

WELLESBOURNE & WALTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes for a meeting of the Highways, Environment and Emergency Committee on Tuesday 10th May 2022 at 7.15pm at the Methodist Hall, Bridge Street, Wellesbourne.

Present: Chairman: Cllr Blake
Members of public: 1

Councillors: Barton, Cannon, Howes, Keogh-Bywater, Mrs Prior

Clerk: Mrs Scriven

1. **Welcome & Announcements** - Welcome to new member, Cllr Simon Howes
2. **Apologies received** – Cllr Mrs Bolton
3. **Confirmation of the order of the agenda** – add election of Vice Chairman, finance for Environment projects, Defibrillators - agreed
4. **Election of Vice Chairman** – Cllr AP nominated Cllr Cannon, no other nominations received. Prop Cllr AP, 2nd Cllr DB carried
5. **Identification of any items that might be resolved for confidential session** - none
6. **Declarations of Interest** - none
7. **Minutes of the meeting on 8th February 2022** - agreed
8. **Matters arising** – (not on the agenda) - none
8. **Open Session for members of the public to raise any matters of relevance to the Parish** - none

9. Highways Issues

9.1 20's Plenty Speed Campaign "where next"

Dovehouse Drive/Hammerton Way one month

Move from Hammerton Way to Oxford Way/Tait Way Cozens Street one month.

Move from Oxford Way/Tait Way/Cozens Street to Kineton Road one month

Move from Kineton road to Loxley Road for one month.

By Lengthsman

9.2 Speed Aware Campaign – use of speed detection device in village – Due to illness of some trained volunteers the device had not been deployed as often as the group would like. Some early morning checks had taken place and feedback had been requested.

9.2.1 Tripod and Jackets update – The tripod had been used on the last three speed checks and the group reported back that the device was more efficient due to the lack of hand shake meaning they could register a car at a much greater distance. The jackets had been ordered and the Clerk would be collecting them 12th May.

9.3 Multi-Agency meeting update – Graham Stanley (WCC) who would be actioning the points raised during the meeting was absent due to illness, so these matters remained outstanding. He had since returned to the office and would be catching up with his workload.

9.3.1 Speeding traffic in the parish update – speeding around the parish continued to be a problem and concerns were raised about the road layout by Sainsbury's on Loxley Road, on the approach to the Ettington Park/Grange islands, and on the Dovehouse estate.

Action: Write to WCC raising concern about the road layout on Loxley Road

By Office

9.4 Light pollution from industrial buildings update – Following a letter from the Council, Wixey's had taken steps to reduce their light pollution by changing the lighting to down-lighting. Cllr Howes had also visited the site to see the changes made. It was noted that the majority of troublesome light pollution was being caused by Munster Joinery and the Council agreed they should be approached to see if similar measures could be taken to reduce the effects of the lighting on site.

Action: Enter dialogue to try to resolve the light pollution issues with Munster Joinery Make call to Antoinette to arrange a date for Cllr MKB/Cllr SH to meet with her and site visit

By: Office (arrangements)

By: Cllrs MKB/SH (to attend mtg)

9.5.1 Roundabout – No further progression had been made

9.5.2 Gyrotory – traffic continued to travel the wrong way around the gyrotory on a regular basis and parking on both sides of the street still made it difficult to navigate the resulting bottleneck.

Action: Contact local Police and request removal of cars from the footway

By: office

9.5.3 Welcome Gates – No further update had been received but Cllrs noted that other villages appeared to have gates on verges less wide than the one refused by WCC in Wellesbourne.

Action: Cllrs asked to photograph any gates installed on narrow verges and forward the evidence to the Clerk

By: Cllrs

Action: Follow up with the County Cllr as to what was happening about the gates

By: Office

9.6 Works by WCC on Loxley Road – the broken footway had now been top-coated with tarmac and the drains in the drainage gully had been softened by the addition of screening gravel and recent growth of vegetation. Plastic flat bollards had been installed at the edge of the verge.

10. Footpath Issues

10.1 Lack of maintenance of footpaths running between estate roads and public footpaths – it was noted that the footpath between Wyvern Close and Valetta Way was totally overgrown again, with further difficulty caused by ivy growing across the path giving a potential trip hazard.

Action: report state of footpath to WCC

By: Office

10.2 Request for dog bin at Lowes Lane footpath – Cllrs agreed that a new bin should be purchased for Lowes Lane footpath to come from HEE budget.

Action: source budget heading payment will come from

By: Cllr Blake

Action: Contact SDC asking if the bin could be installed on the existing street furniture

By: Office

11. Environment

11.1 Wellesbourne Flood Action Group – the group had undergone a visit to Stroud Flood Action Group and a visit to Allesley, Coventry was planned. There had been several meetings with Moreton Morrell College and local land owners and working in partnership with the Environment Agency and 7 Rivers Trust the planned works detailed in the grant application could now proceed. WFAG would provide WWPC with a plan once works approval had been reached.

Action: write to WFAG congratulating their progress and the works being done.	By: Office
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11.2 Bio-Diversity plan update – Further information had been sought from WCC regarding “Biodiversity-credits” (Where developments do not have the room for trees they can be credited to another area within the parish) The school were going to carry out a bio-study of the school grounds and Mr Wharton was to be asked to quote for undertaking a survey of PC land.

Action: Mr Wharton to be asked for quotes for surveys on PC land following a discussion of what would be required	By: Cllr AP
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11.2 Funding for environment projects – Cllrs agreed that in order to support climate emergency measures, a budget would be required. This would cover costs for printing leaflets raising awareness of the climate emergency and to carry out a parish wide leaflet drop.

Recommendation from HEE committee to Full Council that £6000 be moved from General Reserves into Dept 3 HEE under a new budget heading of Environment Action: Agenda item for June Full Council	Prop Cllr AP, 2 nd Cllr OC carried By: Office
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12. Emergency

12.1 Emergency Plan – working party – no update, group still to meet

12.2 Defibrillators – It was noted there were several defibrillators around the village, not all accessible 24/7. Cllrs agreed it would be useful to have all equipment registered on the same 999 call centre register, and to pace out distance from the different estates to their nearest unit.

Action: Collect data from all defibrillator units and the organisations maintaining each. Measure in steps how far to each unit from nearby estates and public areas and request under the Freedom of Information Act, data on how many calls for defibrillator use had been made in the last 5 years.	By: Cllr MKB
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13. Lengthsman

13.1 Lengthsman – other member Council’s of the scheme had been reminded they still had funding for Lengthsman work. Recently more Handyman works had been carried out but now the inclement weather had ceased more jobs for the Lengthsman would be undertaken such as cut back at Constance Harris Close and ditch clearance at Newbold Road land.

14. Cllr, Clerk and members exchange of information

Cllr Keogh-Bywater asked why the coppice in front of the Mountford sports field could not be turned into a car park. The Clerk explained the coppice was planted as a safety and noise screen between the sporting events and residential properties opposite. The footway from Ettington Road down to Grange Gardens had a tarmac offshoot opposite the children’s play area which did not link to same on the opposite side of the road and asked if WCC could be approached to reinstate or add tarmac opposite to make access to the park easier.

Cllr Mrs Prior asked if the Constance Harris Close hedge could be cut back by the Lengthsman again.

Cllr Blake said the Scouts had purchased a generator with grant funding received and were happy to offer its use to WWPC in an emergency.

15. Date of next meeting – 19th July 2022

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 9.05pm

Chairman...Cllr Blake.....

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Date.....

(Completed 19/5/22)