

WELLESBOURNE & WALTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes for a meeting of the Community Facilities Committee of the Council on Tuesday 21 March 2023 at 7.15 pm in the Methodist Hall, Bridge Street, Wellesbourne

Present: Chairman: Cllr Mrs Prior

Councillors: Mrs Bolton, Barton, Dipple, Howes

Asst. Clerk: Mr Thomas

Members of the public: 1

1. **Welcome & Announcements**
2. **Apologies received** – Cllr Kendall
3. **Confirmation of the order of the agenda** – agreed.
4. **Identification of any items that might be resolved for confidential session** - None
5. **Declarations of Interest** - Cllr Mrs Bolton, declared an Other Registerable Interest, in matters pertaining to the Village Hall as the PC representative. Cllr Mrs Prior declared an Non Registerable Interest, in matters pertaining to the WSCC as a Trustee to the centre.
6. **Open Session for members of the public to raise any matters of relevance to the Parish** - None
7. **Minutes of the meeting on 10 January 2023** - agreed

8. **Matters arising** – (not on the agenda)

8.1 **Flooding – Newbold Place update** – Clerk

Action: To find out the latest update, relating to Newbold Place

By: Assistant Clerk

8.2 **Donated trees – Dog Close update** – Cllr AP

The WI had donated two trees. The U3A wished to plant a tree but would take advice before any planting.

There has been a request for a memorial tree. It was agreed to contact the family to see if they would like some sort of memorial plaque against the tree.

Action: The PC to contact the family to see if they would like something to be placed by the tree

By: Assistant Clerk / AP

8.3 **Wellesbourne Sports and Community Centre report on staircase** – Assistant Clerk

Action: Assistant Clerk to obtain 3 quotations for the work to be carried out.

By: Assistant Clerk

8.4 **Work at Mountford Sports Field** – Cllr AP

All works had been completed.

9. **Sports Association**

9.1 **Report Mr Isted** - Noted

Action: It was agreed for the Council to write to the Cricket Club, congratulating them for their anniversary

By: Cllr AP

The Bowls Club Report, referred to problems relating to restricted access, resulting in lost bookings, maintenance access issues. Cllr AP was asked to attend a meeting with the Bowling Club.

Action: Write a response relating to the agreement in place. The surfaces were not suitable for parking and for driving on, especially in the wet.

By: Cllr AP

10. **Dene Meadow Nature Reserve**

10.1 **Update** – Cllr AP

10.2 **Survey of residents regarding renaming of area**

The results were announced as being:

Name Options	Results
Dene Meadows	33
Hopper's Meadow	25
Jubilee Meadow	6

The thistles in Dene Meadow had been sprayed with herbicide by volunteers. The Handyman had carried out some work within the field.

A meeting had taken place with Andy Cournier from the Heritage Orchard Company. A survey of the land had been conducted. One of the outcomes from the survey led to some of the soil / object needing to be sent away for testing for identification. The object was removed from the ground and burnt. A Christmas tree situated in the area would need to be removed. The plans are to commence the planting early, finishing the work late April to the start of May 2023.

11. **Green open spaces**

11.1 **Transfer of land update** Cllr AP - The Grange transfer was progressing.

A final inspection was carried out by the Council and Thomas Fox. Remedial work would include insertion of tree guards to protect the new trees from the deer, to be funded by persimmon. If the public green open space at the Grange were to change to woodland, change of use planning permission may be required.

11.2 **Transfer of land at Frost Road update** Cllr AP - Response awaited from Council Solicitor.

11.3 **To mow or not to mow** – Cllr AP

A presentation was given by a Lucy Hartley, a resident of Wellesbourne and part of the sustainable Wellesbourne Group. The presentation, focused on Mountford Sports Field, Willow Drive green area and the Dovehouse Drive Playground. Benefits of "no mow", includes less labour costs, less burning of

fuel, environmental advantages, and decreases in Carbon dioxide within the atmosphere, as much as 50%. The Councillors were asked to comment on the presentation. The comments included:

- It would be a good start and we can continue to do more next year.
- We do need open spaces for the kids to run around. However, the long grass maybe present problems with dog fouling.
- The Council would need to talk to the residents of Willow Drive, explaining the reasons behind the “no-mow”, approach.
- The approach looks unkempt in other areas. However, if carried out well, it’s the right thing to do.

Councillors were happy to go ahead with the “No-mow” approach.

Action: Thomas Fox to be contacted and shown the “no-mow” plans.	By: Cllr Mrs AP
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Action: Talk to the residents of Willow Drive about the “no-mow” plans.	By: Cllr Mrs AP
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Action: Communicate to the Bowls Club and the Cricket Club the intentions to introduce the “no-mow” plan.	By: Cllr Mrs AP
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12. Properties

12.1 Village Hall matters – Cllr RB

No meeting had been held since the last Community Facilities Meeting. The Village Hall Committee had been shown the inspection report, detailing actions required.

12.2 Village Hall – flood prevention update – Assistant Clerk

The Handyman had installed a wiper blade at the bottom of the door to help prevent water ingress. Work relating to the ventilation bricks was ongoing.

12.3 Village Hall inspection update – Cllr AP

Action: Inspection report to be written up and placed on the shared area for Councillors	By: Office
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13. Budget

13.1 2022/23 – current budget position

No areas of overspend reported, with the overall total amount noted.

14. Playgrounds

14.1 Dovehouse – replacement of cradle swings update Assistant Clerk - It was reported that the cradle swings had now been installed.

14.2 Playground reports consideration.

ROSPA reports relating to the play areas for Dovehouse Play Area and Mountford Sports Field were distributed to Councillors and noted.

15. Planters update - Cllr. SH

Wellesbourne In Bloom hoped to increase the number of plants in the village, focusing on areas where there’s tarmac and concrete. For some locations, the Council would need to seek the permission of Warwickshire County Council approved through the HEE committee.

Plans included areas such as the precinct. Consideration would be required to prevent the plants becoming obstructions for the disabled.

16. Gate at Mountford Sports Field

A request made by the Bowls Club for a gate that would only be opened when used. The Bowls Club would take responsibility for the opening and locking of the gate and managing its use.

Recommendation to approve the quote for a gate at Mountford Sports Field	Prop: Cllr AP, 2 nd TD carried
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Action: Decision to be forwarded for Full Council and the new gate to be ordered.	By: Office
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17. Newbold Road update – Cllr AP

The plans include areas, such as:

- Construction method plans.
- 10% of the parking spaces, to be for electrical charging point.
- Hard and soft landscaping
- Transport statement
- Traffic assessment.

The target date for completion and the application to be with Stratford District Council is April 2023.

18. Cllr, Clerk and member exchange of information

Cllr Barton – First meeting will be taking place at the church, for the Wellesbourne and Walton News, to discuss future plans for the organisation.

19. Date of next meeting – 9th May 2023

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 9.37 pm

Chairman.....

Signed.....

Date.....

(Completed on 27/03/2023)