### WELFORD ON AVON PARISH COUNCIL JUNE 2024

# **Welford-on-Avon Parish Council**

# Minutes of a meeting of the Planning Committee held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at 7:15 p.m.

Present: Cllr J Hockaday (in the Chair), Cllr M Stanley, Cllr D Jones, Cllr D Holmes, Cllr M Lake

In Attendance: Mrs I Wibberley (Clerk)

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	Acceptance of Apologies - Cllr S Carter, Cllr N Appleton				
	Declarations of Interest - None				
•	<b>Approval of Minutes</b> – The minutes of the meeting held on 21st May 2024 were approved subject to a minor amendment and the Chairman was authorised to sign, subject to this amendment.  It was noted that the open letter to the school/governors referred to in minute 6 of the meeting of 21 <sup>st</sup> May 2024 had not been sent because of subsequent events, in particular the permanent locking of the school gates on 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2024. Instead of sending an open letter to the school and governors the Parish Council had written to all residents in the village.				
	Proposed: Cl	Ir M Stanley	Seconded: Cllr D Jones		
•	Planning Applications				
	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Proposal</u>	PC Decision	
	24/01337/VARY	Avonside Caravan Site Binton Road Welford- on-Avon Stratford- upon-Avon CV37 8PW	Variation of planning permission 15/04459/VARY dated 17/03/2016 to remove condition 1 in order to allow for the caravans to be occupied for the purposes of holiday accommodation for 12 months of the year.	Object	
	24/01280/TREE	Cress Farm House High Street Welford-on- Avon Stratford-upon- Avon CV37 8EA	-T1 Leyland cypress - Fell to ground level.	No representation	
	24/01267/TREE	STREET RECORD Chapel Close Welford- on-Avon Warwickshire CV37 8QJ	-T1 & T2 ash - Fell.	Support	
	24/01102/FUL	Murten Duck Lane Welford-On-Avon Warwickshire CV37 8QD	Proposed demolition of existing bungalow and the creation of a two storey house.	Object	
		OQD			

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# 5. Other Planning Matters

None discussed.

### 6. Any Other Business

#### 6.1 Headland Road playing fields

Cllr Hockaday updated councillors. Two emails had been circulated to councillors the previous week. The working group had held discussions with Lodders on the legal position and the various options available to the Parish Council. Councillors also noted the details of the Bristol case which had been circulated. Lodders had estimated that obtaining Counsel's opinion would cost c £3k.

Feedback from the community group was that they were looking at fundraising to enable the Parish Council to pursue any legal claim if this proved necessary.

A response from WCC (Martin Lewis) was awaited.

Councillors agreed that there was merit in searching through the WCC archive to find further details of the history of the land in question. Cllr Jones offered to start work on this.

#### 6.2 Safeguarding policy

In light of the school's reference to the lack of a Parish Council safeguarding policy advice had been taken from WALC. They had advised that a safeguarding policy was not a requirement. Notwithstanding that advice the Councillors agreed that they would adopt a Safeguarding Policy. The school had repeatedly given this as a reason why access to the playing fields could not be permitted. A policy had therefore been drafted, based on the WALC model safeguarding policy and safeguarding policies used by other Parish and Town Councils. Councillors proposed that the Parish Council advise WCC/the School that the policy has been drafted and that the PC would like to discuss it with them to ensure that it is adequate before the policy is formally adopted. Councillors also agreed that all members of the Parish Council would undertake safeguarding training.

Responses to residents who were writing to the Parish Council or copying them into communication with the School/WCC were discussed and agreed.

Councillors noted that given the limited Parish Council access to the playground equipment for inspection purposes it might be advisable to contact WCC to draw their attention to their liabilities as owners of the field.

#### 6.3 Payments

It was agreed that payments to BMJ Lawncare & Landscapes totalling £1,946.25 could be made. These would be formally authorized at the next full Parish Council meeting.

#### 6.4 Action List

The review of this was postponed to a future meeting.

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7.	Dates of Future Meetings		
	<ul> <li>2<sup>nd</sup> July 2024 - Full Parish Council Meeting, Memorial Hall</li> <li>23rd July 2024 - Planning Committee Meeting, Memorial Hall</li> </ul>		

Meeting closed at 21:10