

HOLBECK & WELBECK

PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Education Room at The Harley Gallery on Tuesday, 28 January 2020

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

1. Apologies for absence

County Councillor (CC) Kevin Greaves had tendered his apologies.

2. Declarations of interests

None

3. Public Forum

No members of the public were present.

In his capacity as District Councillor, Councillor Kevin Dukes advised on the following:

- Draft Local Plan – this had been launched and was now open to consultation. It includes a new Garden Village with a station and details of the housing allocation in our area, as per the Neighbourhood Plan. Comments on the Draft Plan were actively encouraged.

Thanks were extended to DC Dukes for his input.

4. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 26 November 2019 were accepted as a true record. The Chairman signed them accordingly.

5. Matters arising

None

6. Budget and Precept 2020/2021

Budget proposals for 2020/2021 were presented and options discussed. The Concurrent Grant from Bassetlaw District Council (BDC) was again £19.00. The Tax Base for Holbeck and Welbeck had again risen significantly from 138.87 to 145.08, therefore spreading the impact of the precept amongst a wider number. Based on the proposed budget requirements, a precept of £4,158 would represent an increase of 5.94% on last year's precept amount but, due to the increase in Tax Base, would make the charge for a Band D property £28.66, an increase of only 0.56% (actually 16p more).

Resolved to issue a precept of £4,158.

Proposed: Cllr M Newton

Seconded: Cllr C Chambers

7. Welbeck Estate security and public access

Cllr Chambers had requested this item be placed on the Agenda, in order to highlight considerable concerns regarding the recent actions of security guards on the Estate. It was reported that a resident had been challenged and physically prevented (using a car to block them) from walking around the Estate, despite them having done so previously for many years. Although the Estate is private land and the walks around Welbeck are not rights of way, the matter therefore being outside the jurisdiction of the Council, it is clear these measures are not in keeping with Welbeck's policy to encourage newcomers and visitors alike to the area. Whilst it was acknowledged that tensions were heightened following a break-in to the tunnels on Christmas Eve, nevertheless, the reported security actions appear somewhat heavy-handed and Members agreed that Welbeck's communication with residents needs to be much better and clearer. Cllr Dukes agreed to raise the matter and seek clarity on behalf of residents.

Noted

8. Requests for donations/grants

None

9. Financial statement and accounts for payment

A copy of the current cashbook had been circulated prior to the meeting. Clerk reported that the balance of the Bank Account was currently £5,062.57.

Members were advised that the 2020-2021 National Salary Award had not yet been agreed and it had not, therefore, been possible to accurately budget for this.

NALC had advised that the S137 amount for 2020-2021 is £8.32 per elector.

Year End was fast approaching and it would be necessary to appoint an internal auditor.

Resolved to invite 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 S Cuckson Seconded: Cllr M Newton

200027	£129.68	E.ON – Electricity supply
200028	£321.70	W M Woodcock – Clerk's salary (x2) + stationery

10. Correspondence

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

Noted

11. Reports from representatives

Neighbourhood Plan Monitoring Group – Cllr Dukes advised (as per an earlier email), that a technical grant for Design Codes had now been approved and that he was still working on the Housing Needs Survey Technical Support application.

Noted

12. Street lighting

Cllr Dukes had been unable to contact Thomas Campion for any further update. Welbeck Estates had engaged a Consultant to look at lighting across the Estate and there were plans to convert all their lighting to use LED bulbs.

Council would need to decide whether to accept the switch brokered by the Utility Supplier or not. Cllr Dukes asked for the last email from the Utility Supplier to be re-sent to him, prior to him discussing matters further with Thomas Campion.

[Clerk to re-send the email referred to above to Cllr Dukes.](#)

13. Highway matters

Clerk had contacted Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC) and CC Greaves regarding the bus shelter near the Lady Margaret Hall entrance. NCC had confirmed that repair works had been ordered.

However, attempts to report the potholes on Featherbed Lane had proved difficult as NCC stated they were not responsible for this lane. Cllr Cuckson advised they had always undertaken repairs in the past.

[Clerk to contact CC Greaves again regarding this matter](#)

Cllr Cuckson reported problems with a considerable number of potholes on Holbeck Lane also.

[Clerk to contact NCC accordingly](#)

14. Planning matters

The following applications had been received:
(Dealt with by prior email to Members):

19/01480/CAT – Remove 3 Conifer Trees: 1 High Holbeck, Holbeck Lane, Holbeck

19/01523/FUL & 19/01524/LBA – Conversion of Unit A into 2 Self Contained Dwellings: Holbeck Hall Farm, Holbeck Lane, Holbeck

Applications noted and no objections were raised

15. Risk assessment

There had, as yet, been no decision from Welbeck Estates regarding the future maintenance of the street furniture as discussed at the last meeting. Also, Cllr Chambers advised that remedial works were required to both Notice Boards. Members may give consideration to forming a work group in the spring to address these issues.

16. Any other business

None

17. Date of next meeting

The next meetings of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesdays, 3 March, 31 March and 28 April 2020 in the Education Room at The Harley Gallery at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting closed at 8:20 p.m.

Chair's Signature: _____

Date: _____

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Appendix A

Correspondence Listing: 28th January 2020

Originator	Dated	Details
Bassetlaw District Council	28.11.19	Planning application: 19/01480/CAT – Remove 3 Conifer Trees: 1 High Holbeck, Holbeck Lane, Holbeck*
Bassetlaw District Council	Email 03.12.19	In Touch Issue 46 – October 2019*
Bassetlaw District Council	12.12.19	Planning applications: 19/01523/FUL & 19/01524/LBA – Conversion of Unit A into 2 Self Contained Dwellings: Holbeck Hall Farm, Holbeck Lane, Holbeck*
Bassetlaw District Council	Emails 13 & 20.12.19	Rural Development Programme in England (RDPE)
Bassetlaw District Council	Emails 17 & 20.12.19	Bassetlaw Rural Conference: 16 January – Draft Local Plan Consultation & Additional Information following Rural Conference 16th January 2020*
Bassetlaw District Council	Email 08.01.20	Parishes working together – Proposed Meeting
Bassetlaw District Council	Email 14.01.20	Parish/Town Precepts
Bassetlaw District Council	Email 17.01.20	Better in Bassetlaw Bulletin: Issue 6 - December 2019*
Bassetlaw Integrated Care Partnership/NHS Bassetlaw CCG	Email 13.12.19	Bassetlaw Childhood Obesity Event – 17 January 2020*
Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE)	Winter 2019	Countryside Voice Fieldwork - Volume 16 Issue 3
Clerks & Councils Direct	January 2020	Issue 127
Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils	Email 02.12.19	Consultation: Strengthening police powers to tackle unauthorised encampments*
Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils	Email 09.12.19	£137 limit for 2020/21
Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils	Email 02.01.20	Presentation from AGM Guest Speaker*
Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils	Emails 27.01.20	Council News: December 2019 & January 2020
Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils	Email 06.01.20	Series of Guidance HR Notes: Recruitment
Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils	Email 08.01.20	Notts. ALC Newsletter
Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils	Email 09.01.20	Royal British Legion Lamp Post Poppies
Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils	Email 27.01.20	WPD Annual Workshop Invitation – 3 March 2020*
Nottinghamshire County Council	Email 17.01.20	Local Improvement Scheme Briefing 2020-21
Nottinghamshire County Council	Email 20.01.20	VE Day 75 – Service of Commemoration & Remembrance, Southwell Minster – 10 May 2020
Nottinghamshire Police	Email 10.12.19	Stakeholder Update *
Nottinghamshire Police & Crime Commissioner	December 2019	The Beat*
The Utility Supplier	Email 27.11.19	Street Lighting for the Parish Council – Cost Comparison*

* Forwarded to Members individually prior to the meeting