

WELLESBOURNE & WALTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes for a meeting of the Highways, Environment and Emergency Committee on Tuesday 26th September at 7.15pm at the Methodist Hall, Bridge Street, Wellesbourne

Present: Chairman: Cllr Keogh-Bywater Councillors: Barton, Mrs Bolton, Davies, Mrs Prior Clerk: Mrs Scriven Members of public: 3

1. Welcome & Announcements

2. Apologies received – Cllr Howes

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 Keogh-Bywater declared an Other Registerable Interest in matters pertaining to item 11.2 as an employee of Severn Trent Water.

6. Minutes of the meeting on 27th June 2023 - agreed

7. Matters arising – (not on the agenda)

7.1 Conifers by Orford Close WCC response – as the land was not highway extent WCC would only cut it if it became a danger to the public.

8. Open Session for members of the public to raise any matters of relevance to the Parish - none

9. Highways Issues

9.1 Signage (general brown signs) - following difficulty with ordering the signs were to be ordered shortly.

9.2 20s Plenty update – WWPC had received written notification that 20's Plenty signs could no longer be placed on the street furniture and would be removed if they were reinstated.

Action: Contact WCC requesting the process for application for a 20 zone	By Office
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9.3 VAS – Vehicle activated Speed signs – Enquiries had been made into the provision of a trial VAS to be fitted at Charlecote Road.

Action: Ask WCC where the programme of upgrade to the existing VAS had reached and where the new number plate recognition signs were located in rural South Warwickshire	By: Office
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9.4 Crossing at Ettington Road (by the end of the layby near Constance Harris Close) update – this was being followed up with Cllr O'Donnell. It was noted that there was no footway to the bus stop by the Co-op store, and Cllrs felt a bus shelter on the opposite side of the road at this location would be welcomed by residents.

Action: Get quotes for bus shelters and contact WCC regarding installation costs for a shelter)	By Office
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9.5 Cycle routes, lack of in the parish – Cllrs agreed that an unbroken cycle path from Wellesbourne to Warwick traffic island along the A429 would be beneficial. It was noted, despite WCC having £6.75m for cycle routes there were no rural cycle routes planned.

Action: Ask WCC what provision is being made for rural cycle routes and request consideration of extending the cycle route from Wellesbourne to Warwick island along the A429 as a major route for work	By Office
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9.6 Parking at the Dentist/Willow Drive update – Mr Langman had responded positively to the request for staff to use the village car park freeing up parking at the surgery for clients.

10. Footway Issues

10.1 Overgrown vegetation around the village – WCC highways had scheduled cut back of vegetation on Loxley Road, Loxley Close, Baker Drive, and the bypass.

10.2 Slow Walk (correspondence) – This was an initiative for walkers to give feedback on the accessible footpaths in Wellesbourne & Walton to be uploaded to a national databank. Cllrs agreed to post the link to the WWPC website and advertise it in Wellesbourne & Walton News.

11. Environment

11.1 Wellesbourne Flood Action Group – three projects were outlined, 1) leaky dams had been installed and the attenuation ponds were now Rewilding at Morton Morrell and a diverter fitted to take storm water into the pond. 2) 3 ponds to be installed in the next field to project 1 and 3) 15 leaky dams to be installed at Hell Hole (to the left of Bowshot crossroads from the Fosse Way) to Moreton Paddox. These were to be installed with the assistance of volunteers. WWFAG continued to work with external agencies (Severn Trent/EA), farmers, Moreton Morrell College and Shipston Flood Group.

11.2 Correspondence – River Dene (Mr Franklin) – concern had been raised about the weed in the river and its general health. The Clerk had written a comprehensive response and Cllrs agreed there was no further action required.

11.3 Wellesbourne in Bloom – Planters had been placed at Baker Drive and Elliott Drive, and one for Warwick Road was pending. The poor state of the landscaping at Hastings House was raised.

Action: Contact Hastings House and request their grounds maintenance team address the dead/decayed plants	By Office
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12. Emergency

12.1 Emergency Plan update - Cllr Keogh-Bywater was dividing the plan between Cllrs for updating. (To be done for January meeting)

12.2 Emergency boxes - out of date items had been replaced in the WSCC and St Peter's Church boxes.

12.3 Defibrillators – estimates for solar panel cabinets had been sought and an updated record for defibrillator ongoing maintenance was being prepared by the office.

13 Budget 2023/24

13.1 Budget review of 2023/24 – some underspend was noted

13.2 Budget setting for 2024/2025 – a draft budget was to be circulated to committee members

14. Capital fund

14.1 Projects from fund – four new defibrillators for the village agreed, Chestnut Square bus stop, Mountford Place park, and one in each park on the Grange.

Recommendation to full council to purchase and install four defibrillators, one safe box and three solar safe boxes from the Capital Fund	Prop Cllr MKB, 2 nd Cllr RB, carried
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15. Development Plan

15.1 Items for development – to be reviewed at January meeting

Action: Update the development plan	By Cllr AP
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16. Lengthsman

16.1 Lengthsman update – works carried out included vegetation clearance around the village, completion of painting of the telephone box in Chestnut square, graffiti clearance on play equipment and street furniture, weed clearance on the village car park.

Action: Request hard cut back of the vegetation at Constance Harris Close by Lengthsman	By Office
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17. Climate Change Strategy

17.1 Council plan for zero carbon footprint – Cllrs Mrs Prior, Mrs Jackson and Storr to meet to discuss.

Action: Prepare a draft plan for January meeting	By Cllrs AP,CJ,NS
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18. Councillor and Clerk exchange of information

Cllr Mrs Prior – the palisade fence had been installed at the rear of the Co-op and underpass stopping children accessing the A429. The Co-op now had locking gates and new CCTV making the area secure and less prone to fires being started. Thanks were noted to Cllr O'Donnell who had made funding available for the fence installation from the County Cllr fund. A bid had been made for trees from the Coronation Heritage Fund via SDC and also with WCC for provision of a "micro-wood".

Cllr Mrs Bolton – a resident had asked why traffic was routed from the Fosse Way through Walton to Wellesbourne.

Cllr Keogh-Bywater – a resident had asked if some trees or shrubs could be planted on the bank opposite the coppice by Mountford sportsfield. The Clerk confirmed that this had been refused by WCC following a request for the same by Wellesbourne in Bloom (WIB)

19. Date of next meeting – 9th January 2024

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 8.50pm

Chairman.....Cllr Keogh-Bywater.....

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