

WELLESBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the Council meeting on Tuesday 6th April 2010 at 7.30 pm at the Methodist Hall, Bridge Street, Wellesbourne



Present:

Chairman: Cllr Johnston Clerk: Mrs Scriven

Councillors: Mrs Bartlett, Blundell, Mrs Bolton, Copeland, Grantham, Parton, Mrs Rose, Rutherford

Members of the public: 9 Members of the Press: 1 Police: 0

1. Apologies Were received and accepted for Cllr Close and noted that Cllr Wright would be arriving late due to an SDC meeting.

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 for the Village Hall

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

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

Cllr Wright personal interest as a District Councillor and in connection with the CAB and the Methodist Hall

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

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

Cllr Johnston personal interest as a County Councillor in all matters regarding WCC

3. Confirmation of Agenda – Confirmed

Cllr RW arrived at the meeting

4 Confirmation of the minutes of the Council Meetings of 2nd & 18th March 2010

Cllr Mrs Bolton: Pg 39 Severn Trent – number 7 to be changed to the word Severn & Pg 40, 10.2 when detailing the damage carried out the minutes should specify “Dovehouse Drive” to confirm where.

Cllr Rutherford said he had commented he did not “mind” rather than did not “care” as item 7 in the minutes of 18th. Following discussion, Cllrs accepted that the Clerk's minutes were accurate and were signed as a true record by the Chairman

5. Matters arising - 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.

Mr Rose, Grange Gardens, congratulated Cllr TC on his Parish Plan presentation at the APM. He observed that Wellesbourne was not on the list and said it would be hard work and recognition should be given for the work to those involved.

Cllr DJ said that it had not been realised that having an active Parish Plan contributed to funding allocation.

Cllr TC said there was a meeting planned for 15/4 to meet with volunteers and acknowledged the successful application for a £3,000 grant, to be completed by March 2011.

7. Finance

Cllr RW declared a personal interest in item for the Methodist Hall and left the meeting.

7.1 Monthly accounts – Mrs Dane explained that bricks from the Methodist Hall matched perfectly to the bricks required by Chedham's Yard so the decision was taken to purchase them whilst available.

Proposed accounts be accepted for payment	Prop Cllr JG, 2 nd Cllr RP, carried.
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Cllr RW returned to the meeting.

8. Police

8.1 Crime figures – not received

9. Planning

9.1 Decisions - none

9.2 Decisions with conditions - none

9.3 Applications

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10/00372/FUL	Erection of porch enclosure to front		
At	17 Ash Tree Close, Wellesbourne	For	Mr D Cutts
Officer dealing	Lucy Hammond	By	12 th April 2010

The Council made no objection to the application

2.

10/00557/FUL	Ground floor play room side extension with first floor bedroom extension over		
At	6 Bristol Way Wellesbourne	For	Mr & Mrs Darren Clews
Officer dealing	Liz Nicholson	By	14 th April 2010

The Council made no objection to the application

3.

Comment or objections req'd	Notification of application for a marked Disabled Parking Bay		
At	4 Warwick Road, Wellesbourne	For	Mrs Constantinou
Officer Dealing			

Following discussion, the Council supported this application agreeing that it was necessary

4.

10/00545/TREE	T1 sycamore: fell, T2oak: fell, T3 sycamore: up to 20% crown reduction		
At	Wellesbourne Hall, Stratford Road Wellesbourne	For	Mr Clatworthy
Officer Dealing	Iain Clark	By	13 th April 2010

The Parish Council objected to the application on the grounds that the trees are in the Conservation Area despite the claim on the application that they are not.

The low amenity description of the Oak tree is not good reason to fell the tree, which can be seen and there is mention in the ecology comments of bird and bat use in the area.

The Council had no objection to the crown reduction proposals subject to the County forestry office.

5.

10/000502/FUL	Removal of existing 3m wide wooden gates and replacement with new electronically operated metal gates		
At	Church View House, Charlecote Road Wellesbourne	For	Mr Keith Acutt
Officer Dealing	Lucy Hammond	By	19 th April 2010

The council made no objection to this application

9.1.3

Draft Core Strategy	SDC consultation, closing date for comment 8/4/10
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It was noted that the deadline for consultation expired in two days time. Cllrs felt that Wellesbourne was big enough and extension was not welcomed; bit of imposed, Redhill Nursery Site was considered the best choice. It was agreed that the Parish Council re-affirm its previous position and make it clear that prior to any consent that the infrastructure should be enhanced to cope with additional build.

ACTION: Respond with the additional comments	By: Cllr RW & Clerk
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It was noted that an invitation to meet the land developer of the Redhill site had been received, Cllrs felt that it would be premature to meet prior to the formal adoption of the site by SDC but agreed that in the future, if the site were to be developed the Council would welcome the opportunity to meet with them

ACTION: Reply to developers thanking them but declining a meeting at this time.	By: Clerk
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9.1.4 Date of next Area Planning meeting 7th April 2010

Noted

Cllrs queried if the new "Doggie Day Care" facility being operated from Wellesbourne Hall required planning permission for a change of use to run the business from the premises.

ACTION: Contact SDC Planning Dept. re change of use at the Hall re canine day care	By: Clerk
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10. Amenities Committee – Last meeting 23rd February 2010

10.1 Chairman’s update

It was noted that the long standing problems of dog fouling continued and letters had been delivered to every household on the front of Dovehouse Drive. Dog ban signs were being sought from SDC and enquiries into covert surveillance were being made in an attempt to film the criminal damage being done. The Clerk informed Cllrs that the Council grounds contractor had re-secured the gates and locks at the Dovehouse and Mountford Sports fields on Good Friday as an emergency measure to keep incumbents out.

10.2 Annual Inspection Report – replaced by SDC as original contained typographical errors.

10.3 Sports Association – Letter from John Turner to Football and Rugby clubs(By email) Cllr RP read out sections of the letters sent by Mr Turner saying that the negative tones in the letter did not accurately reflect the discussion Mr Turner had with the Clerk, nor the information given to the Sports Association by the Parish Council at a previous Council meeting where it had been acknowledged that a temporary changing facility would be cost prohibitive and impractical as no mains services were available. As a result of the negativity of the letter, it was agreed no discussion would be entered into and all correspondence in future would be in writing.

Bowls Club – Following a meeting with Severn Trent on site with Cllr RP it was agreed the only way to resolve the water supply problem would be to fit two chambers housing water meters giving the Bowls Club its own supply.

Resolve to organise installation of two independent meters, one for the Bowls Club and one for the Football Club – the cost of the Football Club falling on WPC, with delegated power to Cllrs DJ, RP and the Clerk to agree cost from quotes to be obtained by Clerk, within budget.	Prop:Cllr JG 2 nd RB - Carried Cllr IR abstained
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10.4 Youth Club – Cllr GB said WCC had renamed this I.Y.S.S (Intergrated Youth Support Service) and informed Cllrs that the Youth Leader now had more than Wellesbourne under his responsibility. It was noted that there had been a vast reduction in budget for youth services.

10.5 Correspondence - none

10.6 Date of next meeting 22nd June 2010 - noted

11. Highways Committee – Last meeting 12th January 2010

11.1 Chairman’s update – appended

It was noted that the mole infestation continued on Kineton Road verge (by allotments) and the Council’s grounds maintenance contractor now refused to mow due to the health and safety implications from stones being thrown up from molehills. The Clerk reminded Cllrs that she had previously written to WCC stating that they must treat the mole infestation or take over their responsibility for mowing once again.

ACTION: Letter to WCC strongly reiterating position of WPC not to mow verge	By: Clerk
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Land alongside Constance Harris Close – it was noted that Bartik Homes had responsibility for the land which had never been adopted and the shrubs were overgrown and overhanging the footway.

ACTION: WCC Hwys dept(Patch Byrne) to cut back overhang – write to Bartik Homes about the maintenance of the site on a regular basis	By: Cllr TC
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11.2

Warwickshire’s Right of Way Improvement Plan	5 year Review
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The reinstatement of a footpath from Moreton Morrell (SD311) had not progressed as Moreton Morrell Parish Council withdrew from discussion entirely stating they no longer wished to pursue the matter.

Cllr JG suggested Cllr TC contact Mr Paul Williams at WCC to discuss the claim.

Cllr RW said the turning circle at the end of Church Walk was badly broken up and had caused a child to fall in the mud. He asked if the circle would be repaired as part of the route to Chedham’s Yard. Cllr TC said one of the neighbouring properties thought they had paperwork showing the ownership of the area.

11.3 Wellesbourne in Bloom – Had obtained some old tractor tyres to place in the school garden and plant up, along with a new poly tunnel.

11.4 Correspondence - none

11.5 Date of next meeting 25th May 2010 - noted

12. Finance and Administration Committee – Last meeting 26th January 2010

12.1 Chairman’s update – Work would soon commence on year end, and reports would follow once the first draft had been produced.

12.1 Council Rateable Value review – the Clerk had questioned the rateable value and as a result it was reduced making the annual bill less than the previous financial year.

12.2 Date of next meeting – 11th May 2010 - noted

13. Office and Staffing Committee – last meeting of 16th February 2010

13.1 Chairman’s update - none

13.2 Date of next meeting – to be arranged

14. Emergency Committee - Last meeting -10th February 2009

14.1 Chairman’s update - none

14.2 Date of next meeting to be agreed - noted

15. Chedham’s Yard

15.1 Chairman’s report - noted

15.2 Appointment of Heritage Project Officer – Recommendation appended

ACTION: Accept recommendation	Prop Cllr JG, 2 nd GB Carried. Cllr IR abstained
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It was noted that the Restoration Trustees were to visit the Yard on 11th May, following discussion it was agreed that Cllrs RB/DC/DJ would arrange the details.

15.3 Steering Group Minutes - noted

16. Parish Plan

16.1 Pilot Survey feedback– Cllr Copeland

Cllr TC confirmed the success of a grant application and notified Cllrs that the first meeting had been arranged. Feedback on parish plan presentation had been excellent.

17. Policy Documents - Annual Review – noted

18. Burial Grounds

18.1 Work schedule update – Cllr Mrs Bolton

It was noted that Mr Taylor of Marston Rathbone and Taylor, the architect used by the Diocese, would proceed with the work required in preparation of the entrance into the new burial ground, and agreed that due to the tight timescales the Council would not use its usual tender process as any applicant would have to be vetted by the Diocese thus causing unreasonable delay. In order to reclaim the vat the Parish Council would pay directly to the architect.

Resolution that the church recommendation to appoint MRT Architects be accepted due to this being burial ground and them being approved by the Diocese thus waving the usual tendering process of the Council as special circumstances	Prop Cllr RW, 2 nd Cllr RB – Carried (6 for 3 abstained)
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18. Feedback on Annual Parish Meeting 18th March 2010

The meeting was well attended and Cllrs were congratulated on their presentations. It was noted that some members of public found it difficult to hear speakers and agreed that an amplification device be sought.

19. WALC/NALC

Newsletter ADH\87	General information for Councils
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noted

20. General Correspondence

New Local HM Revenue & Customs Enquiry Centre L. Spa	Hours of opening 10 – 3 Tues/Thurs
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noted

Overgrown shrubs opposite 30-32 Frost Road	Mrs Knight
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noted

District Election Notices for Wellesbourne Ward	SDC Graham Raspin
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noted

Invitation to County Cllr Chairman’s ‘At Home Drinks Reception’	Cllr Peter Barnes & Mrs Barnes
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noted

note

21. Councillors Exchange of Information

Cllr Mrs VB said the WIB bulbs looked remarkable.

Cllr TC said Mr Thorpe of Thorpe Mews Garage had a machine to put tyres on and also a paint mixer which he would like to donate to the village.

Cllr IR asked why the Parish Council were pushing the purchase of the village hall when the football club 97 might be thought a better provision.

Cllr DJ said both were significant community facilities and it was noted that the village hall and car park was an important part of the redevelopment of the village centre.

22. Date of Next Meeting: 4th May 2010 - 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

Not for public release