

Minutes for a meeting of the Highways, Environment and Emergency Committee on Tuesday 9th January 2024 7.15pm at the Methodist Hall, Bridge Street, Wellesbourne

Present: Chairman: Cllr Keogh-Bywater
Clerk: Mrs Scriven

Councillors: Mrs Bolton, Davies, Mrs Hancox, Howes, Mrs Jackson, Mrs Prior
Members of public: 9

1. Welcome & Announcements

2. Apologies received – Cllr Barton

3. Confirmation of the order of the agenda - add new 9.5 Community Speed Watch Scheme, 9.6 Inconsiderate and Anti-social parking, 9.7 Medical Centre exit road, new 11.2 Bridge St/Newbold Rd flood monitoring, 12.4 Defibrillator training - agreed

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

5. Declarations of Interest - none

6. Minutes of the meeting on 26th September 2023 – agreed

7. Matters arising – (not on the agenda) Item 10.1 cut back of overhanging vegetation on Loxley Road, Baker Drive, Elliott Drive – it was noted this work had commenced. Item 18. Unsatisfactory re-routing of traffic to Wellesbourne from the Fosse via Walton – no response received.

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

Mr Willows, Mountford Close, asked why all comments made by public were not recorded in the minutes – it was explained that Council minutes were not verbatim and are a formal record of official acts and decisions of Council in accordance with the LGA 1972 Sch 12 para 41. Mr Stevenson, Newbold Road raised concerns relating to flooding on Newbold Road and asked Councillors about proposed works in the area, suggesting that the Whitehead Drive estate had exacerbated the flooding of the area as built on flood plain. He asked if the attenuation ponds could be lined increasing their capacity. He asked for a copy of the flood report undertaken by WWFAG.

Mr Hayward, Mountford Close, asked what stage the planning application was at for the proposed car park – it was still with SDC planning. Mr Lee, Newbold Road, confirmed his home had previously flooded.

Mr Phyll, asked what emergency information was available for residents and where this could be found.

The Clerk said Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire Resilience Team produce a booklet Prepare4Action which offers practical advice on how to prepare for emergency, to be uploaded to the Climate section of the Parish Council website. Cllr Keogh-Bywater advised that the Government website also had information on what to do in the event of flooding.

9. Highways Issues

9.1 Signage (general brown signs) – directional signs for the village amenities and free car park had been purchased and were to be installed by the library and precinct area

9.2 VAS – Vehicle activated Speed signs – WCC confirmed they no longer installed VAS and National Traffic Safety would only permit permanent signs where evidence proved need.

9.3 Crossing at Ettington Road (between Co-op and Stratford Rd) – evidence had to be collected with associated costs paid by WWPC. There was a four point criteria for provision of crossings and if need was evidenced, the installation had to be funded by WWPC.

9.4 Road safety in the parish and consideration of approach to WCC – It was agreed that all items concerning road safety be moved to a working party to discuss cost of provision, maintenance and life/usefulness and return to HEE with proposals. (WP: Cllrs MKB, AP, CJ, LH, HD)

9.5 Community Speed Watch Recruitment – Sainsbury's had offered their foyer for a recruitment drive for the scheme on 20th January 2024

9.6 Inconsiderate and Antisocial Parking (Chestnut Square) – once again parking had caused problems with emergency vehicle access. Warwickshire Police had spoken with residents whose vehicles had been inappropriately parked and agreed to place posters backed by WWPC on the green in the square, offering words of advice. The Police had also agreed a letter to be sent by WWPC pointing out the dangers associated with inconsiderate parking to be delivered to every property of Chestnut Square and Church Walk.

9.7 Medical Centre exit road – due to parked vehicles and the narrow vision splay of the exit road, Cllrs noted the difficulties in exiting Rivers Way onto Bridge Street, especially if turning right.

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| Action: Report to SDC enforcement for checking the vision splay is as required | By Office |
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10. Footpath & Footway Issues

10.1 Correspondence - Footpath amendment for Index map – it was noted the map incorrectly linked two footpaths, this would be amended

10.2 Improving footways and footway provision – Cllr RB reported a near accident involving a pedestrian with a pram and dog walking in the Highway due to the absence of a footway.

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| Action: Write to WCC stressing the danger caused by housing estates built without sufficient footways around them | By Office cc.Cllr PAO'D |
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11. Environment

11.1 Wellesbourne Flood Action Group update – No recent meetings. Work had been delayed on the 3rd attenuation pond at Bog Field Moreton Morrell, due to the inclement weather preventing the use of heavy machinery. Leaky dams had been installed on the brook and further works were pending. Cllr KB said he would ask WWFAG if they could release the report requested by Mr Stevenson saying it could possibly be put on the PC website. Cllr AP said if the report was released WWPC would put it onto the PC website for ease of public access.

11.2 Wellesbourne in Bloom update – WIB had held a “Best door wreath” competition, planning had begun on spring displays and more

planters would be installed as funds permitted. Winter planting of the precinct and gated entrance planters had been carried out.
11.3 Maintenance of Land at Hastings House update – landscape and attenuation pond maintenance had been part of the planning conditions

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| Action: Write to the surgery asking when maintenance would be carried out | By Office |
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12. Emergency

12.1 Emergency Plan update – It was noted the electronic version posted to the shared drive had some sort of formula corruption so work could not be saved. The original document to be uploaded to the shared drive in order that amendments could be saved.

12.2 Emergency boxes – it was agreed that due to the increase in population of Wellesbourne (The Persimmon development) one more box be provided.

12.3 Defibrillators update – service books had been provided for the four new units and the additional signage at Dovehouse sports field and Avon Studios had been installed.

12.4 Village Defib training – Cllrs agreed that training in CPR and use of defibrillators should be offered to residents.

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| Action: Find out what training is available and what agency would provide this free of charge | By Cllr Davies |
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13 Budget 2023/24

13.1 Budget review of 2023/24 – current spending on target

14. Capital fund

14.1 Projects from fund – speed awareness

It was noted that the thermal imaging cameras were now being loaned to residents.

15. Development Plan

15.1 Items for development – Safer road safety in the parish, speed awareness, Lengthsman, Defibrillators, bio diversity audit

16. Lengthsman

16.1 Lengthsman – due to lack of response from member parishes it was agreed to write asking if they wished to leave the scheme.

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| Action: write to the member parishes to ask if they wish to leave the scheme. | By Office |
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17. Climate Change Strategy

17.1 Council plan for zero carbon footprint – airfield removed, add wind turbine for Village Hall. Consideration to be given to provision of a Community Fridge.

18. Councillor and Clerk exchange of information

Cllr Howes asked if the underpass might be painted by local artists working with young people to make it a more pleasant area.

19. Date of next meeting – to be agreed

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting closed at 9.20pm

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

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