

MINUTES OF THE WELFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON 14TH SEPTEMBER 2016, AT 7 P.M.

Present: D.Hunt (Chairman) G.Chandler (Vice Chairman) L.Woodhead

G.Frampton P.Stanley C. Halliwell J Ives (Clerk).

Guest: S Youldon (new Clerk)

Public: One

The Chairman welcomed all those present and in particular Mrs Sarah Youldon who has agreed to be our new Parish Clerk. She lives very close by and is already Parish Clerk for Brightwalton.

1. **Apologies:** James Cole (District Councillor.)
Anthony Stansfield (District Councillor)
2. **Declarations:** Cllr L Woodhead is Churchwarden of St Swithun's Church, Wickham.
3. **MINUTES:** Minutes of 13th July 2016 were approved and signed by the Chairman. All in Favour.
4. **MATTERS ARISING:** a) Hayley brown is completing the signs for the Playground area, with the help of the school, who will be contributing towards their cost.
b) Fencing - discussion took place and when a meeting takes place with the Head Teacher more can be planned.
c) Lambourn Way has been cleared and is now OK to walk. Cllr Halliwell was asked to keep an eye on it.
b) building at Benham Farm had been approved by Speen Parish and the enforcement officer at WBC said it was all legal. He did not disclose what the tall building is for.
5. **Standing Orders** were agreed and adopted unanimously.
6. **Risk Assessment and Financial Regulations were given to each Councillor** and will be up for adoption at the November Meeting.
7. **Section 137 Donations:** £600 Village Hall. £600 Upkeep of the Church graveyards. Air Ambulance £200 (an increase of 100%).
8. **106 MONIES** There was a lively debate about the payment of the solicitor's fees, in regard to the local successful campaign to prevent the developer of the Weston Gate properties putting poorly treated sewage into the River Lambourn. Following the earlier advice from the District Council, giving permission for the Parish Council to use 106 monies to pay the bill, this was later countermanded on

legal advice. It is hoped by all concerned that West Berks Council will be prepared to pay the bill.

9. A letter has been received from Jennifer Woolf regarding treasures and the way in which they are retained, in Wickham Church. Cllr Woodhead who is a Churchwarden said that all the treasures are now stored elsewhere in the dry and safety. A copy of the letter had also been sent to Rev Townend and it was thought that he would be writing to the lady, who had brought the matter to his attention.
10. **PLANNING:** There was no new planning applications this evening, however Cllr Woodhead reported that 'Footings' were being laid in Easton Hill, on the site where the Swedish Houses once stood. There is a rumour that 4 houses could be built on this site, but as yet no confirmation.
11. **FINANCE:** The Clerk (RFO) advised that the balance in the bank was £22570.93 but the sum of £10842 should be ring fenced for 106 Open Spaces.

Cheques Paid Welford

586	A J Ives Salary	175.12
587	R Buxton client STOP	
588	post/stny	32.58
589	Mazars audit	300.00
590	A J Ives Salary	174.92
591	HMRC/qtr	95.80
592	post/stny	39.55
593	Autela payroll qtr	30.00
594	A J Use of Home x 2	83.32
595	void	
596	Wickham Vill Hall	600.00
597	PCC Churches	600.00
598	Air Ambulance	200.00
599	Hire Hall	130.00
		2,461.29

12. CORRESPONDENCE. One item LCR magazine was circulated.
13. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AND INFORMATION: (a) The Clerk said she would find out if the Internal Auditor would remain in place when Ms Ives leaves. (b) There has been concern that the clearance of a large area of woodland in land adjacent to Church Hill, might lead to property development. Cllr Frampton who works for Sutton Estate, the owners, said she would make enquiries.

The Meeting closed at 8.05 with a presentation of a begonia to Ms Ives, after 7 years as Parish Clerk for Welford PC. She was delighted and thanked everyone very much.