

WELLESBOURNE & WALTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes for a meeting of the Council on Tuesday 1st August 2023 at 7.15 pm at the Methodist Hall, Bridge Street, Wellesbourne

Present: Chairman Cllr Mrs Prior Councillors: Barton, Mrs Bolton, Dipple, Mrs Hancox, Mrs Jackson, Keogh-Bywater, Shepherd
Clerk: Mrs Scriven District Cllrs: 2 Members of public: 4

1. **Welcome and announcements** – Welcome to the four new Cllrs, Lin Hancox, Claire Jackson, Nick Storr who were in attendance and Cllr Howard Davies who had given apologies.

2. **Apologies received** – Cllrs: Davies, Howard

3. **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Storr declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPI) in item 10.1.1 planning application as a resident of Wheelwright Way.

Cllr Barton declared an Other Registerable Interest (ORI) in matters pertaining to item 13.8 as Director of Charlecote (Wellesbourne) Management Co Ltd, which acts as the Residents Association for Hammond Green.

4. **Confirmation of the order of the agenda** – remove item 12.2 as duplicated, add new 7.1 Wellesbourne and Walton news and 12.3 and renumber – recommendation to approve the purchase of a banner and street fayre stall for Sustainable Wellesbourne from the Climate budget (HEE) – agreed

5. **Identification of any items that might be resolved for confidential session**

Item 7.1 as financial information of external organisation, Item 13.5 as information relating to an external organisation - agreed

6. **Confirmation of the minutes of the Council meeting:**

4th July 2023 (Full Council meeting) - agreed

18th July 2023 (planning meeting) - agreed

7. **Matters arising from the minutes not included in the agenda** – Police 101 telephone service – this had been raised at a meeting with Warwickshire Police who acknowledged problems with the 101 and 999 calls and measures to improve this were being put in place

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

Mrs Dane, Newbold Road raised concern about the poor signage on the one way system

Miss McDonough, Mountford Close asked when the planning would be submitted for the Newbold Road car park

9. **District & County Council matters**

9.1 Cllr George Cowcher report – noted. Additional information: Stagecoach say the lost information relating to No 15 service was a system glitch. Concessionary parking had been reinstated for Bridgefoot and recreation ground car parks in Stratford but now cost £50.

9.2 Cllr Parry report – noted Additional information: The allotments had been moved to green from red in the updated Local Plan

9.3 Cllr Johnston – no report

9.4 Cllr O'Donnell – on report

10. **Planning**

10.1 Applications

1. **Cllr Storr left the meeting**

23/01477/OUT	Outline planning application for a residential development of up to 25 dwellings (Class C3 Use) with access from Wheelwright Way, and associated infrastructure works (all matters reserved except for access)		
At	Land adjacent to Wheelwright Way, Wellesbourne	For	Dalscote Little LLP
Planning Officer	Charlotte Dicks	Date	2 nd August 2023

Object: Policy CS15 says that in MRC development will take place on:

Allocated sites identified in the Area Strategies and shown on the Policies Map

On sites identified in the Neighbourhood Plan

Through the redevelopment and reuse of suitable land and property within their BUAB as defined on the policy maps.

This development does not fulfil any of those criteria. Not in accord with Neighbourhood Plan WW7 7.1 Housing should be contained within Area 1 to the north of the village. WW7 3 No new housing will be allowed outside the built up area other than for any on a reserved site. This site is outside the built up boundary as shown on Map 10 of the Neighbourhood Plan. There is potential for a conflict with the plans for the airfield and the current flight paths of both helicopters and planes should be shown (this application impedes the helicopter flight space for take off an landing) before outline permission might be granted. Whilst the PC welcomes the open spaces being transferred to them, this does lead to a conflict with the provision on the potential neighbouring properties who have a maintenance company, despite our request to the developers that we should take over their open spaces and play parks. SDC Core Strategy Policy AS9 in section A states that the Wellesbourne Waste water treatments work should be upgraded to facilitate future developments in the village, this has not been carried out. In section C Nor does it provide additional pitches for sport or enhance the Parish Council leisure facilities. It does not fulfil the conditions under section C economic: enhancing the village centre, or improving local job opportunities. AS9 is supposed to be applied to any developments being proposed by SDC and few, if any of the principles in AS9 are met by this application.

Inadequate provision of footways into the village from this development are already cause for concern with children forced to walk from the development through the Dovehouse to get a bus to school. Further development of this area would increase already heavy use of the Loxley Road by vehicles on a road not built to take large amount of traffic and the primary school are already at full capacity without spaces for primary school children meaning families would be forced to travel out of the village with their children.

Cllr Storr returned to the meeting

2.

23/01912/FUL	Extension and alteration of existing detached bungalow including dormer, rear extension and new entrance porch		
At	Longcroft, 15 Mountford Close. Wellesbourne	For	Mr Keith Thomas
Planning Officer	Declan Jermy	Date	11 August 2023

No objection

10.2 Consultation on the introduction of Local Connection Eligibility Test for the Self-Build and Custom Housebuilding Register – Cllrs discussed the importance of tightening up this loophole in planning which is not covered by the Neighbourhood Plan.

Action: Write to SDC supporting the introduction of means testing for Self build and custom build homes	By: Cllr AP
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10.3 Date of next WWPC Planning Committee Meeting: 15th August 2023 - noted

10.4 Date of next SDC planning committee meetings: 2nd, 16th, 30th 2023 - noted

11. Finance Committee

11.1 Committee Chairman's report– noted

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 for June – to be added to the Cllr shared drive

11.5 Date of next meeting – 14th November 2023

12. Highways, Environment & Emergency Committee – Cllr MKB

12.1 HEE update - white line markings on Bridge Street/School Road/Kineton Road now completed, no meeting of WWFAG had taken place but an application for CILs funds had been made.

12.2 Speed Aware Scheme update – Kineton Road/Loxley Road had been targeted by the scheme but more volunteers were needed.

ACTION: Advertise for more volunteers – Cllr Mrs Hancox volunteered to join – notify the SNT for training	BY: Office
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12.3 Sustainable Wellesbourne

Recommendation that WWPC purchase a banner at a cost of £60 + vat and stall hire at £28 to come from the Climate budget (HEE)	Prop Cllr AP, 2 nd Cllr MKB carried
ACTION: Purchase banner and pay for stall at the Community Open Day	By: Office

12.4 Date of next meeting: 19th September 2023

13. Community Facilities Committee – Cllr AP

13.1 Chairman's report– noted – Additional information: Frost Road land acquisition is with the solicitors awaiting transfer. ROSPA inspection had been carried out on Dene Meadow prior to its opening and works agreed on the coppice with the Handyman.

13.2 Climate Change (for discussion) – It was agreed that PC representatives join members of Sustainable Wellesbourne in a working party to put a plan together for action. Cllrs Mrs Jackson, Storr volunteered to join.

ACTION: Arrange a meeting of representatives from Sustainable Wellesbourne with Cllrs AP, CJ, NS	By: Cllr AP
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13.3 Activities for teenagers -summer activities provision for 11yrs-16yrs was considered.

13.3.1

Recommendation to approve a sum of £1000 plus vat for the provision of summer activities in 2023 for teenagers in the parish to come from the CILs fund	Prop Cllr AP, 2 nd Cllr DB carried
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13.4 Community Orchard – Cllrs agreed the layout and cost of provision of a community orchard to be planted at Dene Meadow

13.4.1

Recommendation to approve the purchase and planting of mixed native trees to provide an orchard for the community at a cost of £12,000 plus vat to come from the commuted sum fund from Persimmon	Prop Cllr AP, 2 nd Cllr DB carried
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13.5 Dene Meadow benches – moved to confidential session

13.6 Signage for Dene Meadow – Cllrs considered the provision of an information sign to be situated inside the meadow

13.6.1

Recommendation to purchase an adjustable sign for Dene Meadow at a cost of £4,317.16 plus vat from the Unilateral Agreement funds	Prop Cllr AP, 2 nd Cllr RB carried
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13.7 Correspondence: Request to install a storage unit at the Dovehouse Sports field from Wellesbourne Wanderers – Cllrs agreed

Action: Notify WW to go ahead with their grant application with installation permission	By: Office
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13.8 Hammond Green Residents Association – no update on the PC's request for share funding for noticeboard

13.9 Date of next meeting 17th October 2023

14. Office & Staffing Committee - Cllr DB

14.1 Chairman's update – no meeting had taken place but it was noted payroll was underspent as the new salary agreement had not yet been reached and there had been an overspend on software for Cllr laptops to enable paperless office.

14.2 Office relocation update – Cllr AP & the Clerk had met Sheldon Bosley representatives to agree changes requiring planning application. The PC would seek quotes for internal works to be paid out of the commuted sum from Persimmon.

14.3 Council minute recording – proposal to change method – Cllr DB

14.3.1

Recommendation to move to recording minutes to show information that discussion took place (if applicable) the decision/resolution and actions to be taken, with detailed specific minute on request by a Cllr for specific agenda items if deemed necessary to redeploy the Clerk/Assistant Clerk onto more pressing work	Prop Cllr DB 2 nd Cllr RB carried Cllr AS abstained
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14.4 Date of next meeting: 15th August 2023

15. Hardship Fund update – moved to confidential session

16. Wellesbourne & Walton News (SEPT)

Grants Speed Aware Scheme – Call for volunteers

17. Cllrs & Clerk exchange of information - none

18. Dates of next meetings

5 th September	Full Council
15 th August	Committees
19 th September	Office & Staffing
17 th October	HEE
	Community
	Facilities
14 th Nov	Finance
15 th August	Planning

Under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest, as if members of the public were present during the consideration of such business, there would be disclosure to them of exempt information under Paras 1 and 11 and Part 1 Schedule 12A of the said Act, that the public be excluded.

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Item 7.1 Wellesbourne & Walton News – Cllrs agreed to meet with representatives of WWNews to discuss ways in which the publication might go forward.

Cllr Mrs Bolton left the meeting

Item 13.1 Benches for Dene Meadow – it was agreed a bench be purchased and installed as quickly as possible.

Item 15 Hardship Fund – a dedicated telephone line was to be installed to enable self-referral.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 9.15pm

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

Signed.....

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