

WELLESBOURNE & WALTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes for a meeting of the Community Facilities Committee of the Council on Tuesday 14th June 2022 at 7.15 pm in the Methodist Hall, Bridge Street, Wellesbourne

Present: Chairman: Cllr Mrs Prior Councillors: Barton, Mrs Bolton, Dipple, Howes, Kendall Clerk: Mrs Scriven
Non Council members: 0 Members of public: 2

1. Welcome & Announcements

2. Apologies received – Cllr Blake and Mr Isted

3. Confirmation of the order of the Agenda - Add Appointment of a Vice Chairman (new No 4), Consideration and approval of Committee Terms of Reference (new No 11), Mountford Land - Correspondence speeding vehicles at entrance to Bowls/Cricket Clubs (new No 11.2) Dog Close seed for land (new No 13.3)

4. Appointment of Vice Chairman – Cllr Dipple nominated by Cllr Prior. No other nominees. Prop Cllr AP, 2nd Cllr Dk carried.

5. Identification of any items that might be resolved for confidential session - none

6. Declarations of Interest - none

7. Open Session for members of the public to raise any matters of relevance to the Parish - none

8. Minutes of the meeting on 22nd February 2022 - agreed

9. Matters arising – (not on the agenda) - none

10. Sports Association

10.1 No report available as no representative in attendance

11. Terms of Reference (TORs)

11.1 Consideration and acceptance of TORs – Cllrs considered TORs to be current but agreed to add Extension to Dog Close (gifted land) now owned by WWPC to Appendix 1 and Dog Close and Mountford Place to Appendix 2. TORs accepted with agreed amendments.

Action: Update TORs with additions to Appx 1&2	By: Office
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11.2 Correspondence - speeding vehicles at entrance to Bowls/Cricket Club - Adrian (Group Leader for Wellesbourne 1st Scouts) raised concern about the danger to children from traffic speeding out of the grounds from the Cricket Club events. He had spoken to the Cricket Club, Bowls Club and Scouts and confirmed that all organisations were willing to contribute to the cost of a solution. Cllrs considered the danger to children and users of the land and ongoing repair costs. Speed roundels, a move to the fence, rubber speed hump and grass matting were all considered possible solutions.

Action: Get quotes for speed roundels, fence move, rubber speed hump and grass matting	By: Office
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12. Committee Budget

12.1 2022/23 Budget review – Cllr AP said the budget was in line with anticipated expenditure.

13. Dog Close

13.1 Dog Close land update – Working to a plan with advice from the Land Management Team from Charlecote Park and The Woodland Trust, the mowing schedule had been changed to omit the square of land at the front of the site to enable seeding of plants in this area. This would be scythe cut followed by mowing at the end of July. The working party volunteers were carrying out new planting and thistle removal across the site. Cllrs note that this area was already a wildlife haven of many years denoting the area as a nature reserve and recognised the importance of protecting the existing wildlife corridor and the many species of animals and insects who inhabit it. It was suggested that willow screens could be installed as a natural screen for ornithologists/children to observe the birdlife without disturbing them. The change to the name of the site and whether dogs should be given access were still to be considered, but as a nature reserve, Cllrs recognised that the introduction of dogs could be harmful to the existing wildlife which had previously been protected for many years as it had been a closed site.

13.2 Gate quote for discussion – Cllrs agreed the specialist ramp drawings and quote to come from unilateral agreement funds

Action: Quote to be placed on July Full Council agenda	By: Office
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13.3 Seed for land – MeadowMax Ley mixture grass seeds had been recommended to restore the site with meadow grasses, £79 per bag and approx. 6 bags would be required (£474+delivery) from unilateral agreement funding; sowing to be carried out by the working party.

14. Newbold Road land

14.1 Planning application update – The tree and hedge survey required by SDC Planning had now been completed and would be submitted shortly.

15. Green open spaces

15.1 Transfer of land update – Mountford Place would shortly be completed; The Grange would follow by the end of the year. Bio-diversity credits (where developers cannot enhance the development area and credits made to be used elsewhere in the local area) had been explored with WCC for possible planting of a wood on the green open space on the Grange site.

16. Christmas Lights

16.1 Consideration of new contract for next 3 years – New tenders would be sought for the 2023 – 2025 contract by the end of the year. It was noted the displays had expanded due to the children’s design a Christmas light competition each year and a new tree for Dog Close had been purchased from the Shakespeare Fund grant awarded last year.

17. Development Plan

17.1 Community Facilities plan items update – the committee continued to work through the plan.

17.2 Consideration of money from reserves for projects –Cllrs agreed that the access/egress problems at the Mountford sports field by the Bowls Club should be explored further with consultation with the other organisations and quotes for the anticipated costs sought. Support of provision of a community orchard on the extension to Dog Close to be considered if funds permit. This would protect the Unilateral Agreement funds towards the provision of a car park on Newbold Road in conjunction with the school who were becoming an Academy and therefore had greater need of this facility

16. Wellesbourne Benchmarking – Measuring and understanding localities (SDC) s exchange of information - consideration was given to the Benchmarking document and it was agreed that public toilets would be combined with the consideration of office space. Other issues raised were outside the remit of the PC.

17. Cllr, Clerk and member exchange of information

Cllr Dipple said the potholes at Walton remained un-repaired.

Cllr Howes said the plastic bollard fencing at the bridge in Walton had been removed and thrown into the river.

18. Date of next meeting – 23rd August 2022

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 8.25pm

Chairman....Cllr Mrs Prior.....

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(completed 15/6/22)