

MINUTES OF THE WELFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON MARCH 16th 2016 at 7 p.m.

PRESENT: D Hunt (Chairman) P Stanley C Halliwell G Frampton L Woodhead

J Ives (Clerk)

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR: James Cole.

PUBLIC: two

WELCOME by the Chairman.

1. **APOLOGIES:** A Stansfeld G Chandler (Vice Chairman) (illness)
2. **OPEN SESSION:** a) The MUGA resurfacing has been completed. There was some difficulty in getting tarmac machinery up the slope to the site but it was achieved in the end. Signs to the site need to be ordered, and D Hunt said he would deal with this. Also signs for rules of engagement, no cycling and priority of use. This led to a discussion in some depth, regarding the priority use for the School. D Hunt (Chairman) said he would visit the school authorities.
b) The middle tree of the three planted recently in Mant Close has been damaged.

3. **DECLARATIONS.** None

4. **MINUTES** of the Meeting on 13th January were approved, all in favour.

5. **MATTERS ARISING:** i) two dog bins have been ordered for Weston.

D Hunt (chairman) to get Glasdon's VAT registration number to give to the Clerk.

ii) the three trees in Mant Close were inspected by WBC on 11th March and there is no reason to conclude that they have been planted in the wrong place, i.e. affecting water pipes or power cables when they have grown. One is damaged.

iii) The Notice boards need attention – Clerk and her husband will review Easton (find a key) and Halfway. They will be cleaned, and varnished if necessary.

6. The District Councillor J Cole gave a detailed report on the cuts by Central Government to West Berks Council, and the effect on the residents of the Parishes. The Reserves have been run down, but £475K of transitional funds will be used to reprieve some libraries. These may stay open after April but with volunteer help. There will be one Mobile Library which will have to call in all areas, so will be less frequent. £337K will be allotted to public transport, and some to childrens' centres, neighbourhood wardens, and £25k to the Citizens Advice Bureau. In all, the cost of living in rural locations will increase.

7. The Chairman gave a further update on the **MUGA** and the costings. It cost £38k and the clerk (RFO) said she would notify the Insurance people as this is a fixed asset and needs to be completed in our records and insurance paid for. Markings should be about £900 and the RFO reported that there is money in the Bank to cover this amount.

8. **Play area inspection** will be in April. Clerk to notify the school.

9. **PLANNING:** 1502920/FUL Mr and Mrs D'Arcy. Outdoor riding area. No Objections
1600470/HOUSE Mr and Mrs Alcock. Rose Cottage partial demolition of single storey and extension two storey. No objections.

10. **FINANCE:** balance in the bank when paid for MUGA refurbishment £2978.92 and some VAT to be reclaimed when payment has been made.

Cheques paid

549	A J Ives Feb Salary	175.72
550	Wickham school	233.31
551	J Ives March exp	41.66
552	Scofell strim	40.00
553	A J Ives March salary	165.72
554	Autela payroll	30.00
555	HMRC	119.00
556	postage	18.59
557	Glasdon dog bins	304.06
558	WBC empty dog bins	205.03
		1,333.09

11. **CORRESPONDENCE** has been circulated already.

12. **MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AND INFORMATION:** nil

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.05p.m. The next Meeting is scheduled for May 11th 2016 AGM at 7 p.m. followed by the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30 p.m.