

WELLESBOURNE & WALTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes for a meeting of the Highways, Environment and Emergency Committee on Tuesday 19th July 2022 at 7.15pm at the Methodist Hall, Bridge Street, Wellesbourne

Present: Chairman: Cllr Blake

Councillors: Keogh-Bywater, Mrs Prior

Clerk: Mrs Scriven

Members of public: 0

1. **Welcome & Announcements** - none

2. **Apologies received**- Cllrs Mrs Bolton, Barton, Howes

3. **Confirmation of the order of the agenda** – add conservation area leaflet at 11.4 and River Positive Initiative at 11.5 - agreed

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

5. **Declarations of Interest** – Cllr Keogh-Bywater declared a non-registerable financial interest in matters pertaining to Severn Trent as an employee

6. **Minutes of the meeting on 10th May 2022** - agreed

7. **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" update and discussion – Bridge Street (August) then Kineton Road followed by Loxley Road.

9.2 Speed Aware Campaign – use of speed detection device in village results update – The group had carried out 8 sessions, 1066 cars were recorded (133 cars per session). 36 speeders averaged 36.4mph, the lowest excess speed was 35mph, the highest excess speed was 42mph, all recorded within the 30mph zone.

10. Footpath Issues

10.1 Lack of maintenance of footpaths running between estate roads and public footpaths – the path between Wyvern Close and Valetta Way had now been cleared. It was noted that the White Bridge footpath had become very overgrown with overhanging vegetation and the conifers by the old Gas works by Orford Close were also overgrown.

11. Environment

11.1 Wellesbourne Flood Action Group update – FAG continue to build working relations with various agencies including Environmental Agency, Gloucestershire District Council, Severn Rivers Trust, Meon Vale, Warwickshire County Council, Warwickshire Wildlife Trust and Moreton Morrell College and flood management projects had been agreed. Some grant funding had been secured and further funding was being sought.

11.2 Bio-Diversity – Cllr AP had approached Wharton Natural Infrastructure Consultants for a quote to carry out a bio-diversity assessment on Dog Close and the additional gifted land. It was noted the site is to remain a nature reserve and on the morning of the open day which was well attended, muntjacs were seen on site.

11.3. Request for a tree on the green at Newbold Place behind the bench – Cllr SH asked if a tree could be planted on Newbold Road/Newbold Place green. The Clerk advised services under this piece of land might prevent a tree but would ask WCC for Clarification and reminded Cllrs that there was no budget for this item.

Action: Ask WCC if a tree could be planted on the green at Newbold Place/Newbold Road junction	By: Office
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11.4 Conservation leaflet – The Council had previously circulated a Conservation Area leaflet giving planning information for residents living in the conservation area. Cllrs agreed it would benefit from a repeat circulation following tree works in the conservation area without planning permission.

11.5 River Positive Initiative – Severn Trent were working on an initiative for improvement of the tributaries into the main rivers in order to clean up bathing sections of the main rivers network.

12. Emergency

12.1 Emergency Plan working party progress – the WP would be meeting in early August.

13. Budget 2022/23

13.1 Budget review of expenditure to date – expenditure was in line with expected outlay. It was agreed that the 5mph signs would be paid from the 20s plenty signage budget and the new dog bin would be paid from the replacement bins budget.

14. Development Plan

14.1 Items for development review – Cllrs considered possible projects for the capital sum allocated to the HEE committee, including Bio-diversity study and Safer routes to school.

15. Lengthsman

15.1 Lengthsman update – The Clerk informed Cllrs of jobs carried out by the Lengthsman, including clearance of the ditch bordering Newbold Road land now leased by the PC and the overgrown vegetation on Constance Harris close.

16. Skate ramp – Assembly/use and risk assessment/discussion and plan of action – Cllrs agreed that in order to use the ramp there would need to be a dedicated team who could construct and dismantle the ramp and supervise use. Consideration was given to the ongoing storage arrangements and it was suggested that the PC might approach local businesses with storage space to spare

Action: Contact SDC to ask if previous team were able to tutor the construction/dismantling of the ramp	By: Office
Action: Contact Wixey haulage /Newlands Caravan Park	By: Cllr MKB/Office

17. Clerk and members exchange of information

Cllr Prior said the confirmation of the walking/cycling consultation had been received.
Cllr Keogh-Bywater said Johnsons Coaches were once again using the Council’s car park by the Village Hall to park up, sometimes for a full day.

18. Date of next meeting – 18th October 2022

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 8.55pm

Chairman.....Cllr Blake.....

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