HOLBECK & WELBECK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council
Held at the Welbeck Club on Tuesday, 23 February 2016

Present: **Councillors: R Brown (Chair), C Chambers, M Newton, D Wall, District Councillor (DC) Kevin Dukes, W M Woodcock (Clerk)**

1. Apologies for absence

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

2. Declarations of interests

Councillor M Newton - Item 14

3. Public Forum

There were no members of the public present.

DC Kevin Dukes reported on the following:

- Broadband – DC Dukes was pressing BT to give a definitive answer regarding the Community Green Box facility. Unfortunately, it seemed the Parish was split; half being served from an exchange in Whitwell and the other half Worksop. Having to upgrade 2 cabinets meant the costs were likely to be very high. The infrastructure for the N3 option could be delivered for £9.5k. It was hoped that Welbeck Estates might be willing to pay for the mast.

- Devolution – DC Dukes gave an update on the latest position. Bassetlaw District Council (BDC) is caught between Sheffield and the Nottinghamshire/ Derbyshire areas. Sheffield is pushing to have the HS2 link via Sheffield diverted from Meadowhall to the Old Victoria Station. This would mean an upgrade to the line from Worksop, providing considerable development opportunity for Bassetlaw, which BDC would welcome. There has been consultation with Worksop and Retford but DC Dukes is pushing for more involvement with rural areas.

Thanks were extended to DC Dukes for his contribution.

4. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 19 January 2015 were accepted as a true record. The Chairman signed them accordingly.

5. Matters arising

None

6. Neighbourhood Planning

Nothing further to add as the Plan was still being evaluated.

7. Community Fund

Clerk reported the feedback from Grantscape, following the consultation exercise. Despite a somewhat muted response, those who had responded had requested that something be done to improve internet connection/broadband speeds in the Parish. It was therefore agreed unanimously to utilise the funding from Solar Century to this end. It appeared the Bassetlaw N3 option was the most viable solution to achieve this at this time, subject to adequate financial support being provided by Welbeck Estates as previously intimated.

Resolved to utilise the Community Fund towards improving internet/broadband infrastructure in the Parish by adopting the N3 solution, subject to all dependent requirements being met, i.e. matched funding from Welbeck Estates and the N3 proposal delivering the outcomes required by the Council.

Proposed: Cllr C Chambers Seconded: Cllr M Newton

8. Financial statement and accounts for payment

Clerk reported that the balance of the Bank Account was currently £6298.10.

Members were advised that Government established a Transparency Fund for councils with a turnover below £25k to help meet costs associated with the new regime. It appears it may be possible to reclaim the costs of the scanner, that Council was obliged to purchase in order to comply.

Members instructed the Clerk to apply to the Fund accordingly.

NALC provide a list of people willing to undertake internal audits. Members are happy to enlist the services of Mrs J Greveson to conduct the Internal Audit once again, should she be willing to do so.

Clerk to contact Mrs Greveson accordingly

There were no questions.

Resolved to accept the financial statement .

Proposed: Cllr M Newton Seconded: Cllr D Wall

9. Requests for donations/grants

None

10. Correspondence

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

Resolved to deal with the following items as detailed:

Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils	**Good Councillor Guide - 4th Edition**

A new version of the Good Councillor Guide has been launched. It can be downloaded free or hard copies are available at £2.75 each.

Clerk to download the new version and distribute accordingly.

Nottinghamshire County Council **Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan Submission Draft**

Start of 6 week consultation on Minerals Local Plan. David Atkinson (Tarmac – refer minutes of the last meeting) had emailed re the above. Holbeck area south of Crags is shown as a mineral safeguarding area, meaning any other form of development would need to consider the underlying mineral as part of any development proposals.
Clerk to forward the email from NCC to Cllr Newton.

11. Street lighting

Nothing to report

12. Reports from representatives

None

13. Highway matters

Members to consider inviting BDC and NCC Councillor Kevin Greaves, portfolio holder for Highways, to a future meeting to discuss the various ongoing issues.

14. Planning matters

The following application (see correspondence) had been received:

> 15/01675/FUL – Conversion of existing barns into 5 self-contained dwellings with assoc. external works & garage block refurb: Holbeck Hall Farm, Off Park Lane, Holbeck.

Application noted - concerns already raised with BDC as application mirrored by application for listed building consent at the previous Parish Council Meeting.

15. Risk assessment

Nothing to add

16. Any other business

None

17. Date of next meeting

The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday, 22 March 2016 at the Welbeck Club at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting closed at 8:25 p.m.

Chair's Signature: _____

Date: _____

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Correspondence Listing: 23rd February 2016

Originator	Dated	Details
Bassetlaw District Council	27.01.16	Clean for the Queen Spring Clean 2015
Bassetlaw District Council	28.01.16	Planning application: 15/01675/FUL – Conversion of existing barns into 5 self-contained dwellings with assoc. external works & garage block refurb: Holbeck Hall Farm, Off Park Lane, Holbeck.
Bassetlaw District Council	Email 15.02.16	Rural planning review: call for evidence
Bassetlaw Parish Forum		Agenda: 22 February 2016 Minutes: 21 September 2015
CPRE Nottinghamshire	Email 11.02.16	Fracking at Misson
Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils	January 2016	Council News: Developments for 2016
Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils	February 2016	Council News: The Easter Bank Holiday Problem
Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils	Emails 25.01.16	Good Councillor Guide - 4th Edition
Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils	Email 29.01.16	Audit Arrangements – 2nd communication from Smaller Authorities Audit Appointments (SAAA) Ltd
Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils	Email 09.02.16	County Associations (Parishes) Consultation
Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils	Email 16.02.16	Local Government Finance Settlement
Nottinghamshire County Council	Email 12.02.16	Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan Submission Draft
Nottinghamshire County Council - CVS	Emails 03.02.16 04.02.16	Forces Friends + AGE UK Nott's Armed Forces Day Grant Schemes
Nottinghamshire Police	Email 28.01.16	Changes to Bassetlaw Neighbourhood Policing
Nottinghamshire Police & Crime Commissioner	February 2016	The Beat