



MINUTES - Highways Committee 17/2/09

17-Feb-2009

WELLESBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the Highways Committee meeting on Tuesday 17th February 2009 at 7.30 pm at the Parish Council Office, 2 School Road, Wellesbourne

Present:

Chairman: Cllr JG Councillors: Mrs Bartlett, Mrs Bolton, Copeland Clerk:
Mrs Scriven Members of the public: 0 Members of the press: 0

1. Apologies for Absence - Cllrs Johnston & 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 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 Wright personal interest in connection with the Methodist Hall

Cllr Close personal interest in connection with St Peters Church as a member of the church

Cllr Mrs Rose prejudicial interest in Conservative Club

3. Confirmation of Agenda - Cllr JG added correspondence regarding speed limits - Confirmed

4. Confirmation of the minutes of 23rd September 2008 - Confirmed

5. Matters arising and Chairman's update - contained in agenda items

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 - none

7. Wellesbourne Roads

7.1 Roads surfaces/pot holes

Two potholes outside No 23 Kineton Road required urgent repair, it was noted this

these potholes had been a long running problem. It was noted a pothole had opened at the entrance to Hastings House, again, a long standing problem.

ACTION: Report potholes for urgent repair to WCC Depot	By: Office
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7.2 Drainage

Flooding outside No1 Newbold Road continued to be a problem and this had been drawn to the attention of Mr Brown at WCC Highways Depot who had arranged for jetting of the drain to be carried out. The kerb line and carriageway at this location had been patched and it was believed this had improved the problem but it would be monitored.

Severn Trent had been alerted to water running down Ettington Road from a road near to the Co-op to a drain by the Stags Head. There had been no feedback on this situation at this time. Mr Brown had confirmed that WCC jetting equipment required an additional 20metres to reach the old drain but had said if this did not clear the problem then road excavation would be required when funds permitted.

The drainage work in Simmonds Court/Church Street had been completed and had been successful in stopping the flooding in this area.

7.3 Footways and verges

Complaints had been received by the Council regarding the destruction of the village verges on the Kineton Road and outside the shops, notably the pharmacy and the takeaway and on the Ettington Road outside the Co-op. It was noted that bollards placed to stop lorries and vans parking on the verge outside Equidebt had simply displaced parking to the opposite side verge spoiling the spring bulbs. It was noted that WIB had alerted the Council to damage on the green area by the Loxley Road lay-by caused by coaches u-turning out of the lay-by after using it as a coach park it appeared.

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ACTION: Letter to WCC re:use of lay-by as coach park /damage to verge when exited	By: Office
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7.4 Dropped kerbs - none

8. Walton Roads

8.1 Roads surfaces/pot holes - nothing to note

8.2 Footways and verges - nothing to note

8.3 Drainage - nothing to note

8.4 Other road issues - It was noted that youngsters were travelling through the village at speed in their vehicles playing loud music late in the evening, thought due to the regularity to be possible staff at the hotel.

ACTION: Alert Hotel and Police to speed and noise nuisance.	BY: Office
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9. Lighting and Road Signs

It was noted that new speed limits had been placed on the B4087 Newbold Road making it 50mph with the exception of though Newbold Pacey where it momentarily becomes 40mph.

An email had been received from Dulcie Cobb, a Cllr with Barford, Sherbourne & Wasperton joint Parish Councils regarding a speed restriction on the A429 which had been agreed from M40 Junc 12 to Barford. She said that the joint Parish Council's were hoping to persuade WCC to extend the speed limit all the way to Wellesbourne and asked WPC to support them in this action. Following careful consideration of this matter, Cllrs agreed that this would be disproportionate believing the section of the A429 through this Parish to be able to take a 60mph speed limit. Request for a cycle route to be extended from Barford bypass to Threlford & from Wellesbourne to HRI was suggested by Cllr DJ by email and Cllrs agreed that a good cycle route to Warwick should be supported.

Confirmation to be given to Cllr Cobb that WPC did not support the extension of the speed limit to Wellesbourne but did support the need for a good cycle route to be provided to Warwick.	BY: Office
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10. Public Transport

Cllr JG had received a letter from a resident expressing her disappointment that the Shuttle Bus service had been discontinued. He said he shared her disappointment and would write explaining the reasons.

ACTION: Letter to resident explaining reason Shuttle Bus service discontinued.	By: Cllr JG
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It was noted that the District Advertiser was still advertising the Shuttle Bus service.

ACTION: Notify Editor of cessation of service	By: Office
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11. Road Safety

11.1 Newbold Road - Cllr JG said Cllr RW had advised him prior to the meeting that at a recent meeting at SDC it was reported that WCC had carried out consultations on the installation of a chicane and that both the County Councillor and Parish Council had supported this. The Clerk had written to WCC in the strongest terms reiterating for the third time that the Parish Council had supported WCC proposals for installation of a

chicane in principle only to enable WCC to make budgetary preparation and on the understanding that prior to any plan approval or work commenced the residents and Parish Council would be consulted; if found to be unsuitable, then VAS would be considered.

There had been severe traffic congestion during the last week and weekend due to M40 & A46 closures and diversions off the Fosse Way due to closure between the Banbury Road and Moreton Morrell.

11.2 Mountford Close - nothing to report

11.3 Traffic Speed - nothing to report

11.4 Double yellow lines - nothing to report

11.5 Road side ditches - A number of complaints had been received about flood water running from the field across the road between Wellesbourne and Oakley Wood which it was believed was caused mainly by the lack of ditch maintenance. Cllr JG said he would source the leaflet "Responsibility for Roadside Ditches" and get the office to copy to Cllrs for further consideration.

ACTION: Copy leaflet to Cllrs on responsibility for roadside ditches	By: Office
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Correspondence

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Winter Gritting letter re: Walton	WCC
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It was noted that WCC Policy Group had refused to pre-grit Walton Road during icy weather. It was agreed at the February meeting of Council to pursue this matter further with the support of Walton Hall and residents of Walton. WCC policy was that all major roads would be gritted and one road into each village for access.

ACTION: Request residents of Walton write letters of complaint supported by WPC & Walton Hall	BY: Cllr VB/Office
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12. Parking Problems

The Clerk had spoken to Yvette Widdowfield (SDC CCTV) who had agreed to attend a meeting of the Council to do a presentation regarding parking enforcement in Wellesbourne. Following discussion it was agreed that proper allocation should be given to this matter and for it to be arranged as part of the Highways Committee. Monthly enforcement statistics for Wellesbourne were circulated to Cllrs prior to the meeting.

ACTION: Yvette Widdowfield to carry out presentation at Highway Committee meeting May - notify YW of change of date/meeting/	BY: Office
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book Methodist Hall for this meeting

13. Public Rights of Way

A walk had been arranged by WAG to commemorate the 90th anniversary of the death of Joseph Arch.

14. Appearance of village

14.1 Bins - Cllr JG had met with Mr Austin (SDC) regarding the possibility of installing additional dog waste bins at either end of SD121 public footpath between Ettington Road and Lowes Lane and further down Lowes Lane by the cottages. He confirmed he would be unable to do this as there was no evidence of requirement of additional bins at this location.

ACTION: Report to complainant no additional bins would be installed.	BY: Office
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It was noted that SDC had published its new policy on bin provision which stated SDC considered that the them would fall on Parish councils. They also considered any temporary need to clear litter could be met by increased litter picking and sweeping. It was agreed that the SDC policy would need to be scrutinised against the Cleaner Neighbourhoods Act to better assess the SDC policy.

14.2 Grass cutting

The grass cutting contact had been let for the next 3 years to Limebridge Rural Services.

Cllr VB said the village was very neat, tidy and looked immaculate and she was proud to live in the Parish.

14.3 Wellesbourne in Bloom

Cllr TC said a letter was being sent by WIB outlining planned work to the village verge outside the shops on Kineton Road, to include a new raised plant bed/planter and bollards to prevent the destruction of the verge edges. WIB were corresponding with WCC depot regarding the underlying services at this location.

Concerns were raised about the amount of trees being planted in the village and it was noted that the Council policy was no objection was raised to the planting of trees in the parish, or to memorial plaques.

Cllr JG said the Woodland Trust offered wooded areas in which to plant trees where there was no provision for planting, information he would pass to WIB for future reference.

It was noted that with the assistance of Mr England and Pershore Horticultural College the Wellesbourne Elm opposite the HRI had successfully been reproduced in cuttings. Landowner Mr Morley had given permission for Mr England to take further cuttings and stated that he would be happy to plant Elms along the Newbold Road if the cuttings

were successful.

15. General Correspondence - none

16. Councillors Exchange of Information

Leaves had not been swept away on Stratford Road/Ettington Road corner and were now rotten mulch which was slippery and dangerous.

Two potholes had re-appeared on Kineton Road outside No23 which were deep and dangerous.

ACTION: Notify WCC of danger on road/footway & pothole problems	By: Office
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Extreme tree work had taken place in Smatchley Woods on Walton Estates
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ACTION: Seek advice of forestry commission/WCC forester	By: JG/Office
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17. Date of Next Committee Meeting: 26th May 2009 - noted

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 8.35pm

Chairman..Cllr Grantham...

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

Approved