

WELLESBOURNE & WALTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes for a meeting of the Council taking place on Tuesday 7th February 2023 at 7.15 pm at the Methodist Hall, Bridge Street, Wellesbourne

Present: Cllr Mrs Prior Councillors: Barton, Mrs Bolton, Cannon, Dipple, Kendall, Keogh-Bywater, Shepherd Clerk: Mrs Scriven
County/District Councillors: 1 Members of public: 6

1. Welcome and announcements

2. Apologies received – Cllr Howes

3. **Declarations of Interest** – Cllr Mrs Prior declared a Non Registerable Interest (NRI) in matters pertaining to planning application no.22/03696/TPO as known to the applicant

4. **Confirmation of the order of the agenda** – add as new 13.3 Coronation Weekend, add as new 11.5 Wellesbourne and Walton News - Recommendation regarding financial support and recommendation to vire funds (two recommendations from Finance Committee missed off the agenda in error) - agreed

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

6. **Confirmation of the minutes of the Council meeting on 3rd January 2023** - agreed

7. **Matters arising from the minutes not included in the agenda** - none

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

Mr Cowcher, Sunderland Place, said the underpass behind the Co-op had new graffiti and red paint everywhere
Mr Roberts, Take Flight Aviation, raised concern about the second MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) agreed by SDC and the landowners of Wellesbourne Mountford Airfield and subsequent proposals for industrial development on the site which could be in place before the enhanced aviation element of the plan takes place and asked what WWPC were going to do to protect the flying function of the site in accordance with the Neighbourhood Plan (NHD Plan) and Core Strategy (CS)
Cllr Prior said that WWPC would continue to support the flying function of the airfield in accordance with the NHD Plan and AS9, were supporting Wellesbourne Matters, getting regular updates from SDC, and would continue to monitor the situation as things progress.

9. District & County Council matters

9.1 Cllr Kendall – The development plans for the airfield continued to progress and a planning application was expected late spring/early summer.

9.2 Cllr Parry – not in attendance

9.3 Cllr O’Donnell – not in attendance

10. Planning

10.1 Applications

1.

22/03696/TPO	T1 sycamore - Reduce height of trunks by approximately 0.6metres, to sound wood. Reduce lateral branches over hanging highway; towards property boundary with neighbour and those overhanging driveway by approximately 2m	For	Mr John Shorrocks
At	The Old Dispensary, 5 Stratford Road, Wellesbourne	Date	22 nd February 2023
Planning Officer	Ruth Rose		

No objection

2.

23/00229/TREE	T1 spruce - fell	For	Mr Andrew Allen
At	38 Willow Drive, Wellesbourne	Date	22 nd February 2023
Planning Officer	Assistant Planner		

No objection – the Council ask that a replacement native species be planted

10.2 South Warwickshire Local Plan Part 1 (9th Jan – 6th Mar)

10.2.1

Discussion and formulation of response to SWLP Part 1	Moved to Extra Ordinary meeting 28th February
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10.3 Date of next planning meetings: 8th and 22nd February 2023

11. Finance Committee

11.1 Committee Chairman’s report– Cllr RB – The main focus of the meeting had been exploration of opportunities for investment of the surplus funds held by the PC, mainly commuted sums for the transfer of land from Persimmon. The funds had now transferred from Barclays Bank to Unity Trust Bank. Wellesbourne & Walton News had some financial difficulties due to the rising costs of printing and delivery. The Committee discussed the value of the publication and agreed to financially assist them during this period of difficulty.

11.2 Record of payments made as per the attached list - noted

11.3 Record of staff salary payments made as per the attached list - noted

11.4 Management reports & Management commentary (Dec) - noted

11.5 Wellesbourne and Walton News

11.5.1

Recommendation from the Finance Committee to donate £2000 to Wellesbourne & Walton News to assist with immediate financial difficulties	Prop Cllr AP, 2 nd Cllr RB Carried
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11.5.2

Recommendation from the Finance Committee to vire £1000 from the APM budget and £1000 from the surplus in grant funding.	Prop Cllr AP, 2 nd Cllr AS Carried
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11.6 Internal Audit report – Now completed and once again the Clerk and RFO were to be congratulated on their hard work ensuring the Council’s procedures were to be commended.

Action: Chairman to write to the Clerk and RFO congratulating them on their successful completion of the audit	By: Cllr AP
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11.7 Barclays Bank update Clerk – The Council’s complaint about poor service from Barclays Business Banking had finally been considered and upheld with £100 compensation offered.

Action: write to say how disappointing the Barclays Customer Service/Complaints processes were and accepting the meagre compensation payment of £100.	By: Office
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11.8 Investment Opportunities – Since writing the report it had become evident that not all of the recommendations were available to business investment. It was agreed that further investigation be undertaken by the RFO.

11.8.1

Recommendation from the Finance Committee to accept the proposals for the investment of opportunities for surplus funds	Withdrawn
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11.9 Date of next meeting – 28th March 2023

12. Highways, Environment & Emergency Committee

12.1 Activity update – the speed hump and speed denoting signs had been installed by the Handyman at the Bowls Club driveway on Mountford sports field. The grounds maintenance contractor had been asked to look at the newly installed reinforced access by the Bowls Club/Cricket Club to see if had settled enough to remove the locked gate. Rules of use signs were being installed at the village car park and flood prevention measures were being installed the side emergency doors and around the airbricks at the Village Hall.

12.2 Date of next meeting: 28th February 2023

13. Community Facilities Committee – Cllr AP

13.1 Chairman’s report – noted. Chief Planning Officer (SDC) Alison Cosnett had confirmed to the Chairman that no planning permission was required to place a rubber matting ramp to the main entrance and inside the new general access gate at Dog Close land.

13.2 Sustainable Wellesbourne

13.2.1

Recommendation to approve the printing cost for leaflets for Sustainable Wellesbourne	Prop Cllr AP, 2 nd Cllr DK Carried
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13.3 Coronation Weekend – the Chairman had been asked if the PC were doing anything to celebrate the King’s coronation, no event was agreed but Cllrs were to give this consideration.

13.4 Date of next meeting 21st March 2023

14. Office & Staffing Committee

14.1 Chairman’s update – Cllr AP said the appraisal process had now completed.

14.2 Code of Conduct update – Cllrs were urged to read the document, paying particular attention to the paragraphs annotated in green.

14.3 Date of next meeting: 21st February 2023

15. Index working Party – Cllr RB

15.1 Index update – The draft index had been prepared and returned for proof reading by the printer. Cllrs RB & DB were to proof read.

16. Meeting with Safer Neighbourhood Team feedback – Cllr AP

Cllr AP had attended the SNT meeting and met PC Chris Taylor, replacing PC Catherine Morgan in Wellesbourne and it was confirmed that the SNT were being moved to Southam from Stratford. Cllrs raised concern that the response times for police support would be impacted by the move and that despite the recruitment publicity by the police, the local SNT were still struggling to provide the required level of cover across the 40+ parishes serviced by the team. Cllrs queried why the police had not availed themselves of the SEC 106 provision for a new police base in Upper Lighthorne and why they continued to provide a reduced service to rural communities.

Action: Write to Chief Constable, Police & Crime Commissioner and MP raising concern as to the rising cost of police provision without improvement of service (Cc to Police Complaints Dept)	By: Chairman
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17. Wellesbourne & Walton News (Apr)

Annual Parish Meeting date Policing in Warwickshire rural communities Volunteer Day
Photo ID for election Volunteers to deliver the Index

18. Cllrs & Clerk exchange of information

Cllr Mrs Bolton – broken tree on the green opposite the allotments requiring replacement

Cllr Mrs Prior – the election papers packs will be available to the Clerk around 8th March onward. Cllrs to collect their paperwork and once completed, to deliver them by hand to SDC in good time for any errors to be rectified.

19. Dates of next meetings

7 th March 2023	Full Council
	Committees
21 st February 2023	Office & Staffing
28 th February 2023	HEE
21 st March 2023	Community Facilities
28 th March 2023	Finance

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 8.30pm

Chairman.....

Signed.....

Date.....2023

(completed 8th February 2023)