

## WELLESBOURNE and WALTON PARISH COUNCIL

*Minutes for a meeting of the Highways/Environment/Emergency Committee of the Council taking place on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 7.30pm at the Parish Council Office at 2 School Road, Wellesbourne*

Present: Chairman: Cllr Jackson    Councillors: Mrs Bolton, Mrs Paige-Stimson, Mrs Prior    Clerk: Mrs Scriven  
Members of public: 2

### 1. Welcome & announcements

2. Apologies for Absence: Cllrs Cannon & Harte

3. Confirmation of the order of the Agenda – add storm drain to 9.5 and 7.4 BT boxes - agreed

4. Identification of any items that might be resolved for confidential session – Item 11.2 as policy revision - agreed

5. Declarations of Interest - none

6. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Highways, Environment and Emergency Committee meeting, 10<sup>th</sup> December 2019- agreed

### 7. Matters arising (not included in the agenda)

7.1 Distribution Park Management and Tenant meeting – a meeting of the tenants took place at short notice which was attended by the Clerk, the next meeting would be in 6 months. The Clerk had agreed with the Chairman of the meeting to arrange for a site visit for Councillors to see the Distribution Park and meet some of the tenants to discuss issues for both parties.

Action: Arrange a date for Cllrs to site visit and meet tenants	By: Office
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7.2 Little people signs for Wellesbourne CofE School – a request to WCC Highways for them to purchase the signs which the Parish Council would make a donation of 99% of the cost with the school making the other 1% payment was refused on the grounds that WCC do not endorse or support the use of these figures on the public highway.

Action: Ask SDC how they have provided these for use at schools when WCC do not support the initiative.	By: Office
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7.3 Vehicles idling at Mountford Close waiting for school children – the school had written to parents requesting them to be considerate to residents and pedestrians but were unable to enforce this as idling by vehicles was not yet illegal.

Action: Letter to MP asking when the Government will be bringing legislation to prevent idling by vehicles	By Cllr AP/Clerk
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7.4 BT Box removal – it was noted that Wellesbourne and Walton were not on the list of areas for phone box removal.

### 8. Open Session for members of the public to raise any matters of relevance to the Parish

Miss McDonough, Mountford Close raised concern about the school's use of "little people" signs as previous ones had been flimsy and prone to blowing over. She said cars were still idling in the close and parking inconsiderately at all times of the day.

### 9. Highways issues

9.1 Construction traffic using Loxley Road for site access correspondence from resident – Cllrs were concerned that lorries continued to use the Loxley Road causing damage to the verges and street furniture as well as the damage caused at the layby on Loxley Road now being used as a vehicle cleaning area and rest stop for the site traffic.

Action: Ask for a copy of the traffic management scheme for the development from SDC planning	By: Office
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9.2 Noise disturbance from the County Council depot - Cllr AP had received a complaint from a resident relating to the noise from vehicles reversing alarms late in the evening and early mornings. Cllr Jackson said it was mandatory for these alarms to be working when the vehicles were in use and where gritting was taking place it was unfortunate that it would involve unsociable hours but was for the greater good.

9.3 Road traffic island sponsorship update Clerk – Costings had been repeatedly requested but not received.

Action: if not received in 14 days write to the portfolio holder to complain	By: Office
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9.4 Home to School Transport – Correspondence Asst. Director of Educational Services – Cllrs were disappointed by the nebulous response received which did not address or acknowledge any of the concerns raised and made the presumption that everyone had access to the internet and their website.

Action: Write to the MP about the concerns raised and lack of response and write back to the Assistant Director stating not everyone has internet access.	By Cllr AP
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9.5 Storm drain Kinton Road – a resident had complained that the soak away outside their property on Kinton Road was not draining water and causing backing up of the sewage systems in their property.

Action: ask WCC Highways to look at the soak away	By: Office
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## 10. Footpaths

10.1 Footpath clearance by Lengthsman – No response had been received from WCC.

10.2 Footpath 125a – the land on which the path is located belongs to the Diocese and despite their agreement to open the footpath it remained blocked. WCC County Footpaths Officer had been contacted to follow this up and get the path restored for public use.

## 11. Emergency issues

11.1 Sewage Works hedge removal correspondence Severn Trent & Walton Estate – It was noted that Severn Trent were to remove a considerable length of hedge and some trees at the entrance of their new sewer plant at Walton. This was due to a late request from WCC Highways to conform with the required vision splay for access and egress of the site.

Action: Contact Severn Trent and ask if it is necessary to remove so much of the native hedgerow and trees	By: Office
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11.2 Post flood warning Incident report – Cllr YPS/Clerk – moved to confidential session

11.3 Revised Emergency plan – Cllr YPS said there were still matters to be resolved before the documents could be completed which included a decision on the framework to be used when WWPC act upon a flood warning red alert. It was agreed that a working party be set up to discuss, agree and finalise the plan to be used.

Action: Email interested Cllrs with dates for a first meeting of the new working party	By: Cllr YPS
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11.4 Provision of sandbags – it was agreed this should be discussed fully by the working party.

12. **Unused budget** – it was agreed that the Chairman should look at the unused budget before the next meeting to discuss adding any unspent budget to designated reserve to be carried forward into the new financial year.

## 13. Councillor, Clerk and non Council members of Committee exchange of information

Cllr Paige-Stimson suggested that the “20 is Plenty” Government advisory speed initiative be added to the next agenda. Cllr Prior asked that the light pollution from the parish coming from industrial buildings be added to the next agenda and said the BT cover in Valletta Way was disintegrating and was now a hazard and she would get the number of the box for the office to report it. She said she would be attending the Flood Action Group on 12<sup>th</sup> February as part of the multi-agency agreement.

Cllr Bolton raised concern that the lighting on the traffic island on Fletchers Way continued to have outages.

Cllr Jackson said he was delighted to announce that had been notified that Open Reach would be installing fibre optics to the Ettington Park estate shortly which should improve broadband services to residents.

## 13. Date of next meeting – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020

*Under section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest, as if members of the public were present during the consideration of such business, there would be disclosure to them of exempt information under paras 1 and 11 and Part 1 Schedule 12A of the said Act, that the public will be excluded*

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11.2 Post flood warning Incident report – Cllr YPS expressed her disappointment that her initial post incident report had been edited before circulated to Cllrs. Cllr Prior explained that due to the timescales set out at a Council meeting it had not been possible to take the third draft back to Cllr Paige-Stimson before circulation but felt it had been important to ensure any inaccuracies or inappropriate information be corrected.

Cllr Bolton said he had been impressed with how the incident had been handled by the Clerk and Cllrs involved with actions taken being prompt and efficient.

Cllrs questioned who triggers a “Red Alert” warning currently by the Resilience Team but asking if this should be the Environment Agency. It was agreed to discuss this further at the working party meeting.

The Clerk confirmed that currently the Council used the 2016 version of the Emergency Plan as this was the adopted document of WWPC but noted that contact information would be used from the draft plan as it was known that this detail had changed in many cases.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 10.10pm

Chairman..Cllr Jackson.....

Signed.....

Date..... 2020