



## MINUTES - Parish Council Meeting 3/11/09

03-Nov-2009

### **WELLESBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Council meeting of Tuesday 3rd November 2009 held at the Methodist Hall, Bridge Street, Wellesbourne

Present: Chairman Cllr Johnston, Cllrs Mrs Bartlett, Close, Blundall, Mrs Bolton, Mrs Rose, Rutherford, Wright, Copeland and Grantham

Temporary Acting Clerk: Mrs Dane Members of the public: 10  
Members of the press: 1

1. Apologies - Cllrs 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 Wellesbourne Conservative Club Ltd and a personal interest in connection with the Football and Social Club 97 and all matters appertaining to Walton Estates.

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 expenditure on the Christmas lights.

Cllr Mrs Rose: prejudicial interest in connection with the Conservative Club Ltd and personal interest in the Football and Social Club 97.

Cllr Rutherford: personal interest in parking matters in relation to Chedham's Yard

Cllr Grantham: raised a prejudicial interest in planning application 09/01721/TREE

Cllr Johnston: declared a personal interest in Item 9.2, the

Library extension.

### 3. Confirmation of Agenda

It was confirmed

### 4 Confirmation of the minutes of the Council Meetings of the 6th and 27th October 2009

These were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman

### 5. Matters arising

5.1 Reply from Royal Mail - this was circulated to the public in attendance and noted.

5.2 Approval of the responses to questions from Mrs Lambton made at the September meeting of the Council was proposed by Cllr Wright and seconded by Cllr Close and passed unanimously. Copies were circulated to the public.

5.3 Payphone at Walton. Cllr Bartlett reported that she had circulated residents of Walton asking for their views and had no response. Cllr Wright reported that the District Council cabinet has supported the Parish Council's objection to the removal of the phone box.

5.4 Staff parking at Wellesbourne School. Cllr Blundall reported that out of hours parking at the school was controlled by a planning condition but that the position would be reviewed once the current building works are complete.

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.

Mike Podbury of the Football and Social Club 97 reported on a meeting held on 30th October between the club and legal representatives of the District Council. The Club had asked if an out of court settlement could be reached but were told it was not legal by the District Council, contrary to the advice of the Magistrates Court. He asked if the District Councillors would investigate this before the court hearing on 20th

November.

**ACTION** Cllr Wright agreed to make enquiries.

Mr Woodward of Hastings Road asked about progress on flood prevention for the Newbold Road area. Cllr Wright explained that one landowner was still holding out and the District Council is meeting the landowners soon and will threaten to withdraw their offer of 50% of the cost unless all the owners accept the contract. If the offer is withdrawn, notice will be served on the owners to carry out the work at their own expense.

**ACTION** The Parish Council would be kept informed of progress on the matter.

Other members of the public suggested that Newbold Road be raised up to provide a flood barrier, or a new access to the school annex could also serve as a barrier.

Pat McDonagh advised that problems with parking at the school are at all times of day and visitors to the school often use residents' drives to turn round in.

## 7. Finance

### 7.1 Monthly accounts

**AGREED** Proposed Cllr DC 2nd Cllr RB. Carried with 2 abstentions.

## 8. Police

### 8.1 Crime figures - appended

### 8.2 Correspondence

Speed camera successfully purchased Amanda Wilson-Patterson

8.3 Cllr Copeland reported on a problem contacting anyone at the local police station.

**ACTION:** Office to contact Inspector Devereux asking whether there are formal opening hours at the station, what is the best method of making non-emergency contact with the local policing team, how will the new speed camera be used and informing the police of the Christmas lights arrangements.

## 9. Planning

### 9.1 Decisions

#### 9.1.1 Permission with Conditions

09/01691/TREE G1 4 no. hybrid black poplar: reduce crowns to between 11-12m in height. Re-shape side growth accordingly. Remove deadwood. T3 hybrid black poplar fell.  
At Turpins Chase, 10 Bridge Street For Joan Lambton

09/01705/TREE Proposed T1 maple, T2 maple, T4 birch, T5 Eucalyptus, T6 birch, T7 cherry, T8 rowan, - crown reduce by 15-20%. Crown thin. T3 conifer and T9 conifer crown reduce.  
At 34 Chapel Street For Mr Hargis

09/01167/LDE Commencement of planning permission  
06/01650/FUL for replacement dwelling and carport with office over

At Coombe Barn, Staple Hill For R Morley

09/01632/TREE T1,2,3,4 birch crown reduction and lift; T5 damson and G1 Leyland cypress prune; T6, pear and T9 walnut both dead fell; T7 rowan and T8 birch tip back to clear cables.

At The Beeches, Chapel Street For J. Partridge

09/01476/FUL Conversion of agricultural building to form offices and shooting lodge and other residential developments.  
At Mount Pleasant Farm, Walton For Walton Estate

All Noted

#### 9.1.2 Refusals - none

### Applications

1.

09/01988/FULL Installation of a conservatory to the rear of the property

At 9 Lancaster Close For K. Lawler

Officer dealing Lucy Hammond By 11th November 2009

The Council made no comment

2.

09/02129/FUL Installation of solar panels on roof slope on south elevation

At The Chestnuts, Lowes Lane For D. Whiteman

Officer Dealing Gary Moss By 17th November 2009

The Council made no comment

3.

S0900050 Erection of single storey extension to form children's centre

At Wellesbourne Library, Kineton Road For Warwickshire County Council

Officer dealing By 16th November 2009

It was proposed by Cllr Wright and seconded by Cllr Close to comment that colours chosen for materials to be used should be more in keeping with the surroundings and less obtrusive than shown on the plans, and that no trees should be removed as part of the development. The proposal was carried unanimously.

Draft Core Strategy.

Cllr Close reported on revised figures for future development proposed by the West Midlands panel which would add a further 1900 houses up to 2020 and 2500 dwellings from 2020 to 2026 to the already agreed figure of 5600 dwellings for South Warwickshire. This has not yet been agreed. Draft proposals for accommodating 5600 dwellings will go before the District Council in December.

Date of next Area Planning meeting -4 November 2009.

Chedham's Yard is on the agenda and Cllr Close reported on arrangements for representation at the meeting. If the decision is delayed for a site meeting, then HLF will not make their decision on the grant application until January.

10. Amenities Committee - Last meeting - 27th October 2009

10.1 Chairman's update. Work has started on fencing the

Dovehouse sportsfield but has been held up due to the non-delivery of some of the materials. There was a discussion on the proposal to extend the fencing alongside 1 Valetta Way to protect the resident's wooden fence. A quotation had been received from the contractors but it was decided that the height and extent of the fencing needed to be looked at on site, along with the gate adjacent the bypass.

**ACTION** Cllr Wright will meet the contractors on site on Monday.

10.2 Sports Association - nothing to report

10.3 Youth Club

Cllr Johnston reported that he is still trying to get a response about the future of the Youth Club from the County Council.

Cllr Bartlett reported that the Boyce Charity had funds available and may be able to help the Club with equipment.

10.4 Correspondence

Dovehouse sportsfield fencing Miss A North

**ACTION.** The office will give Miss North copies of relevant documents, after advising her of the cost  
10.5 Date of next meeting 26th January 2010

11. Highways Committee - Date of last meeting 22nd September 2009

11.1 Chairman's report appended

Traffic problems in Mountford Close. Cllrs Johnston and Grantham are meeting County Council highways to discuss this and other issues including VAS signs for Kineton Road and the pinch point for Newbold Road.

**ACTION** Cllr Copeland will invite the Chairman of Governors of the school to the meeting.

Newbold Road bench. ORBIT Heart of England Housing Association has offered to purchase a bench. Carried unanimously.

It was agreed that the Highways Department be consulted on the bench..

It was proposed by Cllr Close and seconded by Cllr Wright that

the Youth Club be asked if the youngsters could dig the foundations, and a local contractor be asked to provide the concrete fill.

Cllr Wright asked that the problem of surface water drainage in Whitehead Drive be extended to include all Newbold Road and in particular clearing and extending the ditch opposite to channel water into the brook.

At this point, Cllr Rose left the meeting.

Effluent in the River Dene. The draft letter to circulate to residents was approved.

Cllr Copeland reported that more dog bins could be obtained if there was evidence of the need. The path from the White Bridge to the Church was listed as in need of an additional bin. ACTION Cllr Johnston will produce photographic evidence.

#### 11.2 Wellesbourne in Bloom

Cllr Copeland reported that the Probation Service will be clearing the path from the White Bridge to the Church and Michael Twite has undertaken to clear the arisings.

County Council review of speed limits of C and D class roads. Cllr Johnston asked for recommendations of roads needing speed control. He has already suggested Loxley Road at the junction with Dovehouse Drive. A 40 mph was suggested for Walton Lane.

11.4 Correspondence. The winter maintenance programme has been received and still excludes any roads into Walton. Cllr Johnston is also asking for the road to Charlecote to be gritted in winter. This will be raised at the next Community Forum and will be referred to the Highways department for the 2010/11 season.

The notice about a consultation on Transport for the Over 50s was noted.

11.5 Date of next meeting 12th January 2010 - noted.

12. Finance and Administration Committee - Last meeting 8th September 2009

12.1 Chairman's update - nothing to report

12.3 Date of next meeting - 24th November 2009

13. Office and Staffing Committee - Last meeting 18th August 2009

13.1 Chairman's update

The Chairman reported that the Clerk will be returning to work on 5th November 2009.

13.2 Date of next meeting- to be agreed

14 Emergency Committee - Last meeting - 10th February 2009

14.1 Chairman's update -the emergency plan has been updated and Cllr Grantham has asked for copies for all councillors. Cllr Wright reported on the actions being taken by the MP John Maples over the River Dene flooding.

ACTION Clerk to investigate if there any funds available for emergency training.

14.2 Correspondence - there was none

14.3 Date of next meeting to be agreed - probably in February 2010.

15. Chedham's Yard

15.1 Chairman's report appended, along with minutes of the Trust Working Group and the Steering Group, and the figures of the bid to HLF. Cllr Close reported on his meeting with HLF. Cllr Close proposed and Cllr Copeland seconded the following resolutions.

i. That the principle of a Trust Limited by Guarantee replaces the original proposal of a setting up of a Buildings Preservation Trust.

That the Council seeks to appoint an experienced solicitor to prepare papers for Trust status to include an arrangement that satisfies HLF. The fees will have to be funded by the Parish Council and informal advice suggests total costs would be between £1500 and £2500.

iii That the Working Group is requested to seek the names of

potential Trustees as soon as possible.

The resolutions were carried unanimously.

15.2 Correspondence - none

16. Christmas Lights

16.1 Report from working party

Cllr Wright reported the plans for this years lights was going forward as agreed by the Lights Committee. It is proposed to have lights at the Village Hall, Precinct and Kineton Road in addition to the original positions at the Parish Council office and Methodist Church. This year will see more permanent connecting fixtures in place and would include electric extensions to the Village Hall, Hardware Shop and Avon Studios complete with meters to record usage for payment by Parish Council. It is also planned to put up light displays at St Peter's and St James at Walton.

Cllr Wright informed the Council that problems have arisen in the tender process for the fitting of lights due to the withdrawal of Warwick Electrical due to retirement and Peter Calcut Electrical who now have additional works for Southam Town Council, AGP Electrics have visited the sites and looked at our fittings and will be submitting a tender this week.

A formal switch-on at the Village Hall by a well-known local celebrity has been arranged for 27th November. Refreshments will be served by the W.I. and there will be craft stalls raising funds for local charities.

**ACTION** Cllr Wright to meet the contractor and to contact the Village Hall for permission to connect to their electricity supply in exchange for a contribution towards the power cost.

17. Burial Grounds

17.1 Report from working party. Cllr Bolton reported that the final figure for the purchase of the land was still awaited. Mac Parry's proposed layout plan was circulated.

17.2 Correspondence -there was none

17.3 Date of next meeting to be arranged.

## 18. Allotments

18.1 Vice-Chairman's update. Correspondence with the allotment association had been circulated along with a draft letter to go to the Glebe Committee.

Cllr Grantham proposed and Cllr Johnston seconded that the letter be sent.

The motion was carried with five in favour , three abstentions and one against.

Cllrs Johnston, Grantham, Bolton, Copeland and Blundall voted for the motion. Cllrs Close, Wright and Bartlett abstained and Cllr Rutherford voted against. Cllrs Close and Wright explained they felt their position as District Councillors could be compromised if they voted on this issue before the Draft Core Strategy was approved.

18.2 Cllr Rutherford withdrew his motion.

## 19. Parish Council Workplan 2009 -2012

Cllr Copeland had circulated a document outlining the initial steps to be taken. Cllr Wright reported that no funding was available from the District Council although some may be available elsewhere, and recommended that a figure be set aside in next year's budget.

Cllr TC and Cllr DC seconded the proposal to recruit a working group. Carried unanimously.

## 20. Consultation Documents

None.

At this point the Chairman moved the resolution from Cllr Grantham from the confidential to the public session of the meeting.

Cllr Bolton proposed and Cllr Rutherford seconded an amendment to the proposal replacing the last part of the first paragraph to read "that the Council asks WALC for advice on how to deal with the complaints and campaigns from Cllr Rutherford."

The motion was lost with 3 for and six against.

The main motion was proposed by Cllr Grantham and

seconded by Cllr Blundall and was carried with 7 for and 2 against. Those voting against were Cllr Bolton and Rutherford.

## WALC/NALC

Nothing to report.

## 22 General Correspondence

The Queens Award for Voluntary Service Confirmation of eligibility of Wellesbourne in Bloom for nomination for the award.

Noted

## 23. Councillors Exchange of Information

23.1 Cllr Johnston reported that the public meeting about the future of the Fire Service would be held in Kineton Primary School on Tuesday 17th November at 6.30 p.m.

23.2 The Chairman reminded everyone about the Remembrance Day service.

ACTION Clerk to contact Lady Hamilton asking if the flag could be put up at Walton and to contact Walton Estates about getting the flagpole repaired.

23.3 Village Green status for Kineton Road.

ACTION Cllr Johnston to seek advice.

23.4 Intergenerational project meeting. Cllr DC will be attending.

## 24. Date of Next Meeting: 1st December 2009, - Noted

### Resolution:

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

Approved