

HOLBECK & WELBECK

PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council
Held at the Welbeck Club on Tuesday, 29 November 2016

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

It was with shock and deep sadness that Members and the Clerk had learned of the death of Councillor Robin Brown, the Parish Council Chairman, who had passed away very recently on Saturday, 26th November 2016. Councillor Brown had served on the Parish Council since June 2005, becoming the Chairman in July 2008. He had been an active, pro-active and enthusiastic councillor, a widely respected colleague and a friend and he would be greatly missed. Thoughts were with his family.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from **Councillors 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.

DC Kevin Dukes reported on the following:

- There were plans to develop the neighbouring Whitwell Colliery site, providing an area of woodland around a plateau with a lagoon and leisure area.
- Work on the A60 at the junction for the Dukeries Garden Centre had been put back pending other planned improvements, including a footpath crossing from the Garden Centre and a lowering of the speed limits on the A60. Work would now begin in January.
- The consultation meeting for the Bassetlaw Plan had taken place on the 23rd of November in Lady Margaret Hall. The Plan aimed to deal with settlements in clusters.
- Improved Broadband – it had been agreed to use the existing pole at High Holbeck with line of sight to Stable Court, linking in to the Welbeck Estates facility. The next stage was to deliver letters and forms from N3, which DC Dukes had brought along, to each household for information and expressions of interest. DC Dukes agreed to get the forms amended prior to distribution to include a reply facility to Bassetlaw District Council (BDC).

Thanks were extended to DC Dukes for his input.

4. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 1 November 2016 were accepted as a true record. The Acting Chairman signed them accordingly.

5. Matters arising

None

6. BT Pay Phone/Phone Box in Holbeck

Following BDC's failure to notify the proposal from BT to remove the payphone in Holbeck, as reported at the last meeting, Clerk had had no response from BDC to issues raised. The customer service/liaison from BDC had fallen far short of what might be expected between the two Authorities.

Having been made aware of the concerns raised by the Parish Council and recent problems encountered with BDC, Councillor Dukes in his District Councillor capacity agreed to raise the matter with the Planning Department. He confirmed he was aware of the BT plans to remove the telephone/telephone box and had been in touch with Welbeck Estates. Whilst it seemed unlikely that the payphone could be saved, in view of the lack of use, Welbeck Estates was as keen as the Parish Council to ensure the red telephone box was retained, being an iconic feature of the village, and would undertake to maintain it if the Parish Council adopted it.

7. Neighbourhood Planning

The appointed examiner had sent back a list of questions to the Steering Group, which had been responded to. There was nothing further to report at this stage.

Noted

8. Community Fund

Refer to Item 3 – Public Forum report re Improving Broadband.

9. Financial statement and accounts for payment

Clerk reported that the balance of the Bank Account was currently £7,559.38.

Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils (NALC) had negotiated a reduced price (£57.50 instead of the usual £92.00 plus p&p) for bulk purchasing the revised 10th Edition of Charles Arnold-Baker's 'Local Council Administration', the long established specialist guide for local councils. Approval was sought to purchase this book.

There were no questions.

Resolved to accept the financial statement, authorise purchase of Charles Arnold-Baker's 'Local Council Administration' and make payments as detailed below.

Proposed: Cllr S Cuckson

Seconded: Cllr C Chambers

500247	£263.16	W M Woodcock – Clerk's salary (x2)
500248	£65.40	H M Revenue & Customs – PAYE liability
500249	£64.45	NALC – Purchase 'Local Council Administration'

10. Requests for donations/grants

None

11. Correspondence

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

Noted

12. Street lighting

Nothing to report

13. Reports from representatives

None

14. Highway matters

Clerk had contacted Welbeck Estates regarding overhanging branches and encroaching shrubbery on The Rocks etc. and had received a reply to the effect that Planning Permission was needed to cut the trees.

Attempts had been made to report the pot holes on The Rocks but Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC) plans of the area do not accord with the actual area and lanes such as The Rocks do not exist as far as NCC reporting allows. Councillor Dukes to take this up with County Councillor (CC) Kevin Greaves.

Following CC Greaves visit to the area earlier in the year, the matter of encroaching verges was being looked into. County was also looking at traffic calming/reducing the speed limit on the A60 and reviewing the position regarding the Cycling Club's use of the A60 in the summer months.

Noted

15. Planning matters

None

16. Risk assessment

Nothing to add

17. Any other business

None

18. Date of next meeting

To be confirmed. The meeting closed at 8:30 p.m.

Chair's Signature: _____

Date: _____

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Correspondence Listing: 29th November 2016

Originator	Dated	Details
Bassetlaw District Council	17.11.16	Smoking in Children's Play Parks
Bassetlaw District Council	Email 21.11.16	Response re Expansion of Refuse Service to Include Kerbside Garden Waste Collection
Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE)	Winter 2016	Countryside Voice Fieldwork - Volume 13 Issue 3
INEOS Shale	Email 10&23.11.16	Invitation to a Meeting – 30.11.16
NALC	Email 18.11.16	Dependents' Carers' Allowance for Parish Councillors'
Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils	Email 09.11.16	Annual General Meeting Agenda 16.11.16 Minutes 18.11.15
Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils	Email 25.11.16	Employment Update: How to reduce your wages bill
Nottinghamshire County Council	Email 14.11.16	Broadband Engagement Officer - Introduction
Nottinghamshire County Council	Email 24.11.16	Nottingham & Nottinghamshire Sustainability & Transformation Plan
Welbeck Estates	21.11.16	Letter – reply to complaints notified