



MINUTES - Highways Committee 26/5/09

26-May-2009

WELLESBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the Highways Committee of the Council held on Tuesday 26th May 2009 at 7.30 pm at the Parish Council Office, 2 School Road, Wellesbourne

Present: Chairman: Cllr Grantham, Cllrs: Copeland, Johnston

Acting Clerk: Mrs Lipman

Members of the public: 1 Members of the Press: 0

1. Election of Chairman

Cllr Grantham was elected Chairman, Prop Cllr DJ 2nd Cllr TC

2. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Mrs Bartlett, Mrs Bolton, Parton

3. 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

4. Confirmation of Agenda - It was confirmed

5. Confirmation of the minutes of 17th February 2009 - Item 14 was amended to read:

"Mr England has permission to take further cuttings. A local landowner, Mr Morley, has stated that he would be happy to have elms planted along Newbold Road if these were successful."

6. Matters arising and Chairman's update

Item 11.6 Winter gritting in Walton

A review of the current winter gritting policy is being re-examined with a view to taking a progress report to the Wellesbourne and Kineton Community Forum in June.

Item 12 Parking problems

The presentation by Yvette Widdowfield SDC/CCTV regarding parking enforcement in Wellesbourne has yet to be arranged.

7. 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.

8. Wellesbourne Roads

8.1 Roads surfaces/pot holes

It had been reported to WCC Highways that an area of road surface outside the driveway of no 20 Church Street is breaking up and needs attention.

8.2 Drainage

WCC Highways and Enterprise Inns are investigating the cause of a pavement collapse in Bridge Street by the yard doors of the Stag's Head. It is suspected that it is a damaged drain. Cllr Copeland was also trying to organise a meeting on site with Stephen Foster, (Environment Agency). WCC have jetted the road drain further along towards Ettington Road which flooded a few weeks ago. There had been no prolonged heavy rain since to gauge whether this had solved the problem.

8.3 Footways and verges

WCC Highways have advised that contractors working on the bollards in Newbold and Kinton Road need Street Works Accreditation. A list of suitable contractors has been supplied. It was suggested that CCTV could be asked to look for evidence of the bollard being damaged if an exact date of the incident could be recalled.

Residents on the Dovehouse Estate have complained about tree roots damaging a footway in Wellington Close.

ACTION: Site visit BY: Cllr Grantham

8.4 Dropped kerbs - Nothing to report

8.5 Other road issues

WCC Highways had no objections to the layby in Ettington Road and Dog Close being used for temporary car parking on Chedham's Yard open days.

9. Walton Roads

9.1 Roads surfaces/pot holes - Nothing to report.

9.2 Footways and verges

The hedge outside Nos 4/5 Walton had been trimmed but it is still blocking the footway and nettles and grass are growing along the kerb line. There are also concerns regarding dog fouling of footways.

9.3 Drainage - Nothing to report

9.4 Other road issues

Cllr Bartlett reported that large coaches are still travelling through Walton to reach Walton Hall Hotel via the narrow bridge over the River Dene, which is showing signs of wear. She suggested a weight restriction on the road. However, as the coaches are

seeking to gain access to Walton Hall, a weight restriction would not apply to them.

ACTION: Write to Walton Hall management about the routing of coaches. **BY:** Office

Discuss with John Brown the possibility of erecting advisory signs at the Wellesbourne end of the road, near Lowes Lane **BY:** Cllr Grantham

10. Lighting and Road Signs - Nothing to report

11. Public Transport

The responses regarding local bus services in response to the article in WWN have been forwarded to WCC.

12. Road Safety

12.1 Newbold Road

There was nothing to report regarding road calming. It was noted that Graham Stanley WCC is on holiday and further consultation was unlikely to take place before the County Council elections.

12.2 Mountford Close

Development proposals for the area had been received by WPC following consultations arising from the draft Core Strategy.

12.3 Traffic Speed

Police are continuing to monitor speed through the village.

12.4 Double yellow lines - Nothing to report

12.5 Road side ditches - Nothing to report

12.6 Correspondence

e-mail requesting a Pedestrian Crossing on Warwick Road	Mr Kitching
---	-------------

It was agreed to ask Graham Stanley for the criteria used to determine need for a crossing. Cllrs were concerned at the loss of any parking spaces along Warwick Road and also thought that a crossing in Newbold Road would be a greater priority.

13. Parking Problems

Nothing to report

14. Public Rights of Way

Moreton Morrell public footpath/cycleway	Mr Swetman
--	------------

Moreton Morrell Parish Council had discussed Mr Swetman's request for a direct footpath or public right of way across the fields between the two villages and decided they did not wish to pursue the matter.

15. Appearance of village

15.1 Bins

A litter bin on the Dovehouse Sportsfield has been removed and the bin near the bank needs to be repaired. SDC to be advised.

15.2 Grass cutting

Standard of grass cutting on Dovehouse Estate	Mr Pavey
---	----------

SDC now cut all the Dovehouse estate. The number of cuts for some areas has dropped from 13 cuts per year to 9 and this may be the cause of some resident's complaints. Matt Austin has visited the area and is raising the problems with his contractor. Cllrs were informed of damage being caused to trees through contractors strimming too close and stripping the bark.

15.3 Wellesbourne in Bloom - There was nothing further to report

16. General Correspondence

There was none

17. Councillors Exchange of Information

There was none

18. Date of Next Committee Meeting: 22nd September 2009

Resolution:

That in view of the confidential nature of the business to be discussed, the public and press be excluded from the meeting in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, Section 1.

CONFIDENTIAL

- Any other confidential business as agreed by the Chairman

There was no confidential business

Meeting closed at 8.15 pm

ChairmanCllr Grantham

Signed.....

Date

Approved