

WELLESBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 5th October 2010 at 7.30 pm at the Methodist Hall, Bridge Street, Wellesbourne

Present: Chairman: Cllr Johnston, Cllrs Mrs Batlett, Mrs Bolton, Mrs Rose, Close, Grantham, Parton and Wright. Cllrs Copeland and Parton arrived late due to a previous meeting.
Acting Clerk: Mrs Lipman Members of the public: 9 Members of the press: 1

1. Apologies: Cllr Blundall

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 and a prejudicial interest in letters to the External Auditor in relation to complaints submitted.

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

3. Confirmation of Agenda: It was confirmed

4 Confirmation of the minutes of the Council Meetings of 7th and 21st September

Cllr Wright asked that minutes of his statement read to the Council should be amended to include additional information. This was agreed and the minutes amended and signed by the Chairman. The minutes of the 21st September were signed unopposed.

Cllrs Copeland and Parton arrived at the meeting.

5. Matters arising: there were 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 Woodward, Hastings Road, asked what effect the proposed work at the fishponds would have on Newbold Rd and what had been discovered following an investigation of the ditch alongside the road.

Cllr RW said tenders for work to be done on the new bridge at the fishponds had been received within budget. This meant that work could be done in the current financial year once all land owners had signed an amended legal agreement. This important work would have been completed earlier if the Environment Agency had not made additional demands. Some Cllrs recalled that the ditches alongside Newbold Rd used to take surplus water away from the brook down to the River Dene. Recent investigations by County Highways were inconclusive.

ACTION: Arrange mtg between Cllr DJ, Dave Tiley (SDC) and WCC to discuss ditch alongside Newbold Rd	BY: Cllr DJ
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Mr Rose, Grange Gardens, said that paper copies of the survey of Open Spaces, Sport and Recreation - were available at WPC office. A link to the survey could also be made through both the WPC and village websites. Wellesbourne was top of the list for responses but he urged Cllrs to further publicise the survey.

Mrs Simms, WIB thanked the Council for their support during the year.

A letter was delivered from the rugby club asking that they be allowed to retrieve rugby kit and memorabilia located in the community centre building. Cllr Mrs Rose agreed to meet with a representative.

7. Finance

7.1 Monthly accounts

These were recommended to be paid. Prop Cllr RW 2nd Cllr PR motion carried. Cllr IR abstained.

8. Police

8.1 Crime figures - the SNT Newsletter had been circulated.

9. Planning

9.1 Decisions

9.1.1 Permission with conditions

9.1.2 Refusals

10/01211/FUL	Change of use of holiday units and farm workshop to 3 no. dwellings, one with studio/workshop to include erection of 2 no. single storey extensions to eastern elevation. Associated gravel driveway to north.		
At	Kingsmead Farm	For	Paul Meredith

Noted

9.2 Applications

1.

10/01847/FUL	Single storey side extension and proposed front lounge extension with bow window under existing canopy roof		
At	25 Pembroke Gardens	For	Mr & Mrs Abbott
Officer Dealing	Alice Cosnett	By	6 th October 2010

The Council made no objection

2.

10/01987/FUL	Installation of 17.5m monopole with 3 no Kathrein antennae, 2 no 300mm dish antennae, 2 no. equipment cabinets within fenced compound and all ancillary development		
At	Severn Trent Water Plc, Stratford Road	For	Hutchison 3G UK Ltd
Officer Dealing	Gary Moss	By	14 October 2010

The Council was concerned at the proposed additional support buildings which constitute an overdevelopment of the site. It would like to see sharing of the current equipment cabinets. In addition the Council objects to the adverse effect the mast would have on the visual amenity of the village as it borders the vista to St Peters Church.

Prop Cllr RW 2nd Cllr DC – the motion was carried

3.

10/01858/ADV	Erection of two replacement advertisement hoardings		
At	Wellesbourne Airfield land, Airfield estate	For	Mr Platt
Officer Dealing	Alice Cosnett	By	14 October 2010

Cllrs were opposed to the design of the proposed hoarding. It was thought to be unclear with irrelevant information which detracts from what the hoarding is about. There were serious concerns regarding the lack of direction information for traffic.

Prop Cllr DC 2nd Cllr JG the motion was carried with 4 abstentions

4.

10/01969/FUL	Secure a wooden arbour seat to the principal elevation of the property		
At	3 Sunderland Place	For	Robert Jones
Officer Dealing	Alice Cosnett	By	22nd October 2010

This application was deferred until the Council meeting of 19th October.

9.3 Date of next Area Planning meeting 27th October 2010 - Noted

10. Amenities Committee – Last meeting 22nd June 2010

10.1 Chairman's update – report appended. Items listed in report:

1. Excessive tree growth at Dovehouse playarea – this was deferred until mtg 2nd November to allow Cllrs to look at proposed trees to be felled.

The grant for the proposed slide had been agreed and would be ordered shortly (expenditure agreed at mtg of 6th July 2010). As there would be a likely overspend in the Amenities budget the Finance Committee to review budget spending with a view to viring funds.

There was a need for additional dog signs at Mountford sportsfield which could be purchased within the Amenities budget. Cllr TC said washing the current signs would improve their visibility.

3. The replacement gate at the Community Centre was on order and the contractor would be asked to install it asap due to the risk of travellers invading the site.

The Council agreed to ask for an estimate to remove the poles supporting the practice area floodlights on health and safety grounds.

ACTION: Clerk to obtain estimates	BY: Clerk
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It was also agreed to obtain estimates and proceed with the removal of glass from the Centre windows that had been broken by vandals. At present there were shards hanging from the upper windows that could fall on someone at any time.

ACTION: Clerk to obtain estimates to remove glass from broken windows and site and provided the estimate was less than £500 to proceed with the work on health and safety grounds.	BY: Clerk
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Cllr RP said the grass in front of the Community Centre needed adding to WPC mowing schedule. In addition the hedge needed pruning and the canopy lifting.

Cllr RP and RR were in the process of compiling a complete inventory of the contents of the building. The CCTV contractor had been contacted and said the equipment, which now belonged to WPC, could be reconfigured and redeployed to the outside of the building.

There was a possibility of engaging a self employed handyman to carry out minor repairs. Cllr RW raised concerns regarding HM Revenue and Customs.

ACTION: contact WALC to ask for the rules regarding self employed status	BY: Clerk
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10.2 Sports Association - the Association had been updated on all proceedings

10.3 Youth Club – nothing to report

10.4 Wellesbourne Sports and Community building -Current position and future plans

It was agreed to hold an informal meeting of the Council on Tuesday 19th October to discuss the future ownership and management of the building. Cllr JG asked that the “options” he had forwarded to Council in the past should be recirculated.

ACTION: Circulate previous proposals regarding the future management of the building	BY: Clerk
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10.5 Correspondence – there was none

10.6 Date of next meeting 19th October 2010 - noted

11. Highways Committee – Minutes of the meeting 21st September 2010 were circulated

11.1 Chairman’s update – No decision was taken on the best way to improve the access and planting alongside the footway at Constance Harris Close bordering Ettington Road. Cllr TC to continue to liaise with WCC, SDC, Barteak Homes and the residents. Cllrs JG and RW were adamant that the responsibility for the maintenance of this land lay with the developers and residents and considered that WPC should not get involved.

11.2 Wellesbourne in Bloom

Cllr TC congratulated WIB for their outstanding achievement in gaining a 2nd gold award in the In Bloom competition and thought this should be acknowledged by a sign on the village gateways. He said a meeting to discuss the school travel plan had been arranged for Wednesday 13th October.

11.3 Correspondence – Cllr TC had received a letter from John Morley updating the council on recent tree planting initiatives. Cllr TC reported the offer of free trees from SDC

11.4 Date of next meeting - January 2011

12. Finance and Administration Committee – Last meeting 16th June 2010

12.1 Chairman’s update – A budget report for September was circulated

12.2 Date of next meeting - 12th October 2010

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

13.1 Chairman’s update

13.2 Working towards the Power of Well-Being - Cllr Mrs Bolton

This was referred to the Office and Staffing Committee

13.3 Date of next meeting 12th October 2010

14 Emergency Committee - Last meeting -10th February 2009

14.1 Internet connection for emergency computer at the Conservative Club – report appended
Cllr JG declared a personal interest. Prop Cllr JG 2nd Cllr RW to refer to Emergency
Committee, motion carried Cllr IR against

14.2 Date of next meeting 9th November 2010

ACTION: to invite Mick Potter WCC to the meeting of 9 th November	BY: Clerk
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15. Chedham's Yard

15.1 Chairman's report appended

Cllr RW said that it was regrettable that the delays caused by the action of the external auditor would lead to additional costs to the project and cause frustration for those involved. Contractors for the new build and restoration projects should have been on site in September. The Council felt it was important to convey their support to the members of the Steering Group. Proposal at item 5 on Chairman's report was referred to the Office and Staffing Committee.

16. Burial Grounds

Cllr RW said that work was due to start in November. SDC had discharged its landscape condition.

ACTION: to instruct the surveyor to appoint the contractor for the measured survey	BY: Clerk
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17. Xmas Lights

Two quotations were expected to be received before the end of the week. Owing to the need to appoint the contractor as soon as possible it was proposed to delegate the decision to the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Clerk. The decision to be made at the Finance Committee meeting of 12th October.

Prop Cllr JG 2nd Cllr DC motion carried Cllr IR against

18. Consultation Documents – there were none

19. Parish Plan

Cllr TC reported that the main questionnaire would be available from Friday 8th October on line with paper copies to follow, for completion by the end of October, although comments could continue to be collected. It should therefore be possible to have an idea of top line issues at the beginning of November with a draft document ready at the end of December.

Cllr JG congratulated Cllr TC on a well presented document

20. Wellesbourne and Kineton Community Forum – Cllr Close

A copy of the report from the meeting of 9th September at Wellesbourne Primary School was circulated. Cllr DC stressed the importance of publicising meeting dates. The next meeting to be at Ratley Village Hall on 2nd December. Transport from Wellesbourne could be arranged with "Back & 4th".

21. WALC/NALC – Newsletter noted

22. General Correspondence – there was none

23. Councillors Exchange of Information

Cllr TC drew attention to free fire prevention advice and fitting of free smoke alarms available from the fire service.

24. Date of Next Meeting: 2nd November 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

1. Salaries

Proposed Cllr JG 2nd Cllr RR - motion carried

Meeting ended at 9.40pm

Chairman: Cllr Johnston

Signed

Date