford.

He advised the Council that the skip at the Football Club was overflowing with rubbish again.

Miss McDonough, Mountford Close, said she had attended a planning meeting at Warwick where the application made by the school had been approved. She believed it would make little difference to the problems and gave the Clerk a written account of the meeting. (circulated to Cllrs prior to the meeting)

Mrs Stuart, Cherry Orchard reminded Cllrs to speak up in order that they might be heard.

8. Police

8.1 Crime figures - PSCO 6191 urged members of the Council and public to attend the Community

Forum meeting on 12th February which was to be held at Radway, saying that this gave the opportunity

to raise issues or problems which could then be prioritised. He said Wellesbourne had the lowest crime

figures in the Country in the Summer/Autumn Crime Figure Report (2 crimes for every 1000 people).

He said whilst Wellesbourne SNT did not have their own speed camera equipment, it was shared with

Shipston, the Police had attended a meeting with Orbit Heart of England Housing Authority and the

Main concerns raised were on speeding thus making speeding one of the main priority items.

Cllr RW thanked the PCSO and said that the Forum was a 1 year initiative and if not utilised it may

lose its funding.

It was noted that the Police do patrol the Dovehouse Estate on foot but that residents did not always

see this, especially on dark nights when the curtains were closed early. PCSO 6191 said that they tried

to patrol the sports fields in the evening to keep a watch on the activities in these areas.

8.2 CCTV - report on councillors' visits - Cllr Copeland said it was a most informative visit but noted that it had also confirmed that the CCTV had been wrongly situated. He said the shrubbery had been thinned out by WCC making visibility clearer at the current time.

8.3 Correspondence - none

7. Finance

7.1 Monthly accounts - accepted for payment. Proposed Cllr DJ, 2nd Cllr RW

7.2 Budget update - noted

9. Planning

9.1 Decisions

9.1.1 Permission with Conditions

S777/08CC027	Two extensions and internal alterations to create a new classroom and a community room, and enlarge the front entrance office and administration area. Creation of new drop off area with additional cycle
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storage on site of staff parking area and creation of new replacement staff car park.

At	Wellesbourne Primary School	For	WCC
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Noted

9.2.1 Applications

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09/00021/FUL	Minor renovations: removal of external side facing door; replacement of rear facing kitchen windows with French doors; reduction of depth of side facing kitchen window		
At	29 Hammond Green	For	Greg Turner
Officer dealing	Lucy Hammond	Date	9 th February

No objection

2.

08/03289/FUL	One and a half storey extension to front and side and balcony at first floor		
At	33 Mountford Close	For	Mr Tharme
Officer dealing	Anita Christy	Date	10 th February

The Council raised strong objection to this application on the grounds that it extends beyond the established building line of the property bringing it forward toward the public highway. It was overbearing, bungalow would be converted into a house and setting a precedent for the future.

9.3 Correspondence

Miss McDonaugh, Mountford Close gave the Council a letter summarising a planning meeting she had attended at WCC to discuss the traffic management planning application from Wellesbourne CofE Primary School. The decision was made at the meeting to support the application and Cllrs voiced their disquiet at not being informed of the meeting removing the opportunity for WCC to be represented.

It was agreed that it was unacceptable not to be advised of planning issues in the Parish and that a letter of complaint should be sent to WCC stating that this was

unacceptable to the Parish Council.

ACTION: Letter to WCC complaining of lack of notice on planning issues in the parish where WPC would have liked to give a view prior to approval of the plans.	By:Office
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Cllr TC attended the EAPC regarding a planning application for Cherry Orchard following a site visit which had been ordered to occur as the planned alterations were believed to be overbearing of a neighbouring property. The conclusion of the site visit was that it did not change opinion of the planning department and the plan was given approval.

9.4 Date of next Area Planning Meeting 24th February 2009 - Noted

10. Amenities Committee - Minutes of the meeting of 27th January 2009

10.1 Acting Chairman's update

It was noted that there was rubbish outside the Football Club '97 and lighting had been installed to

illuminate the practice pitch which had not been approved. It as agreed that a copy of the certificate for

the lighting should be sought from the Football Club '97 and the rubbish removed.

ACTION: Letter to the Football Club '97 requesting a copy of the electrical certificate and removal of the rubbish.	BY: Office
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Repairs were required at the Mountford Sports field on the steel tube fence by the lytch gate

entrance. Quotes had been obtained and the work was approved to go ahead as emergency repair.

ACTION: Instruct the repairs to the fence to commence.	BY: Office
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10.2 Sports Association - Cllr Parton had attended the meeting of the Sports Association and a copy

of the accounts were forwarded to the Clerk.

10.3 Football Club 97 - no update

10.4 Correspondence - none

10.5 Date of next meeting 16th June 2009 - noted

11. Highways Committee -last meeting 23rd September 2008

11.1 Chairman's update - (appended)

Cllr RW said that he attended a meeting at SDC where the traffic calming proposals were discussed as

an agenda item. At the meeting, members were given the impression that WPC and Cllr Mrs Main

were fully supporting the installation of chicanes as traffic calming on the B4087 Newbold Road

without further consultation. Cllr RW said that he raised the letter sent to WCC by the Clerk 21/11/08

the content of which made it very clear that the Parish Council supported this only in principle and

requesting that further consultation on design plans and proposals be undertaken with residents and the

Parish Council prior to any decision. Cllrs were displeased that despite the Clerk's very clear

instruction within the response sent this had been ignored and misquoted at the meeting and agreed that

a further letter be sent reaffirming the decision of the Council and requesting further consultation prior

to any work commencing.

<p>ACTION: Strong letter to WCC reaffirming the decision of WPC and requesting further consultation for residents/ WPC prior to any design plan approval or work</p>	<p>By: Office</p>
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11.2 Wellesbourne in Bloom - Cllr TC said 4 more trees had been planted and that WIB were

working with Warwickshire Trust on a scheme for the Church yard. It was noted that trees had been

planted along Walton Lane and would also be planted along Newbold Road using trees supplied by the

WCC Tree Warden's Scheme. The flowering cherry tree behind the bus shelter in Chestnut Square had

been donated by a resident and planted in memory of a loved one.

11.3 Correspondence

Gritting of D6326 Walton Road	WCC
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Noted

Car parking enforcement figures	SDC
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Noted

Shuttle bus	Mrs Millar
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Mrs Millar had written in support of the Shuttle Bus which had now sadly ceased service due to lack of use by residents.

ACTION: Acknowledgement letter to Mrs Millar	BY: Chairman of the project Cllr JG
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The Clerk had received an email detailing damage to the verge opposite Hastings House caused by drivers parking when visiting the GP surgery or pharmacy. Cllr JG would be meeting with Mr Brown from County Highways to discuss the damage to the village verges.

Lorry Routing Strategy for Wellesbourne Distribution Park	David Tucker Associates
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Information had been requested on complaints regarding issues with lorries travelling to and from the Distribution Park in order to set out a routing strategy for Wellesbourne.

ACTION: Collate information on complaints regarding lorries	By: Office
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11.4 Date of next meeting 17th February 2009 - Noted

12. Finance and Administration Committee - Minutes of the meeting of 20th January 2009

12.1 Budget proposals - It was noted that the precept had been reduced by £40863.95 from reserves

and reduced budget requirement.

12.2 Resolution to agree precept request for 2009/10

Resolution: Final precept would be £200,000 for 09/10 was passed

Prop Cllr JG, 2nd Cllr DJ

12.3 Date of next meeting 12th May 2009 - noted

13. Office and Staffing Committee - Minutes of the meeting of 13th January 2009

13.1 Chairman's update - Cllr DJ apologised to staff for the delay in approving the minutes

13.2 Recommendations from Committee - to be made at March meeting of Council

13.3 Date of next meeting- to be agreed

14 Emergency Committee

14.1 Update on flood alleviation proposals

Cllr RW said the cost of the clearance work to Newbold Road brook from Moreton Paddox had been secured and it was hoped that the work would commence during the current financial year. A meeting between SDC and Mr Faulkener representing the landowners was to take place next week and would be attended by Cllr RW.

14.2 Correspondence - MP Mr Maples had written to the Clerk copying letters from the

Environmental Agency for information regarding the bridge over the river Dene - circulated to Cllrs

prior to the meeting.

14.3 Date of next meeting - 10th February 2009

15 Index Working Party

15.1 Report on distribution - Distribution of the new Index was underway and the Chairman thanked

Cllrs and volunteers for their assistance with the delivery to households in Wellesbourne & Walton.

Feedback from councillors on new Index - the new style cover which sported photographs taken

by Cllr RP was admired by Cllrs and several members of the public.

16. Dene Valley Sports and Leisure Centre

16.1 Chairman's report - no update

16.2 Correspondence - none

17. Chedham's Yard

17.1 Chairman's report - Cllr DJ said significant progress had been made over the last few months

and the Council were on the verge of appointing a Project Management firm to take undertake the

package of work and recruitment of architects and surveyors required to take the project forward.

17.2 Correspondence - none

18. Christmas Lights

Cllr DC said that SDC had confirmed a surplus of lights and bulbs which the Parish Council could

have free of charge. Cllr RW collected these in his lorry and liaised with Mr Cole regarding suitable

storage for them. The Council invited interested persons to join the Christmas Lights Committee.

Cllr JG said these had been offered previously but due to storage problems the Council were unable to

take up the offer and noted his thanks to Mr Cole for his kind offer of storage space.

19. Burial Grounds - no update

20. WAG - Joseph Arch Walk 12th February - noted

21. Arrangements for Annual Parish Meeting - Two speakers would be attending the APM, the Dog Warden from SDC and a Trustee of BBC Restoration.

22. Consultation Documents - None

23. WALC/NALC

Newsletter ADH/80	WALC
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Noted

The power of the promotion of economic, social or environmental well being	NALC
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Noted

The future for Parish and Town Councils briefing seminar Sat. 7 March Myton School	WALC
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Noted

24. General Correspondence

Mr Muggeridge proposed fair dates 15-20 June	Mr Muggeridge
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Noted

ACTION: Alert the Football Club '97 to the dates of the fair	By: Office
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25. Councillors Exchange of Information

Cllr RW said commencing in April would be a new timetable for the green waste collection and said

he had requested the roadshow arranged by SDC attend Wellesbourne.

Notification of reconsideration

regarding the smaller grey bins had been received by Cllr RW and he advised that following a "cooling

off" period any person who had previously requested a smaller bin would have to confirm this to SDC.

It was noted that there would also be a charge of £40 for the emptying of secondary green bins, even

for existing bins already acquired, to cover an administration and "chip" fee.

Cllr GB noted that the SDC website had advertised a mobile skate ramp which would be touring the

district during the summer holidays but it appeared that Wellesbourne had been excluded from this.

Cllr DC said that there was a rota which spanned 2 years and Wellesbourne was part of year 2.

26. Date of Next Meeting: 3rd March 2009 - noted

Under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest, as if members of the public were present during the consideration of such business, there would be disclosure to them of exempt information under paras 1 and 11 of Part 1 Schedule 12A of the said Act, that the public will be excluded.

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