

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING FOR WELFORD PARISH
COUNCIL**

HELD ON

16TH SEPTEMBER 2015 AT 7.30 P.M.

PRESENT: D Hunt (Chairman) G Chandler (Vice Chairman) L Woodhead P Stanley
G Frampton C Halliwell J Ives (Clerk

MEMBERS OF PUBLIC: None

1. **APOLOGIES:** A Stansfeld J Mole

2.**DISPENSATION:** The Clerk gave a dispensation to Cllr D Hunt to talk, discuss and vote on the Muga topic and on the Code of Conduct. This had been verified by the Monitoring Officer at WBC.

The Chairman said that he had retired from the school Governors after 40 years. He has too much else to do.

3.**MINUTES OF 14th July 2015** were amended with a deletion, and agreed by all. They were signed by the Chairman.

4. **MATTERS ARISING** a) The dropped kerb outside 25 Mant Close had not been revisited. Clerk to chase.

b) Sewage treatment at Westgate. Cllr C Halliwell reported that following a public campaign in which a petition with over 3,000 signatures was raised, the owners Greenslate had agreed to put sewage from the new development into the main sewer going through Weston. This replaces the scheme to put treated sewage into the River Lambourn.

5. **CODE OF CONDUCT.** The clerk circulated a new Welford Code of Conduct. This had been compiled by the Chairman and checked and amended by D Holling at WBC. This would be adopted at the next meeting (November) when Councillors had had time to read.

6. **SPEEDING ON THE B4000.** A visit today from the speed cameras and PCSO's, reminded residents that the limit is there to keep, and not abused. Chairman to contact to get result.

7. **MUGA.** Councillors were asked to decide on the way forward following the unsatisfactory response from Playdale Playgrounds Ltd regarding the puddling situation.

Following a detailed discussion it was decided that the Council should retain 50% of the cost contingent on a satisfactory solution being found. The puddling in wet weather was due to variations in surface flatness and non – porous tarmac. An alternative contractor had quoted for carrying out the remedial work, the cost of which would be subtracted from the amount owing to Playdale. A draft letter would be circulated to councillors for their comments.

8. PLANNING: 3 Applications.

- a) 15/02172 C Puxley Orangery East Garston. No objection.
- b) 15/02231/telemast another disc to go on the telecommunication mast at Wickham
.No objection
- c) Cobbs Cottage 15/02234/HOUSE two storey extension and bay window.
No objection.

9. WAR MEMORIAL DAMAGE. It was not clear how much the repair to the War Memorial at Welford had cost. Discussion took place with a view to the Parish Council helping to pay to J Puxley. On the Agenda in November.

10. Cllr C Halliwell requested two more **dog bins** to go in Weston and he was asked to provide a map of location for the District Council.

11. **BROADBAND.** The broadband speed was very variable in the parish with those living near the box at Halfway getting a good speed and those living in Welford hardly getting an internet connection at all. The speed in Wickham was between 1 and 4 Mbps.

12. **FINANCE:** Balance in the Bank 6458.61. Cheques were signed for Stationery £13.80 and Webb Teasdale (PAYE) £30. The clerk reported that Webb Teasdale had increased there charges so much that a replacement had to be found. It was hoped that Diane Bale of Chieveley would be able to accommodate for £30 per quarter.

13. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

- i) Lip Lane road surface repair had been requested. Chairman to follow up.
- ii)The Parish Council had received a letter from a Wickham resident complaining that parents

of children of the school were parking in front of her drive. The Chairman said that he had spoken to the head teacher and a request for sensible parking would be put in the next issue of the school newsletter.

iii) Floodwater meeting at WBC – no action needed.

iv) Next to Wick Lodge Hoe Benham – a fridge has been dumped. Clerk to action.

THE MEETING FINISHED AT 9 P.M. AND PART II COMMENCED.