

# *HOLBECK & WELBECK*

## *PARISH COUNCIL*

### **Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Education Room at The Harley Gallery on Tuesday, 29 September 2020**

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

**Also in Attendance: County Councillor (CC) Kevin Greaves**

#### **1. Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from **Councillors D Cooper, J Cuckson and M Newton**

**Resolved** to accept the apologies for absence.

#### **2. Declarations of interests**

None

#### **3. Public Forum**

No members of the public were present.

In his capacity as District Councillor, Councillor Kevin Dukes reported:

- Things were getting back to normal at Bassetlaw District Council (BDC), but meetings would remain virtual rather than face-to-face until next March.
- Consultations would begin on the Local Plan in the next month or so.
- It is now possible to keep bees on allotments.
- The new move by Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC) to create a Unitary Authority has been occupying a lot of the District Councils time.

Thanks were extended to DC Dukes for his input.

County Councillor Kevin Greaves advised:

- He had been involved in a remote meeting with the CCG for Bassetlaw at which plans for recruiting nurses had been discussed. A training facility was opening in Worksop town centre to aid recruitment. Closure of the Children's Ward at night at Bassetlaw meant transferring children to Doncaster at a cost of £14,000 per week for private ambulances (costing £3m to date). The Stroke and Maternity units had been moved to Doncaster, though Cllr Greaves had been assured that the Maternity Ward was to reopen at Bassetlaw.
- Transport & Highways – NCC was failing to deliver services. The A60 and other roads in Bassetlaw were among the worst in the Country. A 'one man' operation to fill potholes had a 75% failure rate.
- VIA, the independent arm bought back by NCC, was not doing well with profits down against expectations.

Thanks were extended to CC Greaves for his input.

#### 4. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 23 July 2020 were accepted as a true record. The Chairman signed them accordingly.

#### 5. Matters arising

None

#### 6. Maintenance of street furniture

The onset of the pandemic and associated restrictions had disrupted the Parish Councils ability to hold regular meetings and this had meant many outstanding matters remained unresolved, including the maintenance of the Council owned street furniture. This was last discussed in January 2020 when a decision from Welbeck Estates regarding the future maintenance of the street furniture was still awaited. Cllr Dukes had also previously discussed raising the matter at a future Forum Group to ascertain what other options might be available. At that time it was suggested that Members may give consideration to forming a work group in the spring to address the issues, including remedial work to the Notice Boards.

Subsequently, in March 2020, Cllr Dukes forwarded an email from Thomas Campion with a quotation for the general maintenance of the various benches but in the absence of Cllr Dukes (who had been dealing with this matter) at the March meeting, it was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting.

This was the first opportunity since then to discuss the matter. Cllr Dukes confirmed that the Welbeck offer was perhaps the only way forward at this time, as there was no possibility of utilising the services from neighbouring authorities and finding local tradespeople to undertake such work was highly unlikely. Other Members did not recall the quotation from Welbeck so it was agreed to defer the matter to the next meeting.

[Clerk to re-forward the email from Cllr Dukes accordingly.](#)

#### 7. Requests for donations/grants

Clerk had received a letter (for what appeared to be the now annual request) from North Nottinghamshire Community First Responders requesting a donation to support their cause. Members had made a donation of £100 in 2018, having agreed that the Responders cover the villages in the Parishes and could well be required, given the age etc. of residents in the area. However, the request had been denied in 2019, to give other groups a chance of financial help.

Consideration was given to purchasing a wreath to be laid at the Councils War Memorial in November.

**Resolved** to make a S137 donation of £50.00 to North Nottinghamshire Community First Responders. Also to authorise Cllr Dukes to purchase a wreath for the War memorial and reimburse £15.00 accordingly.

Proposed: Cllr S Cuckson

Seconded: Cllr C Chambers

## 8. Financial statement and accounts for payment

Prior to the Meeting, Clerk had circulated a copy of the Cash Book and a list of payments made and due since the last meeting (under the delegated authority Members had conferred).

The balance of the Bank Account was currently £14,769.59.

A deposit of £10,000 from BDC in August had been queried by the Clerk. Having telephoned BDC, she spoke to Andrew Bayliss who advised this was a government grant to cover lost earnings at village halls. She had told Mr Bayliss that the Parish Council had lost no income as it did not own a village hall. The £10,000 was apparently in respect of Lady Margaret Hall, but that was currently not being used pending refurbishment. Andrew Bayliss said he would look into the matter and get back to the Clerk in due course.

**Resolved** to accept the financial statement and retrospectively confirm the following payments made or due via Internet Banking since the last meeting.

	£
W. M. Woodcock	155.50
Information Commissioner	35.00
W. M. Woodcock	155.70
CPRE Membership	36.00
W. M. Woodcock	159.85
H M Revenue & Customs only	117.80

Proposed: Cllr C Chambers

Seconded: Cllr K Dukes

## 9. Correspondence

A list of correspondence had been circulated prior to the meeting (Appendix A)

**Resolved** to deal with the following items as detailed:

### **Bassetlaw District Council      Holbeck & Welbeck CIL Notification Letter 2020**

A letter from BDC advised that they were currently holding funds in the sum of £2,955.71, which are allocated to be spent within our parish area on local infrastructure improvements. The Parish Council had three options:

- Agree for the money to be transferred to the Parish Council (with inherent requirements to be adhered to on the spending of these funds)
- Request the money be held by BDC to allow further pooling or subsequent transfer at a later stage.
- Request BDC undertake the work on a specified project on behalf of the PC.

It was **resolved** to allow BDC to retain the money at this time as there were no specified projects to spend it on at this time.

## 10. Reports from representatives

Cllr Dukes gave an update on the Neighbourhood Plan, including funding. A scheduled meeting had recently been cancelled.

**11. Street lighting**

The situation regarding the Council owned street lighting was yet another issue which remained unresolved due to the impact of restrictions on the Parish Council. As reported in July, it had not been possible to finally resolve matters between the Parish Council and Welbeck Estates and Council was still making excessive payments to E.ON as before. Cllr Dukes had agreed to contact the representative from Western Power and Thomas Campion at Welbeck Estates to clarify the current position and resolve matters. There was now, apparently, some issue with the LED bulbs. He advised he was due to meet with Thomas Campion shortly.

**Noted**

**12. Highway matters**

Nothing to add to issues raised previously. (Items 3 and 6 refer).

**13. Planning matters**

None

**14. Risk assessment**

Nothing to add

**15. Any other business – for information only**

Clerk advised that, further to a recent telephone conversation with Cllr Daphne Cooper, she had now received a letter of resignation. Cllr Cooper said it had been a privilege to be involved with the Parish Council alongside her colleagues, but she felt deteriorating health issues prevented her from continuing. Everyone expressed their sadness at the news and paid tribute to Daphne and the contribution she had made over the past three and half years. Her knowledge, enthusiasm, willingness and humour would be greatly missed.

It would be necessary to declare a vacancy at the next meeting.

[Clerk to put this on the Agenda for the next meeting.](#)

**16. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday, 27 October in the Education Room at The Harley Gallery at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting closed at 8:00 p.m.

Chair's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Appendix A

**Correspondence Listing: 29<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

Originator	Dated	Details
Bassetlaw Citizens Advice	Email 14.09.20	Bassetlaw Macmillan Benefits Team*
Bassetlaw District Council	28.07.20	Street Naming & Numbering: Hall Farm Cottage, Holbeck Lane, Holbeck *
Bassetlaw District Council	01.09.20	Government Guidance for Voluntary Groups and Charities
Bassetlaw District Council	Email 09.09.20	Letter from Councillor Simon Greaves – Nottinghamshire Local Government Reorganisation*
Bassetlaw District Council	Email 24.09.20	Holbeck & Welbeck CIL Notification Letter*
Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE)	Summer 2020	Countryside Voices Fieldwork - Volume 17 Issue 2
North Nottinghamshire Community First Responders	29.07.20	Request for Donation
Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils	Email 10.08.20	L01-20 – (Revised): The Local Authorities & Police & Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority & Police & Crime Panel Meetings) Regulations 2020*
Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils	Email 09.09.20	PC10, 11 & 12 - 20: Planning Consultations
Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils	Email 29.09.20	E01-20 2020/21 Payscales*
Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils	Emails 14.09.20 21.09.20	Coronavirus Updates: Rule of 6*/NHS Track & Trace system (NHS QR code poster)
Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils	Emails 14/22.09.20	Notts ALC 75th AGM 19th November*
Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils	Email 28.09.20	Breakthrough Communications seminar*
Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils	Emails 03.08.20 03/23.09.20	Council News: July 2020, August 2020 Council News: September 2020, October 2020
Nottinghamshire County Council	Email 28.08.20	Nottinghamshire's School Return
Nottinghamshire County Council	Email 08.09.20	Stakeholder letter – Devolution and LGR*
Nottinghamshire Police	Emails 10.08.20	Stakeholder Update – July 2020*
Via East Midlands Ltd / Nottinghamshire County Council	Email 18.08.20	Winter Service 2020 / 2021 - Offers to Assistance to Parish Councils

\* Forwarded to Members individually prior to the meeting