

WELLESBOURNE & WALTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes for an Extra Ordinary meeting of the Council on Tuesday 28th February 2023 at 7.00pm at the Methodist Hall, Bridge Street, Wellesbourne

Present: Chairman: Cllr Mrs Prior Councillors: Barton, Bolton, Cannon, Dipple, Howes, Kendall, Keogh-Bywater, Shepherd
Clerk: Mrs Scriven Asst Clerk: Mr Thomas Members of public: 14

1. Welcome and announcements

2. Apologies received - none

3. Declarations of Interest - none

4. Confirmation of the order of the agenda – switch items 8 and 9 with each other - agreed

Cllr Cannon joined the meeting

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

Cllr Howes joined the meeting

6. Open session for members of the public to raise any matters of relevance to the Parish

Mr Bottles, Chestnut Square raised concerns about the litter in the River Dene at the bridge on Bridge Street.

Cllr Mrs Bolton jointed the meeting

7. Wellesbourne Hall – Further consideration of planning response

Cllr Kendall abstained from the discussion and any decision in order to deal with this application at SDC Planning Committee.

Several Cllrs had attended the Hall for a site visit of the works carried out and the areas still to be restored, all agreed that the works completed to date were of a high standard, sympathetic to the existing Grade 2 Listed Building heritage. It was noted the two new proposed bungalows in the north garden would be low level properties not overlooking existing neighbouring properties and would be built on a large patch of currently neglected land.

Several residents from Church Walk and Chapel Street raised concerns about the potential harm to a Grade 2 listed building and important heritage asset by development of the land, increased risk of flooding to the site and surrounding properties, increased traffic on Church Walk, and sensory impact from light, noise and traffic and danger to walkers in the area from increased traffic movement where no footways exist.

The Agent for the site and the owner were in attendance and confirmed that there had been amendments made but comment was awaited from County Highways Dept. The owner confirmed the rear gate had historically been used for access by previous owners over the last 60 years and extended an invitation to District Cllrs to meet for a site visit.

Cllrs agreed to check with SDC Planning as to whether the PC would be granted the opportunity to comment on the amendments being made by the Agent and to suggest that District Cllrs visit the site prior to any decisions being made.

Action: Contact the Case Officer at SDC and ask if the PC would be consulted on the amendments and invite District Cllrs to carry out a site visit to be arranged by the owner.	By: Office
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8. Quote for Community Orchard

8.1 Cllr Prior had been in contact with The Heritage Fruit Tree Company who assist with the setting up of community orchards. They suggested that the suitability of the chosen land be assessed then if suitable, to undertake a potential layout exercise.

Recommendation to investigate the suitability of a community orchard (1) and potential layout (2) on the extension land adjacent to Dog Close at a cost of £1151.70 + vat (From Unilateral Agreement Funds) <i>note if (1) showed the site to be unsuitable then (2) would fall</i>	Prop Cllr AP, 2 nd Cllr DK, Carried
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Action: Contact the company and confirm the Council wish to accept the quote understanding that if it is not suitable then item (2) will not be carried out.	By Cllr AP
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9. South Warwickshire Local Plan (SWLP)

9.1 Consideration of plan and formulation of Parish Council response – Cllrs discussed the elements of the plan in the order they arose and agreed response for each of these areas.

Action: Response to be collated from the outcome of discussions and submitted to SDC.	By Cllr AP
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10. Cllrs & Clerk exchange of information

Cllr Kendall said he now had a name at SDC who could give financial advise if Cllrs required this.

Cllr Dipple said the potholes at Walton continued to expand.

Cllr Howes raised concern about the speed of the traffic from the Charlecote traffic island into the village.

11. Date of next meeting 7th March 2023

There was no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 8.55PM

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

Signed.....

Date.....2023

(Completed 1st March 2023)