HOLBECK & WELBECK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council Held at the Welbeck Club on Tuesday, 28 March 2017

Present: Councillors: J Cuckson (Vice Chair), S Cuckson, K Dukes,

D Wall, W M Woodcock (Clerk)

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from **Councillors C Chambers and M Newton**

Resolved to accept the apologies for absence.

2. Declarations of interests

None

3. Public Forum

DC Kevin Dukes reported on the following:

- Representatives from Welbeck Estates, Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC), The Harley Gallery and Creswell Crags were involved in discussions regarding a crossing on the A60 near to the Dukeries Garden Centre entrance. The speed limit on that stretch of the A60 might be reduced to 40 m.p.h.
- Elections for NCC were taking place on 6th May and boundary changes were effective from that date; Welbeck Ward becoming part of South Worksop.

Thanks were extended to DC Dukes for his input.

4. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 21 February 2017 were accepted as a true record. The Vice Chairman signed them accordingly.

5. Matters arising

None

6. Co-option to vacancies on the Parish Council

Daphne Cooper, a resident in Holbeck, accepted a nomination to be co-opted on to the Parish Council.

Resolved to co-opt Daphne Cooper as a member on to the Parish Council to a vacant seat in Holbeck Parish subject to confirmation of eligibility.

Proposed: Cllr S Cuckson Seconded: Cllr D Wall

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7. Community Fund - Improving Broadband

The letters and forms from N3 to establish the level of take-up for the scheme in the community had been delivered and there had been 29 requests for the connection, representing over a third of the eligible properties. This confirmed the viability of the scheme.

There was no objection to the existing mast being used and it was hoped it would be possible to bounce the line of sight from a property in Whitwell as Welbeck Colliery site was subject to development and not currently suitable. Once line of sight was established it was anticipated the scheme would take between 4 and 6 weeks to complete.

Concerns were expressed about the length of time the project had been waiting, with so many verbal assurances and expectations not materialising. Expectations in the Community were high and it was felt there could be no further false starts. Cllr Dukes to notify the Clerk as to the outcome of investigations re line of sight so that a full update can be presented to Grantscape.

8. Council owned street lights

Clerk had contacted EON to cancel the unmetered electricity supply. However, EON had notified Western Power who required access to disconnect supply to each light, for which there would be a charge, if the Parish Council was not seeking an alternative supplier. Clerk was awaiting a quote for the cost of disconnection.

Notification had been received from EON that their Deemed Contract Rates would be increasing yet again from 1 April 2017. Western Power had provided a list of alternative suppliers of unmetered supply.

Resolved that the Parish Council should no longer finance the 7 street lights in Welbeck as the costs had become disproportionate and Council would not therefore seek a cheaper supplier. The Parish Council would look at the possibility of Welbeck Estates assuming responsibility for the lights prior to a final decision re disconnection being taken. The Parish Council to continue maintenance and upkeep in the short term.

Proposed: Cllr D Wall Seconded: Cllr J Cuckson

Clerk to contact Welbeck Estates accordingly

9. BT Pay Phone/Phone Box in Holbeck

Council had received no information from either Bassetlaw District Council (BDC) or BT regarding the phone box, subsequent to the objections it had raised. BT had declined to discuss the matter with Cllr Dukes. It further transpired that the payphone was not working and apparently had not done so for a considerable time. It was hardly surprising therefore that the phone was not being used.

10. Neighbourhood Planning

There had been a 37% turn out for the referendum held on 9 March 2017. 80% had voted in favour of the Plan, which was therefore accepted and would be incorporated into future planning by BDC and Welbeck Estates.

Noted

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11. Financial statement and accounts for payment

Clerk reported that the balance of the Bank Account was currently £6,733.99.

Clerk advised Members that The Co-operative Bank Branch in Mansfield was scheduled to close in June.

Year End was fast approaching and it was necessary to appoint an internal auditor. **Resolved** to enlist the services of Mrs J Greveson to conduct the Internal Audit once again.

Clerk to contact Mrs Greveson accordingly

There were no questions.

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

Proposed: Cllr K Dukes Seconded: Cllr D Wall

500253 £263.16 W M Woodcock – Clerk's salary (x2) 500254 £131.60 H M Revenue & Customs – PAYE liability

12. Requests for donations/grants

None

13. Correspondence

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

Noted

14. Street lighting

Further to item 8, one of the Council owned light's was not working. Clerk to contact PDQ accordingly

15. Reports from representatives

None

16. Highway matters

The problem with water pooling on Holbeck Lane near to Hunciecroft Paddock had been reported to NCC. Clerk had also been in touch with Environmental Health at BDC regarding dog waste in the stone bin on Holbeck Lane. Both reports had been acknowledged but nothing further.

17. Planning matters

Following earlier reported problems, there had been no further communication from BDC. Cllr Dukes requested details of personnel involved to progress enquiries.

18. Risk assessment

Nothing to add

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20. Date of next meeting The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday, 25 April 2017 at the Welbeck Club at 7:15 p.m. The meeting closed at 9:15 p.m. Chair's Signature: Date:

Any other business

None

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Correspondence Listing: 28th March 2017

Originator	Dated	Details
Bassetlaw District Council	Email 28.02.17	Follow up Bassetlaw Parish Forum: Housing Strategy Presentation
Bassetlaw District Council	Emails 10.03.17	Cancellation of the Bassetlaw Rural Conference 27th March 2017
Bassetlaw District Council	Email 14.03.17	South Yorkshire & Bassetlaw Sustainability & Transformation Plan: Leaflet
Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) Nottinghamshire	Email 21.03.17	The Housing White Paper: Summary Q&A setting out CPRE view
Clerks & Councils Direct	March 2017	Issue 110
EON	February 2017	Increase in Deemed Contract rates from 1 April 2017
NALC	Email 28.02.17	Legal Briefing: L01-17 – Section 137 Expenditure: Limit for 2017/2018
NALC	Spring 2017	LCR Volume 69, No4
Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils	Email 22.02.17	New Councillor Training
Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils	Emails Feb/Mar 2017	Employment Updates: Beware the pitfalls of recruitment/When dismissing Staff with long term sickness problems can be justified
Welbeck Women's Institute	Email 28.03.17	Grant request
Western Power	Emails 17&21.03.17	Re: Request to disconnect unmetered street lighting

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