

HOLBECK & WELBECK PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council
Held at Garden House, Welbeck on Tuesday, 25 July 2017**

Present: Councillors: J Cuckson (Chair), C Chambers, D Cooper, K Dukes (also District Councillor (DC)), D Wall and W M Woodcock (Clerk)

Also in Attendance: County Councillor (CC) Kevin Greaves

The Meeting had been advertised as taking place at the Welbeck Club but as there was no access to the building on the evening it was agreed to relocate to nearby Garden House.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors **S Cuckson** and **M Newton**
Resolved to accept the apologies for absence.

2. Declarations of interests

None

3. Public Forum

There were no members of the public present.

In his capacity as District Councillor, K Dukes reported on the following:

- New development at Hodthorpe – an update on the landscaping of the former colliery site, including a country park and a housing development comprising 450 dwellings. This will impact on traffic using the A60. Planning permission had been granted and the development should be completed by 2030.
- Meeting with Planning at BDC – Welbeck Estates has submitted a number of applications in Nether Langwith, buildings styled to blend in to conservation areas – the new style ‘Welbeck home’.

Thanks were extended to DC Dukes for his input.

County Councillor Kevin Greaves advised on the following:

- Changes at Nottinghamshire County Council since the election took place. The former Transport and Highways Committee had been re-designated Communities and Place, encompassing more diverse topics, which meant less time available to focus on transport and highways specifically. The planned improvements at Ollerton roundabout, for which 3 million had been set aside, had been scrapped. A hoped for cycle/footpath would not now go ahead.
- Work was planned to reduce speed limits on the A60, details for which should be forthcoming in the near future.

- The long running issue of the cyclists time trialling on the A60 would be difficult to address, being backed by a strong lobby group supported by 'Pedals' in Nottinghamshire. However, having listened to Members concerns, Cllr Greaves agreed to take this back to County Hall.
- Communication with Officers at NCC was becoming increasingly difficult and CC Greaves acknowledged concerns raised by the Parish Council regarding contact, particularly in respect of a recent emergency situation. The on-line information is particularly poor and difficult to follow.

Thanks were extended to CC Greaves for his input.

4. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 20 June 2017 were accepted as a true record. The Chairman signed them accordingly.

5. Matters arising

None

6. Community Fund – Improving Broadband

Agreement had been reached with Sharpe's regarding the process for funding the initial 30 installs. Invoices had been received from both Bassetlaw District Council for the overall installation and from Sharpe's for the individual installs. All requisite paper work had been sent to Grantscape and Matt Young had emailed to confirm all was in order and the grant should be paid in early August.

It was unclear whether Sharpe's or BDC would be sending further forms to those individuals who had expressed an interest before work commenced, but clearly this would need to be carried out before the individual installs could be placed. Whilst work by BT was still outstanding and the individual connections had yet to be made, it was anticipated that work might be completed by mid to late August.

7. Council owned street lights

This had been briefly discussed in a phone call to Thomas Campion at Welbeck Estates and it had been agreed to send a follow-up email to Robin Brown, copied to both Thomas Campion and Tom Cooper. Cllr Dukes had also spoken to Robin Brown.

Noted

8. BT Pay Phone/Phone Box in Holbeck

Clerk had finally managed to speak to BT and it was confirmed that the payphone would not be removed, following the objections raised during the consultation. Clerk had therefore reported that the phone was not working and that the red kiosk required maintenance/cleaning. BT had agreed to address these issues.

In the interim, DC Dukes had spoken to BDC about the subsequent lack of communication with the Parish Council and been advised, accordingly, that it was not their responsibility to advise the Parish Council of the outcome of the consultation, they were merely required to pass the consultation details to the parish councils in their area though, of course, they had failed to notify Holbeck & Welbeck Parish Council at the time. There had still been no response as to why this happened and no apology had ever been received.

It was therefore extremely lucky that the Council had found out in time or, doubtless, the payphone would have been removed arbitrarily.

Noted

9. Financial statement and accounts for payment

Clerk reported that the balance of the Bank Account was currently £2788.93
There were no questions.

Resolved to accept the financial statement and make payments as detailed below.

Proposed: Cllr D Wall

Seconded: Cllr D Cooper

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| 500262 | £91.41 | E.ON – Electricity supply |
| 500263 | £265.85 | W M Woodcock – Clerk's salary (x2) |
| 500265 | £280.59 | Zurich Municipal – Insurance renewal |
| 500266 | £12,944.40 | BDC – Reimburse re N3 Broadband Installation |
| 500267 | £5,550.00 | Sharpe Group Ltd – N3 Broadband 30 installs |

10. Requests for donations/grants

None

Clerk had now sent the donation to the W.I

11. Correspondence

A list of correspondence, received since the last meeting, was circulated to members. (Appendix A)
(The 'Good Councillor's Guide to Finance & Transparency' had been emailed to all Members prior to the meeting.)

Noted

12. Street lighting

PDQ had responded and would be attending to the repairs for the faulty Council owned light.

13. Reports from representatives

Neighbourhood Plan Monitoring Group – Cllr Chambers gave an update on current events. The NPMG group would meet quarterly, the first meeting scheduled for 9th August. A new Community Redevelopment Support Group had been established.

14. Highway matters

The possibility of having the stone bin on Holbeck Lane sponsored and therefore filled/maintained by a local nursery/garden centre had still to be explored. Chair agreed to make appropriate enquiries.

Clerk had again contacted Welbeck Estates regarding the encroachment of shrubs etc., as this was adversely affecting sight/usage of the phone box, nearby seat and bin/planter.

15. Planning matters

Cllr Dukes had spoken to the Planning Department at BDC and received assurances that paper consultation documents will continue to be made available to H&WPC.

16. Risk assessment

New arrangements would need to be put in place to check and maintain the Council owned street furniture, which the late Robin Brown undertook for several years.

17. Any other business

In view of events concerning access to The Welbeck Club, it was felt the Parish council should seek an alternative venue to hold meetings, at least in the near future. Cllr Dukes confirmed that future meetings could be held in the Education Room at The Harley Gallery. There could be a charge for this.

18. Date of next meeting

The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday, 26th September 2017 in the Education Room at The Harley Gallery at 7:15 p.m.

The meeting closed at 9:10 p.m.

Chair's Signature: _____

Date: _____

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PARISH COUNCIL

Correspondence Listing: 25th July 2017

| Originator | Dated | Details |
|--|-------------------|---|
| Bassetlaw District Council | Email 07.07.17 | Bassetlaw Parish Forum Follow-up Information – BDC Housing Strategy Consultation Outcome |
| Clerks & Councils Direct | July 2017 | Issue 112 |
| NALC | Email 03.07.17 | 'Good Councillor's Guide to Finance & Transparency' |
| Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils | Email 03.07.17 | Nottinghamshire Police - Remembrance Day Parades |
| Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils | Email 11.07.17 | Employment Update: Statutory Breaks for Employees |
| Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils | July 2017 | AGM: Wednesday, 15 November 2017 |
| Nottinghamshire County Council | Email 21.07.17 | Press Release: County's Unclassified Road Networks |
| Zurich Municipal | 14.07.17 | Insurance Renewal |