HOLBECK & WELBECK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council Held at the Welbeck Club on Tuesday, 20 June 2017

Present: Councillors: J Cuckson (Chair), C Chambers, S Cuckson, K Dukes and W M Woodcock (Clerk)

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from **Councillors D Cooper**, **M Newton**, and **D Wall**,

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:

Devolution – It was no longer deemed to be in the best interests of Bassetlaw to join with the Sheffield City Region (SCR). There were a number of reasons but primarily this was to do with changes to Business Rates – the District receiving a smaller % if part of Sheffield. Things would continue as previously, therefore.
(A letter had been received from Simon Greaves, Leader of Bassetlaw District Council, regarding this matter – Item 11 'Correspondence' refers).

Thanks were extended to DC Dukes for his input.

4. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday, 31 May 2017 were accepted as a true record. The Chairman signed them accordingly.

5. Matters arising

None

6. Community Fund – Improving Broadband

Work had finally commenced, the next stage being the installation to The Lodge. BT were now saying their work would cost more than originally quoted, as they would need to close the road. However, no undue delays were anticipated as a result of this. Further to the clarification sought at the last meeting, regarding the funding of the individual boxes required on each property, the final numbers taking up the scheme could not be anticipated and it could well prove beyond Councils resources to fully fund all eventual installations. It was acknowledged that there must be a 'cut-off' point for claiming the grant.

It was **resolved**, therefore, that only the individual connection charges for 30 properties, to include those who had already applied (as contained on the list to be obtained from Sharpe's), would be paid in full. Subsequent applicants would have to fund the individual installation charge themselves but Council may make some contribution dependent on the financial position at the time.

Proposed: Cllr C Chambers Seconded: Cllr S Cuckson

7. Council owned street lights

There had still been no response from Welbeck Estates and Clerk had not yet had an opportunity to email Welbeck Estates accordingly. **Noted**

8. BT Pay Phone/Phone Box in Holbeck

Clerk had been in touch with DC Dukes who had sought further information from Bassetlaw District Council (BDC) but had been unable to obtain any information. He would try and ascertain details of the person he spoke to at BT and advise the Clerk accordingly.

Noted

9. Financial statement and accounts for payment

Clerk reported that the balance of the Bank Account was currently £7521.48 There were no questions. No payments were due.

10. Requests for donations/grants

None

Clerk had been unable to send the donation approved at the last meeting for the W.I., as there had been no response to her email requesting an address to which the cheque should be sent.

11. Correspondence

A list of correspondence, received since the last meeting, was circulated to members. (Appendix A)

Noted

12. Street lighting

There had been no further contact from PDQ so it was not known whether the repairs had now been done to the faulty Council owned street light. Clerk to contact PDQ accordingly

13. Reports from representatives

Millennium Piece Wardens – Cllr J Cuckson had investigated the report of a dying tree, planted by Welbeck Brass Band, but could not see anything amiss.

Neighbourhood Plan Monitoring Group – Cllr Chambers had attended the meeting on 14 June, which had been well attended, to discuss Community facilities following adoption of the Neighbourhood Plan. Several ideas were put forward and groups will be set up for specific projects as required. A new group was being formed on 27th June re Community Building in Cuckney.

14. Highway matters

The stone bin on Holbeck Lane had been filled with compost and covered temporarily. The new bin had not yet arrived. Consideration was given to the possibility of having the bin sponsored and therefore filled/maintained by a local nursery/garden centre. Chair offered to look into this possibility but further discussions as to content and maintenance of the bin (and possibility of a memorial plaque in the future) would need to be considered if no sponsor was forthcoming. However, the encroachment of shrubs etc. was adversely affecting sight/usage of the phone box, nearby seat and bin/planter. This had been reported last year to Welbeck Estates but no action taken.

Clerk to chase this up with Welbeck Estates accordingly.

15. Planning matters

None

16. Risk assessment

Nothing to add

17. Any other business

Members asked if anything had been done in respect of the cyclists on the A60. County Councillor (CC) Kevin Greaves, with whom the matter had been raised, was no longer Chair of the Transport Committee. Cllr. Greaves was now, however, the CC for Holbeck and Welbeck, following boundary changes at the last election, and, although the PC had received no formal notification or letter of introduction regarding this, it was agreed CC Greaves should be invited to future meetings.

18. Date of next meeting

The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday, 25th July 2017 at the Welbeck Club at 7:15 p.m.

The meeting closed at 8:33 p.m.

Chair's Signature:

Date:

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Correspondence Listing: 20th June 2017

Originator	Dated	Details
Bassetlaw District Council	Email 14.06.17	Bassetlaw District Council Statement – Sheffield City Region
Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) Nottinghamshire		Annual Report 2016 Nottinghamshire Voice (May 2017)
INEOS	Email 16.06.16	Seismic Survey Update
NALC	Summer 2017	LCR
Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils	Email 16.06.17	Parish Council loses court case – some tips
Nottinghamshire County Council	Email 09.06.17	County Council Community Commemoration Fund