

WELLESBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Amenities and Highways Committee of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 9th August 2011 at 7.30pm at the Parish Council Office, 2 School Road, Wellesbourne
Cllrs are summoned to deal with the following agenda.



Present: Chairman Cllr Parton, Cllrs Mrs Bartlett, Mrs Rose, Grantham, Johnston, Kendall and Wright
Administrative Assistant Mrs Lipman, Members of the public 1, Members of the press 0

1. Approval of Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and approved from Cllr Mrs Bolton

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

Cllr Grantham prejudicial interest in connection with Wellesbourne Conservative Club Ltd and all matters appertaining to Walton Estates.

Cllr Johnston personal interest as a County Councillor in all matters regarding WCC and Hampton Lucy Grammar School Foundation as a member of the Board

Cllr Mrs Rose prejudicial interest in connection with Wellesbourne Conservative Club and the Heart of England Co-operative Society as an employer

3. Confirmation of the order of the Agenda and identification of any items likely to be resolved to confidential session

It was confirmed

4. Election of Vice Chairman

This item was deferred as there were no nominations.

Cllr RR left the meeting

5. Confirmation of the minutes of the Amenities/Highways meeting of 28th June 2011

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

6. Matters arising

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

Dr Gledhill, Valetta Way, drew the Council's attention to the pollution in the river. The smell had been particularly bad recently. He also raised concerns regarding the overgrown footway at Constance Harris Close.

8. Hammond Green and future funding of play area

8.1 Report from a meeting held on 1st August between Cllrs RP and DJ and the directors of the Hammond Green/Ramsey Green Residents Association

The Residents Association appreciated the support of WPC in their efforts to get the shelter belt, situated between the estate and the A429, adopted by SDC. They asked WPC to take over the maintenance of the toddler equipment in the play area. This was in good condition and for children under 8yrs of age. The Association would continue to fund the maintenance of the grounds.

ACTION: Cost implications to Council regarding upkeep and insurance To see if a commuted sum was given by the developer as S106 agreement	By: Office
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9. Frost Road Playarea

9.1 Provision of waste bin

Cllrs were given email correspondence from Greenbelt declining to fund a dual litter/dog bin that WPC were offering to empty.

9.2 Future of the play area

Cllrs were given email correspondence from Greenbelt which stated that many residents did not want play equipment installed. Cllrs agreed that the responsibility for the play area rested with Greenbelt.

10. Public Transport

10.2 Slabs at Newbold Road bus stop – (update by Chairman)
These had now been installed

11. Appearance of Village

11.1 Land between Constance Harris Close and Ettington Road
It was hoped that the adoption of the land by SDC would be resolved by Christmas. In the meantime the overgrown footway was a safety issue.

ACTION: To ask WCC to cut back overgrown vegetation on the footway	BY:
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11.2 Appearance of land between Mountford sportsfield and Ettington Road
The police had confirmed that they would welcome pruning of the undergrowth so that a clear view was possible between the sportsfield and the Ettington Road.

ACTION: To ask police to confirm in writing their request for clearance of the overgrown undergrowth	BY: Office
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11.3 Copper Beech trees at White Bridge

ACTION: To obtain an estimate for the removal of the dead Copper Beech tree at the White Bridge	BY: Office
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Cllrs also raised concerns at the overgrown Willow stump.

ACTION: To ask WPC tree contractor to suggest a solution to Willow shoots overgrowing path	BY: Office
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12. Traffic Signs

12.1 Walton Hall signs – nothing to report
12.2 Airfield/Distribution park road signs update
Possible changes to the Distribution Park management were hindering negotiations to change the signage to the site.

13. Pollution in River

CCTV had been used to try to ascertain any breaks in the highway drain. Further excavation was to take place. It was thought the problem lay in the Chapel Street area.

14. General Correspondence

The Clerk was collating correspondence regarding the impact of the bus timetable changes

15. Councillors exchange of information

The unkempt state of the village roundabouts was raised.

ACTION: To contact WCC to ask for the cutting schedule	BY: Office
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A possible location for the Walton grit bin was suggested as the Townsend Cottage bend.

ACTION: To contact Patch Byrne for his opinion	BY: Office
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16. Date of Next Committee Meeting: 27th September 2011 – noted

Meeting ended 9.20 pm

Chairman: Cllr Parton

Signed

Date