

WELLESBOURNE and WALTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Amenities Highways Committee which met on Tuesday 21st April at 7.30 pm at the Parish Council office at 2 School Road, Wellesbourne



Present: Chairman Cllr Mrs Prior Cllrs Mrs Bolton, Close Mrs Hodgkinson, Lawley and Quinn and Mrs Cook. Minutes taken by Administrative Assistant Mrs Lipman. Members of the public 1.

1. **Welcome** - noted
2. **Approval of Apologies for Absence** - none
3. **Declarations of Interest** - none
4. **Confirmation of the order of the Agenda and identification of any items likely to be resolved to confidential session**
It was agreed to table late correspondence after item 14.
5. **Confirmation of the minutes of the Amenities/Highways meeting of 17th February 2015**
These were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman
6. **Matters arising:**
 - 6.1 Dog fouling update
Karen Dixon (SDC) had agreed that the dog warden should notify all parishes of her intention to patrol in their area.
7. **Open session for members of the public to raise any matters of relevance to the Parish**
Miss McDonaugh, Mountford Close asked why the Highways Authority had not commented on the proposed application for a medical centre on Dog Close.

8. Appearance of village

- 8.1 Pollution at Bridge Street
Mrs Cook confirmed that letters from WCC had been delivered to residents of Chapel Street asking them to check their washing machine connection. There had been 3 replies. She had also contacted Jeremy Wright MP and Environmental Health.

ACTION	Write to and Chief Executive of WCC and Cllr Izzie Seccombe (Leader of WCC)	By	Office
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- 8.2 Parish Council handyman – possible work schedule

ACTION	Draw up a list of possible work to be discussed at next meeting	By	Mrs Cook
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Councillors also agreed to explore the possibility of initiating a local Lengthsman scheme

ACTION	Write a letter to WCC expressing interest in the Lengthsman scheme	By	Office
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- 8.3 Overgrown footpath at Old Warwick Road
No issues were found with the footpath at present but Cllrs expressed concern regarding the safety of pedestrians crossing the A429 for HRI

ACTION	Write a letter to WCC expressing safety concerns	By	Office
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ACTION	Notify WCC of a broken sign and ask for it to be repositioned further away from the pedestrian access on the grounds of enhanced safety	By	Office
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- 8.4 State of grass on Church Street and Simmons Court
An area of verge on Church Street and Simmon Court was not being cut

ACTION	Contact Matt Austin (SDC) to ask who was responsible for each area	By	Office
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9. Childrens' Play Areas

- 9.1 Replacement Play equipment on Mountford sportsfield
New equipment due to be installed Wed 29th April
- 9.2 Future planning
A further £15,000 had been allocated in the current budget, the Dovehouse play area should be the priority.
- 9.3 Dovehouse play area hedge

Emergency expenditure of £68 to cover weed killing and strimming of briars growing through Dovehouse play area hedge	Identified as a health and safety issue and authorised by Clerk
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10. Mountford Sportsfield

- 10.1 Damage to lychgate
Quotes were being sought from heritage carpenters to repair the vandalised lychgate roof
- 10.2 Request for pruning of trees at Ettington Road layby
Following the recent vandalism and antisocial behaviour SNT had requested the trees at the Ettington Road layby be cut back

ACTION	Contact Gavin Callard (WCC) to support request	By	Office
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- 10.3 Damage to trim trail
Recommendation to purchase new bridge deck at a cost of £265 plus VAT and to instruct TW Fox to install it
Prop Cllr AP 2nd Cllr SH motion carried

11. Wellesbourne Sports Association

11.1 Identification of dates for liaison meeting

Cllr DC said an initial meeting had taken place with Mike Podbury (Chairman) and a further meeting would be arranged by members of the new Committee

12. Highways Issues

12.1 Highways report – noted and available on the website

12.2 Footway at Warwick Road

Complaint regarding damaged footway at Warwick Road	Sandra Whiteley
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The issue had been reported to WCC highways and a reply awaited

13. Road issues

13.1 Placement of bus stop and crossing point on Loxley Road

Following a complaint to WCC a reply had been received stating that the layout had gone through a Road Safety Audit and there was not thought to be a problem. Cllrs agreed that any residents contacting the PC with complaints should be directed to Daniel Cresswell, Highway Control Engineer at WCC

13.2 Correspondence

Poor state of Dovehouse roads	Angela Bradley by email
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Repairs were scheduled to take place shortly

14. Public rights of Way – Cllr RB

14.1 Footpaths update – noted

A request had been received from Cllr Anne Parry to surface an area of the SD125b

The Committee decided against this request as the owners have not agreed to any improvement works in the past and any request might result in a withdrawal of permission to use the path.

ACTION	Letter to Cllr Anne Parry	By	Cllr Bolton
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15. Late Correspondence

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Request for disabled parking bay in Cherry Orchard	Mr Stuart
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Noted

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Church Street Bus stop	Mrs Cook
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A letter from WCC indicated that they would request enhancement of the bus stop in Church Street as highway improvements associated with the proposed medical centre development.

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Request for new play equipment on Frost Road	Mrs Caley
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Noted

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Unauthorised pruning of shrubs and trees at Beaufort Close	Local resident
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ACTION	Inform Matt Austin (SDC)	By	Office
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16. Committee Exchange of information

Cllr DC Walton Estate had agreed that two trees could be planted at the precinct, if local shopkeepers agree. Wellesbourne in Bloom meet monthly and will be organising a community litter pick on 4th May and would be asked for regular updates.

Cllr PQ Noted that the proposed 6/7 parking places in front of the proposed medical centre would be for general public use.

Cllr BH Thanked the organisers of the Chedham’s Yard World War 1 Remembrance Garden event

Cllr EL Noted that cars were parking on the grass in Chestnut Square and suggested that Cllrs attend the meeting with Sainsbury’s that Amanda Wilson Patterson is organising.

Cllr RB Thanked Cllr PQ for informative highways reports during the year and to Cllr AP for her work as chairman.

Cllr AP Thanked the Committee for all their hard work during the last 3 years, she felt that a lot had been achieved.

17. Provisional date of next Committee Meeting 9th June 2015 - noted

Meeting closed at 9.15pm

Chairman Cllr Anne Prior

Signed

Date