

Welford-on-Avon Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 5th March 2024 at 7:15 p.m.

Present: Cllr S Carter, Cllr M Lake, Cllr N Appleton, Cllr M Stanley, Cllr D Holmes, Cllr D Jones

In attendance: Clerk - Mrs I Wibberley, District Councillor M Perteghella

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Isabelle Ombler spoke of her concerns regarding traffic in the village. As a recent newcomer living on High Street she was concerned about the speed and volume of traffic and the negative impact of this on villagers.

Isabella (a member of the local Brownies) attended. She was working towards her Speaking Out badge and presented to the Councillors her concerns about speeding in the village. She was particularly concerned about areas in the village, such as Cress Hill, where there was not footpath. She had obtained around 50 signatures on a petition against speeding which she presented to the Parish Council. She also read out loud the poem she had written. She was planning to have this published in Welford Matters. Councillors thanked her for her time and congratulated her on the eloquence with which she spoke.

Councillors then discussed at length traffic and speeding in the village. Cllrs Carter & Stanley explained that a traffic survey had been carried out the previous year and that they had held a number of meetings with Warwickshire County Council highways dept to discuss possible improvements and mitigations. Unfortunately all the proposals put forward by the Parish Council to date had been rejected, however discussions were still ongoing. It was reported that vehicle activated speed signs and speed cameras were no longer introduced in Warwickshire because the costs of maintaining them were met locally but any fines raised were paid centrally. Generally WCC would only take mitigating steps for sites which had a history of accidents and injury, whereas the Parish Council's aim was to avoid such incidents. It was hoped that it might be possible to install some crossing points. Opportunities to narrow roads or install crossing points were limited where there were driveways. Locations were being identified and then a safety audit would need to be carried out to ascertain their suitability. It was hoped that the evidence from the traffic survey would help support such improvements. In the meantime parish councillors observed that parked cars and residents driving through the village at 30mph would help slow down cars. Cllr Carter noted that Cllr Pemberton was the local county councillor appointed to represent residents views on these matters.

It was noted that a Speed Awareness group (Speed Watch) had stopped operating a few years ago. They had found that 60% of those going over the speed limit lived in Welford. Isabelle Ombler expressed an interest in restarting such a group and Cllr Carter agreed to put her in touch with Ian Edwards who had previously run this. It was suggested that an intensive burst of activity might be helpful.

A resident enquired whether steps could be taken to make the village safer for pedestrians if it was not possible to reduce the speed of vehicles. Particular areas of concern were Long Marston Road, the footpath by The Bell, and the road up Cress Hill. A footpath up Cress Hill would be

deemed to be outside the village boundary but it might be possible to consider one to Hunt Hall Lane.

The Parish Council had requested a footpath link from the Deerhurst Gardens new development to Headland Road however it was not usually possible to secure appropriate planning conditions because they could not be assessed by the Planning Authority as “reasonable”.

Item		Action
1.	Acceptance of Apologies – Cllr J Hockaday	
2.	Declarations of Interest – None	
3.	Approval of Minutes – The minutes of 6 th February 2024 were accepted as a true record of the meeting (subject to a minor amendment) and signed by the Chairman. Proposed – Cllr N Appleton Seconded – Cllr M Lake	
4.	<p>District Councillors’ Report</p> <p>Cllr Perteghella reported that the council budget was agreed on 26.02.24. There was continued support for the cost of living crisis and £2.2m was available for projects. Cllr Perteghella was looking for financial support for Parish Councils when they had to review their NDP. The Council were looking to engage stakeholders in how the money should be spent.</p> <p>Cllr Perteghella had proposed two motions, one on food insecurity and one on development in the flood plain. Cllr Carter agreed to speak on the later when the motion was put to full council. The Climate Change Fund was £100k. It was noted that the Parish Council could apply to the 2nd phase for solar panels, heat source pumps (perhaps for the Sports Pavilion). The rural prosperity fund was open to Parish Councils with £50k maximum available. This opened on 11 March and closed on 9 April with money needing to be spent by 28 Feb 2025. There were some webinars on this and Cllr Perteghella would send details. It might be possible to apply for Cress Hill although a plan would be required beforehand. Cllr Carter noted that a re-application to the Community Ownership Fund would be needed for Synder Meadow Pavilion as the previous application had been turned down, however it was difficult to apply for funds when the Council had not got planning consent.</p> <p>The footpath on Headland Rise was now open. Cllr Perteghella was asking the officers (SDC) to clear the section between new development and Headland Rise. Back of garages.</p> <p>Green bin subscriptions were open now. They needed to be renewed before April.</p> <p>Cllr Perteghella had circulated SDC’s response to fire & rescue changes.</p> <p>Speeding in the village – Cllr Perteghalla had received lots of complaints. Barton Road was especially bad because of the diversion route with the bridge closed.</p>	
5.	<p>Planning</p> <p>5.1 Report of Planning Notices received from Stratford DC</p>	

Item	Reference	Decision Date	SDC Decision
Chellow Dene , Chapel Street, Welford-On-Avon, Warwickshire CV37 8PX resubmission of 23/02302/FUL - Revised window fenestration and frame colour.	23/03421/FUL	01/02/2024	Granted
22 Millers Close, Welford-On-Avon, Warwickshire, CV37 8QG demolition of single storey lean to and construction of 1 no. dwelling	23/03308/FUL	02/02/2024	Refused
Welford House, High Street, Welford-on-Avon, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 8EA. -G1, limes - Re-pollard to previous pollard points. Reducing regrowth by approximately 1.5 metres.	23/03367/TREE	09/02/2024	No objection
Airfield House (including Part Of Former Scrap Yard), Campden Road, Lower Quinton, Stratford-upon-Avon CV37 8LL Variation of conditions 3, 7,8,9,13, 19 and 24 of outline planning permission 20/02745/OUT (Outline application for the erection of up to 60 dwellings with all matters reserved (appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) except access (to be determined) including demolition of existing dwelling and scrap yard buildings and associated works. - date of decision: 25/08/2021) to seek approval for changes to the approved parameters plan (condition 3), changes to the parameter plan reference in existing conditions (conditions 7, 8, 9 and 13), changes to the quantum of open space to be provided (condition 8), changes to the external ambient noise levels to be adhered to (condition 19) and changes to the referenced flood risk assessment relating to surface water drainage (condition 24)	23/00138/VARY	14/02/2024	Granted
Airfield House (including Part Of Former Scrap Yard), Campden Road, Lower Quinton, Stratford-upon-Avon CV37 8LL Submission of Reserved Matters application (internal access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) for 60 Affordable dwellings, including all associated works which includes a substation, pursuant to planning permission 23/00138/VARY (Variation of conditions 3, 7,8,9,13, 19 and 24 of outline planning permission 20/02745/OUT (Outline application for the erection of up to 60 dwellings with all matters reserved (appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) except access (to be determined) including demolition of existing dwelling and scrap yard buildings and associated works. - date of decision: 25/08/2021) to seek approval for changes to the approved parameters plan (condition 3), changes to the parameter plan reference in existing conditions (conditions 7, 8, 9 and 13), changes to the quantum of open space to be	22/03664/REM	16/02/2024	Approved

provided (condition 8), changes to the external ambient noise levels to be adhered to (condition 19) and changes to the referenced flood risk assessment relating to surface water drainage (condition 24)				
The Cottage , Evesham Road, Lower Binton, Warwickshire CV37 9TE Demolition of an existing building and outbuildings and the construction of 1 no. holiday accommodation unit (renewal of extant planning permission 21/00261/FUL)	23/03282/FUL	16/02/2024	Granted	

5.2 Planning Applications Previously Considered (in February 2024)

<u>Reference</u>	<u>Consultation Expiry Date</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Proposal</u>	<u>PC Decision</u>
24/00250/TPO	26/02/2024	The Rectory Church Lane Welford-On-Avon Warwickshire CV37 8EL	-T1 horse chestnut - Reduce canopy by 3-4 metres where over the road. Prune remainder of crown to maintain flowing shape.	Support
24/00248/TREE	23/02/2024	Chestnut Cottage Church Lane Welford-On-Avon Warwickshire CV37 8EL	T2 cedar - Remove.	Support

5.3 Planning Applications Received From SDC for Consideration at March 2024 Parish Council Meeting

<u>Application number</u>	<u>Consultation Expiry Date</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Proposal</u>	<u>PC Decision</u>
24/00262/TREE	07/03/2024	Oakwood ChapelStreet Welford-on-Avon, Stratford-upon-Avon CV37 8QF	T1 cherry - Reduce crown height by 3 metres. -T2 purple Acer - Reduce crown height by 4 metres. -T3 Acer - Reduce crown height by 3 metres.	Support

5.4 Planning Enforcement

No matters considered

5.5 Other planning matters

Councillors considered the questions raised by the Case Officer in respect of The Chalet. Cllr Appleton outlined the various considerations set out by the case officer. It was agreed that the Parish Council would continue to support the application and would respond on each of the points raised. Cllr Appleton would prepare a response.

NA

Amended plans for Tew Park, which had been previously considered in December 2023, were noted. The Parish Council had previously objected however new information had now been provided to satisfy those concerns. IT was agreed that clarification around delivery hours set out in the Construction Management Plan would be sought.

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6. Finance

6.1 Approval of items requiring payment

Item	Base	VAT	Total	Bdgt
Clerk Salary	£693.60	£0.00	£693.60	7
Clerks Phone O2 (paid by DD)	£12.39	£2.48	£14.87	8
Donation Millennium Trust - monthly	£120.00	£0.00	£120.00	15
BMJ Lawncare & landscaping	£350.00	£0.00	£350.00	25
Bank charges (Feb)	£8.00	£0.00	£8.00	8
Lodders solicitors	£1253.00	£250.60	£1503.60	12
TOTALS	£2,436.99	£253.08	£2,436.99	

Receipts – £ 2,057.05

Transfer - £ 2,600.00

Proposed – Cllr N Appleton

Seconded – Cllr M Lake

6.2 Any Other Finance Matters

Cllr Holmes requested authority to proceed with repairs to Frog Lane footpath bridge. It was noted that the current estimate was c£700. It was agreed that Cllr Holmes should contact Richard Barnard at WCC expressing concern as to safety of the path and to see if they would meet the costs of repair.

The 2024-25 budget had been circulated by Cllr Lake. It incorporated changes previously discussed. This was approved.

7. Project Updates from Councillors

Cllr Appleton reported that the playground equipment inspection had been carried out the previous Monday. The written report was awaited however there were a few matters which required attention. The Parish Council authorised such repairs as were necessary and should any repairs be uneconomic then Cllr Appleton was authorised to arrange removal of the equipment. It was noted that the hedge by the swings might need cutting back so it did not protrude over the safety surface.

Cllr Holmes reported that the cost of making good the Headland Road/Barton Meadow footpath was estimated to be c£2-3k. This expenditure was authorised.

Cllr Carter reported that a response had been received earlier in the day from WCC regarding access to the playing fields. This was outlined to councillors and would be discussed with solicitors. There were a number of factual inaccuracies which would need to be corrected. No response had been received from the school yet. It was noted that the Parish Council still did not have a key to the gate.

The Parish Council discussed whether it was appropriate to now inform the village community what was going on. It was noted that the Welford Matters deadline was Friday 8 March. It was agreed in principle that the current position/history should be explained and that an article in the magazine was a suitable method of doing this. It might be necessary to hold a public meeting at some stage.

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	<p>It was agreed that the Parish Council should approach other local landowners to ascertain whether some land might be available in the future for playground equipment should negotiations fail.</p> <p>Cllr Carter updated the meeting on the Sports Pavilion planning application. The EA and Sport England had concerns so revised plans would be submitted to accommodate these.</p>	SC
<p>8.</p>	<p>Policies and standing orders</p> <p>It was agreed that the planning committee ToR should include reference to reviewing actions . The clerk was asked to amend the document. The other documents)Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, Asset Register) were agreed.</p> <p>The Risk Assessment Register would be discussed at the next meeting as would arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting.</p>	IW
<p>9.</p>	<p>Communications</p> <p>The Welford Matters deadline was 8 March. The Council would include (a) article on school playing fields and (b) letter ref speeding/launch of survey (c) availability of 30 mph stickers.</p> <p>It was agreed that the traffic survey should be carried out electronically. If people could not reply by this method then they should contact the Parish Council by phone to assist. There would be a link on the website. Cllr Stanley was obtaining quotations for printing copies of the survey.</p>	MS
<p>9.</p>	<p>Any Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peter and Sue Hook had taken over responsibility for the Defibrillators • Binton Bridge work is scheduled to finish on 7th June • 30mph bin stickers – agreed to purchase some (200) to distribute to those residents on Barton Road, Binton Road, Headland Rd, High Street. The clerk to facilitate. • Cllr Carter authorised to purchase a lid/cover for the defibrillator at The Bell (cost £50). • The clerk reported that the name Braeburn Close had been agreed by the developer of One Acre. • A proposed 5% increase for Limebridge was agreed. 	<p>IW</p> <p>SC</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p>Dates of Future Meetings</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 23rd March 2024 - Planning Committee Meeting, Memorial Hall • 3rd April 2024 – Full Parish Council Meeting, Memorial Hall 	

Meeting closed at 21:58