

HOLBECK & WELBECK

PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council
Held at the Welbeck Club on Tuesday, 24 January 2017

Present: Councillors: J Cuckson (Vice Chair), C Chambers, S Cuckson, K Dukes, M Newton, D Wall, W M Woodcock (Clerk)

Also in Attendance: County Councillor (CC) John Ogle

1. Apologies for absence

None

2. Declarations of interests

Councillor K Dukes - Item 7

3. Public Forum

There were no members of the public present.

CC John Ogle reported on the following:

- The High Court had ruled that Bassetlaw District Council (BDC) consultation with regard joining the Sheffield City Region under Devolution had not been lawful. This followed a petition signed by over 4,500 constituents against the move to align with Sheffield City.
- Broadband – Having completed Contracts 1 & 2, the County Council were panning a 3rd phase, funded from monies clawed back from BT. However the location would not be known until the end of February 2017. Considering the position of residents in Holbeck Parish, who were not benefiting from all this investment despite paying the same level of Council Tax to the County, CC Ogle advised as to the Better Broadband Subsidy Scheme.

Thanks were extended to CC Ogle for his input.

In his role as District Councillor (DC) Councillor Kevin Dukes reported on the following:

- Further to the High Court decision as outlined by CC Ogle, any plans to join Sheffield were effectively quashed. The Government was unlikely to actively pursue any further plans for devolution in the foreseeable future given the current demands associated with exiting the European Union.
- The next full Council Meeting for BDC was scheduled for Thursday 26th January and the Neighbourhood Plan was up for adoption at that Meeting.
- Welbeck Estates had asked DC Dukes to look into adopting the red telephone box as a Community Asset.

- Improved Broadband – following announcements by BT and the government regarding more money being made available nationally to improve broadband facilities, it appeared Welbeck Estates had decided to withdraw their support for the local N3 scheme. The company delivering the project no longer needed to use the Welbeck facility as a signal could be bounced from the existing pole via the former colliery site to West Burton. The letters and forms from N3 to establish the level of take-up for the scheme in the community had still to be delivered. Cllr Dukes would investigate the scheme referred to by CC Ogle with a view to including some literature with the mailshot.

Thanks were extended to DC Dukes for his input.

4. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 29 November 2016 were accepted as a true record. The Vice Chairman signed them accordingly.

5. Matters arising

None

6. Declaration of Parish Council vacancy

Following the untimely death of late Councillor Robin Brown, there was a further vacancy on the Parish Council.

Resolved to declare a vacancy on to the Parish Council for the Parish of Holbeck.
Proposed: Cllr D Wall Seconded: Cllr M Newton

7. Budget and Precept 2017/18

Budget proposals for 2017/18 were presented and options discussed.

BDC had further reduced the Concurrent Grant as previously advised. The Tax Base for Holbeck and Welbeck had risen slightly from 123.39 to 123.57. Based on the budget requirements, a precept of £3,429 would represent a slight increase of 1.79% but, due to the increase in Tax Base, would only increase the charge for a Band D property by £0.45.

Resolved to issue a precept of £3,429.

Proposed: Cllr M Newton Seconded: Cllr C Chambers

8. BT Pay Phone/Phone Box in Holbeck

No apology had been forthcoming from BDC regarding their failure to notify the Parish Council of BT's proposals. Indeed, concerns were compounded by an entirely unacceptable excuse being offered along the lines of their having notified a different Clerk/Parish Council residing at the same address.

As per the report from DC Dukes (Item 3 – Public Forum refers), he had been in contact with BT on behalf of Welbeck Estates regarding adoption of the phone box in Holbeck. Cllr Dukes will contact the Clerk as and when he receives a reply from BT.

Noted

9. Neighbourhood Planning

After some heated debate between the Examiner, BDC, Welbeck Estates and the Steering Group, the Plan was finally being presented to BDC for adoption (Item 3 – Public Forum refers) after which it would be subject to a referendum. BDC had been criticised for being too dismissive of the Steering Groups concerns and failing to adequately challenge the Examiner on some issues.

Noted

10. Community Fund

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

11. Financial statement and accounts for payment

Clerk reported that the balance of the Bank Account was currently £7,169.37.

NALC had advised that the Council Tax Referendum Principles have NOT been extended to parish and town councils for 2017/18. Under these principles, county and district councils are required to hold a referendum if they wish to increase their precept above a certain prescribed percentage. There had been concerns that the principles would encompass parish and town councils also but this would not now be the case, at least for the next financial year. This position could change however in future years.

There were no questions.

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

Proposed: Cllr S Cuckson

Seconded: Cllr C Chambers

500250	£62.73	NALC – Annual subscription
500251	£288.16	W M Woodcock – Clerk's salary (x2) + S137 Reimbursed
500252	£84.49	E.ON – Electricity supply

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

Concerns were expressed about the increasing costs of supplying the Council owned street lights in Welbeck, the cost of the unmetered supply from EON having almost doubled in recent years. It was agreed to discuss this under a dedicated agenda item at the next meeting.

[Clerk to agenda for the next meeting](#)

15. Reports from representatives

None

16. Highway matters

Work was currently being carried out at the main entrance to Welbeck.

17. Planning matters

Following earlier reported problems with communication from BDC, it now appeared that the Parish Council were no longer being consulted on planning applications in their area. DC Dukes to look in to this problem as a matter of urgency and advise the Clerk accordingly.

18. Risk assessment

Nothing to add

19. Any other business

None

20. Date of next meeting

The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday, 21 February 2017 at the Welbeck Club at 7:15 p.m.

The meeting closed at 8:40 p.m.

Chair's Signature: _____

Date: _____

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Correspondence Listing: 24th January 2017

Originator	Dated	Details
Bassetlaw District Council	Emails 01.12.16 19.12.16	Correspondence re BDC failure to notify BT Consultation
Bassetlaw District Council	05.01.17	Casual Vacancy – Holbeck Parish Council
Bassetlaw District Council	Emails 15.12.16 11.01.17	Crime in Rural Areas Consultation
Bassetlaw District Council	Email 23.12.16	Neighbourhood Planning Events February 2017
Bassetlaw District Council	Email 11.01.17	Promoting Funding Surgeries
Bassetlaw District Council	Email 12.01.17	Bassetlaw District Council Draft Housing Strategy Consultation
Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE)	December 2016	Nottinghamshire Voice
Clerks & Councils Direct	January 2017	Issue 109
INEOS Shale	Email 01.12.16	PDF Meeting Presentation
Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils	Email 13.12.16	Election of Notts ALC Chairman and vice-Chairman
Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils	Email 13.12.16	Playground Inspection Training
Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils	Email 16.12.16	Referendum Principles NOT extended to parish councils
Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils	Email 16.12.16	Nottinghamshire Police & Crime Commissioner – Have Your Say Budget Consultation
Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils	Email 10.01.17	New External Auditor Appointed
Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils	Emails	Employment Updates: Statutory Breaks/Disability Discrimination/Depression in the Workplace
Nottinghamshire County Councillor John Ogle	Email 22.12.16	High Court Ruling re Sheffield City Region Consultation
Nottinghamshire County Council	Email 16.12.16	Submission of Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan